



TRIUMF ALUMNI AND RETIREES ASSOCIATION

TARA AGM Minutes Dec 16th 2010

Attendees:

Approx 14

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm

1. Adding items to agenda

None.

2. The Year in Review

The TARA Executive has met twice in the last year – January 12th & April 27th. The website was established by Corrie Kost in conjunction with Jennifer Kaban of TRIUMF.

On going discussions about the possibilities of TARA members sharing in the same benefits as TRIUMF employees such as:

- a. Obtaining a library card to access the library online and to take out material from the library. TRIUMF management will be approached to see if it is possible to submit the names of the TARA members, who expressly indicate they are interested, to the library with the names of the TRIUMF employees. There is precedent in that UBC retirees have library privileges, as do TRIUMF retirees who had belonged to a union.
- b. Other types of benefits could include reduced rates on car rentals, discounts on purchases from companies that supply TRIUMF, use of TRIUMF photocopiers on a cost recovery basis, accessing the internal computer equipment recommendation data produced by Rob Watt, and COSCO card eligibility.
- c. Issues to consider are the cost to TRIUMF for these services and cost of producing a membership card given that TARA does not generate any income.

3. Membership Criteria for TARA

It was announced that the executive had decided that the membership criteria requirement of “to have spent at least 5 years at TRIUMF” be relaxed to 3 years. This is in

line with the goal that TARA is to foster a community of people who have left the institution who wish to continue to be involved with TRIUMF and their prior colleagues.

Suggestions as to how to improve turn-out at a summer barbecue were discussed.

The projected high cost to the members was considered to be a primary impediment to a successful turn-out. It was suggested that the summer barbecue was less than successful because:

- i. It was considered too expensive by the majority of invitees
- ii. Many TRIUMF employees are not aware of TARA
- iii. The venue in connection with the price was not deemed worth the cost
- iv. The cost of parking was a factor.
- v. In response the following actions will be taken:
 1. The Director will bring up the possibility of a subsidy at the next Quarterly Meeting
 2. A one page short description about TARA will be posted on a bulletin board
 3. Jessica is currently working on an article for the TRIUMF newsletter
 4. A link will be placed on the TRIUMF website
- vi. Other suggestions to foment the success of the barbecue:
 1. Change of venue. TRIUMF House was considered but may not be workable during the summer since the facility is usually fully booked during those months.
 2. Waiving of the parking fee
 3. Subsidy to offset the cost of the onsite catering
 4. A pot luck, held at TRIUMF, where attendees bring their own meat to bbq and bottle with on site catering providing baked potatoes, salad and refreshment.

5. BYOB was suggested but needs to be checked for legal aspects.
6. Cash bar

4. Elections of TARA committee members

After a discussion of potential new members, it was expressed that:

- Mike Craddock (a member at large) wanted to end his term and
- Roy Moore, having served for almost 2 years, desired to step down as president, additional members willing to run as members-at-large were solicited from the floor.

It was then **moved by Corrie, seconded by Tamara, and approved by the members present** “to expand the membership of the executive members by an additional 1 member-at-large (bringing the total members at large to 3) as well as create a new position of immediate Past President.” Two additional members Harvey Quan and Ivan Entchevitch were then elected as members-at-large by acclamation

Mike Craddock was thanked for his services as a member at large.

There was appreciation expressed for, both his vision in creating and establishing TARA, and all the hard work done during the past ~ 2 years by the founding President Roy Moore.

5. Any Other Business

It was noted that TRIUMF personnel are generally unaware of TARA and its role at TRIUMF. It was unclear whether all of the membership received a copy of the AGM agenda. An article is to be put in the TRIUMF Newsletter to provide some additional exposure.

If feasible, a link will be provided on the TARA web page www.triumf.ca/alumni to point to recommended computer configurations that can be purchased.

Access to UBC Library can be obtained if a TARA member arranges to have access to an account on trwinrds.triumf.ca

6. Any Other Business

Karl Erdman noted that John Warren, as the key founding member of TRIUMF and first Director, should be prominently recognized as such by having his photograph or plaque in a prominent location. He has already brought this oversight to TRIUMF management.

7. Next executive meeting.

To be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 4:30pm and a group photo taken of all those present.

