

St. Clair College Retirees' Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Chez Talbot
May 4, 2011

1. Adoption of Agenda

Geroge Rapaich made a motion to accept the agenda for the meeting. Pat Hallahan seconded the motion.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Pat Hallahan made a motion to accept the minutes from the last Annual General Membership Meeting. Hanno Barten seconded the motion.

CARRIED

3. President's Report

Anita Blair gave her President's Report

The first major event after last year's Annual General Meeting was the dedication of Quittenton Hall in early June. Your Retirees' Association was very active in persuading the College to name a building after Dr. Q. The dedication was attended by Derek Quittenton, Dr. Q's son. There was a good showing of retirees most of whom passed on a video message to Dr. Q at the end of the ceremony. We're told that Dr. Q has a large picture of the Hall hanging in his room.

During the summer and fall the big issue concerned pensions. Derek Dobson, the CEO of the CAAT Pension Plan put us on notice that the cost of living indexation for pre 1992 service years would most likely end after 2014. We now know that the indexation is extremely unlikely to continue past 2014. Thanks to all who sent in the letter by mail or e-mail to Dobson. I wish our efforts could have brought about a better result.

The Archive Committee, the Monday morning group, have put together two displays for the cabinet which is now in the main lobby. The first display was about Western Ontario Institute of Technology, in time for the WOIT reunion, the second is about the History of Early Computing at the College. Thanks to Art Rae, Lea Simms, Hanno Barten, Keith Brown and Marilyn Portt.

During the year we have had a few meetings with the Finance folks who now are our contacts about retiree issues. We are happy to report that we have excellent cooperation with the Finance staff in particular Shelly Armstrong and Kim Bode. They are now sending out Council communiqués on any benefit changes, updates, etc. to those retirees still on the CAAT benefit plans. This is very much appreciated. And the Council itself started CAAT NIPS to keep retirees informed about what is happening with benefits and the advisory committee.

I wish to thank the members of the Executive for their time and involvement in our association. Gary Docherty has been on the Executive for years and has now decided to leave our monthly meetings. He has brought a balance to our meetings with his knowledge, wisdom and insight and this will be sorely missed. We also have many non Executive members who contribute to the success of this association and I wish to thank them. Particular thanks to Dr. Strasser and John Fairley for their support, for without it we would be not a successful Association.

4. Auditor’s Report

John Payne thanked Jim Chambers for acting as Auditor.

Date: March 26, 2011

From: J. E. Chambers MBA, CMA

To: Executive and Members of the St. Clair College Retirees’ Association

Re: Audit of 2010 St. C. C. Retirees’ Assoc. Financial Books and Records

In accordance with my appointment as Auditor, I have examined the books and records of the St. Clair College Retirees’ Association, for the Fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

After performing those audit tests I deemed necessary, I am pleased to report that the Books and Records, provided to me by the Treasurer, accurately reflects the final position of the Association as of December 31, 2010.

The statements have been presented on a basis consistent with those of previous reporting years.

Signed: J. E. Chambers, MBA, CMA

5. John Payne reported that as of year-end—December 31, 2010.

	Actual (2010)	Projected (2011)
RECEIPTS		
College Grant	\$2,340.00	\$2,400.00
Event Fees	164.00	150.00
Membership Dues	\$2,590.00	\$2,400.00
Interest Income	4.66	0.00
Other Income	<u> </u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$5,098.66</u>	<u>\$5,050.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Charity/Donations	\$2,106.48	\$1,500.00
Meeting Expenses	772.32	1,000.00
Memorial Plaques	166.10	100.00
Office Expenses	645.85	600.00
Archive Project	2,296.65	300.00

Xmas Lunch subsidy	115.72	300.00
Travel	1,292.25	750.00
Miscellaneous	<u>-40.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$7,355.37</u>	<u>\$5,050.00</u>
Surplus (-Deficit)	<u>-\$2,256.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>\$8,496.73</u>	<u>\$6,240.02</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$6,240.02</u>	<u>\$6,240.02</u>

6. Goodwill Report—Marilyn Portt, Goodwill Coordinator

The Goodwill Committee is in charge of sending out to staff, retirees and family, greeting cards for different occasions. This is one of the mandates of the Retirees' Association.

This past year 37 cards were mailed to our members or their families.

If you know of a staff, retiree or retiree family member who should receive a card, please inform Marilyn Portt or someone on the Executive. Executive names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed down the side of the first page of the newsletter.

7. Newsletter Editor's Report—Del Zangari Newsletter Editor

It has been a pleasure producing the St. Clair College Retirees' Association newsletter for the past several years. The job has been made all the more pleasant due to the help and contributions of the Executive and also the submissions of the membership. The newsletter is the reflection of the membership and all that is happening with and through the Retirees' Association.

We are able to produce four newsletters a year. It is my desire through these four newsletters, to provide the membership, information which would be of interest to all and which would allow the membership to be current of all happenings. It is also through the newsletter that you are kept abreast of the social activities which your association is promoting.

You may contact me at 519-735-7958 or zangari@wincom.com.net

8. Chatham-Kent Report—Elizabeth Barr, Thames Representative

The Thames Retirees met throughout the year on the last Wednesday of each month for a social luncheon. Thanks are given to JoAn Dale for arranging the guest speakers. The members also wish to thank Eunice Robinson, our Social Convener, for taking care of all of the social arrangements and keeping the members informed throughout the year.

Members from the Windsor Chapter of the Retirees joined the Thames Chapter for a luncheon at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Lighthouse Cove and for the RM Classic Cars Tour on October 27, 2010. RM, based in Blenheim, is the world's largest volume dealer in

classic and collector cars. They typically have a \$10m inventory of investment grade vehicles catering to collectors of prewar classics and important post-war sports cars. In November, retirees and friends enjoyed dinner at Casa Bella Restaurant and the music of the Vienna Boys Choir at the reconstructed Chatham Capitol Theatre. The annual Christmas Party was held at noon on December 1, 2010 at the Country View Golf Club. The buffet meal, with a visit from Santa was fun filled and enjoyed by all. Many of our luncheons have included speakers who have shared information on life during the Second World War in Hong Kong and on the Habitat for Humanity project that is progressing in Chatham. All of these events were very successful. We hope to continue with joint luncheons and events in 2011/12.

The members continue to appreciate the warm, receptive environment that Dr. Strasser has created for retirees at the College and we wish to thank him for his support.

9. Membership Report—Gayle Harrick, Membership Coordinator

This year I am happy to report that the membership dues came in fast and furious. We had 200 paid members by the end of December which was much better than last year. Many thanks to those who paid in a timely manner.

It should also be noted that we received dues from several members who we had not heard from for a while. We would like to welcome them back and thank them for their support. For those that may need a reminder a “Second Notice” was sent out with the April 20th Newsletter. We are hopeful that these dues will be received over the next few months.

It is important to us that we receive these dues because once again, Dr. Strasser has been kind enough to agree to match our dues for 2012. We thank Dr. Strasser for his continued support.

Along with our membership dues, we also collect dues for the Ontario College Retirees’ Association (OCRA) the provincial organization. The money collected is sent on to the OCRA Membership Coordinator, Jennifer Moore.

10. Social Convener’s Report—Pat Hallahan, Social Coordinator

This past year was as busy as ever. In addition to the usual suspects: fall social, Christmas Parties, South Campus Christmas and year end brunches, indoor and outdoor golf outings, bridge, Trivial Tuesdays, RM Classic Car Tour and international trip, the Retirees’ Association experimented with some new activities.

London’s Grand Theatre was the venue for a “Legends” show and Chatham’s Capitol Theatre for two shows: Vienna Boys Choir and a Second City production of Harperland: The Musical. Visits were also made to the Smith and Wilson Estate Winery, Kingsville Historical Park and JR Park Homestead. On April 14, 2011, a group of retirees toured the College’s newest campus in downtown Windsor, the Mediaplex, the newly renovated home of the Journalism Program.

Many thanks to members Gary MacLeod, Jim Chambers, Bill Jones and Dan Loncke for initiating and organizing many of these activities.

11. Archive Committee Report—Art Rae

Art informed the membership that a dedicated group of retirees meet every Monday morning in Room 45J from 9 until 12 noon. The retirees are focused on identifying thousands of pictures that we have on file and a number of these pictures were used in the 2010 WOIT display that was housed in the SCCRA display case in the main lobby at South Campus. Art thanked Bill Totten, Anita Blair, Keith Brown, Pat Hallahan, Marilyn Portt, Hanno Barten and Lea Simms for all their help with sorting through past convocation information, St. Clair Journals, Saint Newspapers, identifying of automobile information, student theatre items, and the purchase of our display case. New volunteers are always welcome to join this worthwhile activity.

12. Fundraising—Jay Ertel, Fundraising Coordinator

Jay informed the membership that to date we have raised \$17,300 which is 58% of our committed \$30,000 pledge to the HealthPlex Campaign. Jay also mentioned that another way to help with fundraising was to consider buying a “Brick” for \$100. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising events or would like to help out in any way please contact Jay Ertel.

13. By Law Changes

Anita Blair went over the recommended changes to our By Laws.

George Rapaich made a motion “**THAT** the recommended changes to the SCCRA By Laws be accepted.”

John Charlesworth seconded the motion.

CARRIED

14. Nomination Committee Report—Jim Martin presented the list for nominations.

Nomination Slate for 2011-2012

<u>Executive Positions</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
<u>Officers to be Elected</u>	
President	Anita Blair
Vice President	JoAn Dale
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Portt
Treasurer	John Payne
Membership Coordinator	Gayle Harrick

Ex Officio Members

President Emeritus	Bill Totten
Past President	Jay Ertel

<u>Appointed Positions</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
Archive Coordinators	Lea (Simms) Garber, Art Rae
Communications Coordinator	Pat Hallahan
Directors (at large)	-open
Director (OCRA)	Jim Martin
Education Coordinator	-vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Jay Ertel
Goodwill Coordinator	Lori Caba
Newsletter Editor	Del Zangari
Social Coordinator	Pat Hallahan
Thames Representative	Elziabeth Barr

Nicky Forcelini moved “**THAT** the nomination list be accepted as presented.” Bill Stammler seconded the motion. Jim Martin called the question. **CARRIED**

15. Other Business

Nothing to report.

16. Adjournment

Jay Ertel moved “**THAT** the AGM for 2011 be adjourned. Bill Totten seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.