**CURA AGM, April 17th 2015 held in Baker’s Grill**

Present from the executive were: David Holmes (president), Bob Morrison (Vice-President), Don Wiles (Past President), Peter Watson (Treasurer), Peter Fried and Mike Jutting. Randal Martin sent his regrets. Approximately 30 members were in attendance.

1. The agenda was approved.
2. Notes from the 2014 AGM were circulated and approved.
3. **President’s Report**:

David Holmes thanked the members of the 2014-15 executive:

Bob Morrison (Vice-President)

Don Wiles (Past President)

Murray Woodside (Secretary)

Peter Watson (Treasurer)

Peter Fried, Mike Jutting, Randal Marlin (Directors at Large)

**Events**

We organized the following 7 events this year:

* Welcome lunch in Carleton Art Gallery (October 2nd)
* Fall Outing to Cumberland Museum (October 15th)
* Dinner at Petit Bill’s – speaker Fraser Taylor (November 3rd)
* President’s holiday reception for retirees (December 5th)
* Pensions presentation with Betsy Springer (January 16th)
* Dinner at Mama Teresa’s – speaker Kim Hellemans (Feb. 6th)
* Combib and AGM – speaker Peter Watson (April 17th)
* An early summer outing to Merrickville is under consideration

In addition, members of CURA under the leadership of Peter Watson established the Carleton University Association for Lifelong Learning (CUALL) as a joint initiative of CURA and Learning in Retirement. This initiative was generously supported with seed funding from the university. A number of events were sponsored by CUALL. A series of public lectures have been organized with the cooperation of various community organisations under the CUALL banner. As well, a number of cultural events have been offered to members where a lecture has been combined with discounted tickets to a musical or theatrical performance. Approximately 8 such events were offered in 2014-2015, including performances from Opera Lyra, the OCMS, Theatre Gladstone and the Ottawa Little Theatre. CUALL is about to enter its second year and CURA members were encouraged to monitor the CUALL website for upcoming events.

**CURAC:** Bob Morrison attended the annual CURAC conference in Hamilton in May 2014. Bob and David Holmes will be attending this year’s conference in Kingston in late May. We have agreed to host the 2017 conference at Carleton and a planning committee has been established under Bob Morrison and David Holmes. Some initial meetings have been held and the co-chairs would like to thank all the volunteers. Anyone interested in helping, either now or at the conference itself, should get in touch. The date is pegged as May 24th-26th, 2017 in the River Building. All are asked to make a note of that date and to plan on attending. All suggestions for program items are welcome.

**Joint Committee:** A joint committee was established as a result of an MOU with the university and this committee has met twice a year since then. The next meeting will be April 23rd 2015. Your president would like to acknowledge the Provost and President for their ongoing support of CURA. Those who have any burning issues that you would like CURA to raise, should let their representatives know.

**Ongoing Issues:**

* Space and catering on campus continues to be expensive and hard to obtain. As a consequence we moved our two dinners off campus this year. Some feel that this is the wrong thing to do, but in both cases they were well attended.
* Keeping an up-to-date mailing list continues to be a problem. No easy solution presents itself.
* Our membership numbers languish and we have difficulty attracting and retaining new members. All members are urged to reach out to new retirees to attend one of our functions.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Peter Watson reported that the association currently has around $2,600 in the bank. Since he has been treasurer costs have slightly exceeded revenues from memberships. The main reasons are: the cost of the introductory lunch, dinners for guest speakers and equipment and space rentals. The association needs a financial cushion to be able to prepay certain expenses, such as the purchase of parking passes. An increase in the annual membership fee to $30 was proposed for the coming year. After a brief discussion, this was approved unanimously.

1. **Election of Officers**

Murray Woodside (Secretary) announced that he wished to step down. Andrew Brook agreed to take his place on the 2015-16 board. There being no other volunteers or nominees, the remainder of the board will stay in place.

1. **Other Business**

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned.