

## **TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**

### **MINUTES OF THE 66th GENERAL MEETING**

**7 May 2025**

**A.J.M. Smith Conference Room Bata Library, 10:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Blair Armstrong, John Breukelaar, Wayne Holtz, Roger Jones, Doug MacIsaac, John Marsh, Janice Matthews, Janice Millard, Dale Standen, Tony Storey, Betty Tomlinson, Paul Wilson

Via Zoom: Gloria Dunn

Regrets Gina Collins

Guests: Danielle Britton, University Archivist and Head, Special Collections Karen Suurtamm

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Tony Storey due to the absence of Gina Collins.
2. Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Tony welcomed all to the meeting and reported Gina's regrets on not being able to attend the meeting and welcomed Danielle Britton, Coordinator of Alumni Engagement and Services.
3. Presentation by Danielle Britton: Danielle emphasized the [Alumni benefits](#) which are also available to TUARP members and emphasized the Trent Alumni Perks App. The review of the Alumni Office held earlier included a remark that many Alumni cannot come to campus so more effort will be made to capture and broadcast events on campus and put them on a YouTube channel. Convocation will be different this year because of the construction around the outdoor bridges and seating areas. Hence it will be held in the Athletic Centre Gymnasium. The Durham campus is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a number of celebrations will be held there. A new Alumni website will be launched and it will include a link to TUARP. Alumni who use the Trent email must annually renew their membership. Tony Storey thanked Abby for her support of TUARP.
4. Introduction of new members who retired between October 2, 2024 to May 1, 2025: Staff: Barbara Hamilton, Administrative Secretary, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Jeffery Domm, Facilities and Physical Collections Coordinator, Bata Library, Stewart Engelberg, Director, Student Wellness Centre, Counselling Centre, Sandy Towns, Coordinator of Facility and Pool Operations, Athletics, Kate Logan, Study Abroad Advisor, International Office. Faculty: Erica Nol, Biology
5. Observances for those who died between October 2, 2024 and May 1, 2025: Staff: Barbara Hedges, Enrollment Services Associate, James Tomlinson, Electronics Technician, Ralph Frederick, Networked Device Specialist, Frank Chapman, Administrative Assistant (Engineering), Colleen Hickey, Scheduler (Mechanical/Electrical Maintenance), Douglas Thompson, Mailperson, Kathleen Easson, Alumni House and Chapter Services Coordinator, Penelope Alford-Dalrymple, Course Preparation Technician, Chemistry. Faculty: Paul Wong, Psychology, George Nader, Master, Peter Robinson College, David Kettler, Political Studies, Jean-Pierre Lapointe, French Studies, Keith Oldham, Chemistry, Raymond March, Chemistry, Sarah Keefer, English, David Page, Ancient History and Classics
6. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 25, 2024 were approved by a motion of John Marsh, seconded by Paul Wilson
7. Business arising: None.
8. Financial report: John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our assets are \$2,051.89, our liabilities are \$418.38 and our net worth is \$1,633.51. Members are reminded TUARP annual fees

of \$10 are due at the October session. Payment may be made by bank transfer; just add TUARP@Trentu.ca to your bank's etransfer site.

9. Pension matters: John Breukelaar noted that soon the [UPP](#) will be managing pensions for both staff and faculty.
10. Community Announcements: Gina reported that the next [Peterborough Regional Science Fair](#) national event will be held May 26-31, 2024 in Ottawa. The Faculty/Staff Golf Tournament will be held June 17 at Liftlock Golf. It costs \$75 per person for golf and dinner and \$30 if one only attends the dinner.
11. Any Other Business: There was a discussion as to where to hold the Christmas Party. The Ashburnham Alehouse was mentioned. Tony thanked Ian Sandeman for his contribution to the current [TUARP Newsletter](#). This will be the last one with Tony as Editor of the Newsletter. A new editor will need to be found. Also there will be a review of TUARP in May 2025. It will examine questions such as: what is the mission of the organization? What are its core activities? We need to analyze data. Attendance is a major issue. We email to nearly 400 people but few attend the meetings and next to no-one is interested in stepping up to serve on the Executive or work on the Newsletter. This is a major problem.
12. Adjournment : There was a refreshment adjournment for members and then the session continued in the Trent University Archives.
13. Presentation by Karen Suurtamm University Archivist and Head, Special Collections: After this presentation, those present were invited to take a behind the scenes tour of the Archives conducted by Karen. After the tour, Tony thanked Karen for her presentation and the wonderful tour.
14. Second Adjournment: Moved by Dale Standen seconded by Janice Millard. Adjournment was at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Millard, Secretary