**CURA AGM 2013-2014, May 2nd 2014. Baker’s Grill - Minutes**

Present from the executive: David Holmes (President), Bob Morrison (Vice-President), Don Wiles (Past-President) Peter Watson (Treasurer) and Randal Marlin (Director). Janet Carson and Murray Woodside sent their regrets. Mike Jutting was unable to attend for health reasons. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 people.

1. **President’s Report**

**Events**

We organized eight events this year.

* Welcome lunch in September
* Outing to Almonte in October
* Dinner Chuck Freedman in October
* Holiday reception at President’s place December
* Pension talk Betsy Springer January
* Dinner March Matt Bellamy
* Combib and AGM May
* June 11th outing to Perth (to come – see Bob Morrison)

In addition we collaborated with the LinR people to offer two cultural outings with pre-concert lectures:

* Opera Lyra’s *Carmen* in November
* Ottawa Chamber Music Society’s Tafelmusik *Bella Napoli* concert

We hope to expand these activities in cooperation with LinR under the heading of Carleton University Association for Life-Long Learning (CUALL), but it will depend upon the university’s willingness to support us.

**Other Activities**

* David Holmes attended the annual CURAC conference in St John’s in mid-June 2013
* Bob Morrison will attend the 2014 CURAC conference in Hamilton later in May

(both subsidised by the university)

* Members of the CURA executive met with the President to discuss ideas for the 75th anniversary in 2017
* I have been invited to attend the pre-retirement planning talks given every spring to make a pitch for CURA.
* We signed an MOU with the university in December that gives CURA some official recognition. As part of that agreement there is a bi-annual joint committee meeting, the first of which is coming up later this month. I would welcome your input on issues to be discussed.

**Ongoing Issues**

* Space and catering on campus is becoming increasingly costly
* We have trouble getting minimum numbers for dinners, so have cut back the number of dinners
* Communication with new retirees is difficult – ongoing problems getting mailing lists.
* Attracting new members and keeping their interest. We need feedback on what people want us to do.

**Discussion**: It was mentioned that the university administration does not always seem to acknowledge the passing of long-serving retirees. At a recent funeral attended by John DeVries for an ex-Dean there was no official presence from university. While recognizing the fact that there unfortunately many funerals each year, DH promised to mention this at the upcoming meeting with the administration.

There was a brief discussion of whether to offer Carleton as a venue for the 2017 CURAC meeting. It was acknowledged that this would be a great deal of work, but would have benefits in increasing our visibility in the Carleton community and also strengthening links to other Ottawa post-secondary institutions. We could only do this with tangible support from the university – which may be forthcoming as part of the anniversary year celebrations. Bob Morrison will take soundings at the upcoming CURAC meeting in Hamilton.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Peter Watson reported that we operated at approximately break-even over the year with membership fees offsetting the cost of the opening lunch, space rentals and the small losses incurred on some events. CURA has approximately $3,000 in the bank and around $500 worth of unsold parking passes.

1. **Election of Executive**

Janet Carson is stepping down from the executive to pursue other activities. Her contribution was much appreciated. For health reasons, Mike Jutting is temporarily unable to participate, but plans to return as soon as he can.

The president announced that Peter Fried is willing to stand as a director-at-large. There being no nominations from the floor, he was elected unanimously to replace Janet Carson.