



TARA

TRIUMF Alumni & Retirees Association

TARA Annual General Meeting, Thursday September 21, 2017

TARA Executive present: Andy Hurst, Corrie Kost, Roy Moore, Jean-Michel Poutissou, Dana Giasson.

Attended by about 30 + other TARA members.

Notes taken by AH.

The meeting was held in the TRIUMF Cafeteria starting at 14:30 (following the photo gathering and tour of TRIUMF 13:00 – 14:30).

Meeting notes from the 2015 AGM.

The notes were distributed for review and approval, and were approved subject to correcting the spelling mistake noted by R. Openshaw. ***NB – update the notes on the website***

Report from TARA's Chair. (J-M. Poutissou)

Possible changes / improvements to the Pacific Blue Cross (PBC) benefits coverage. It is a complicated situation as not all TARA members are enrolled in the plan, and not all plan members have joined TARA. It will be up to HR to consult with plan members and decide how to best serve them. A table of options has been circulated. Plan members are encouraged to review the details and be prepared to provide their preferences to HR when polled. More discussion will follow the regular business.

2018 will be the 50th anniversary of the first funding (and ground breaking ceremony?) of TRIUMF. A number of activities will be planned to mark the

occasion. Carla Rodrigo will be coordinating these and will be providing more details in her presentation.

With regard to antivirus and malware protection software, it is TRIUMF policy that these are only provided for on-site systems. Corrie has added some information and links on the TARA website for possible s/w choices for personal antivirus and malware protection.

J-M has a contact with the UBC retired faculty association. They collect annual dues from their members. J-M will be exploring the possibility of networking in some way with them.

The design of an approved TRIUMF business card design for the TARA executive members has been completed.

Date of AGM. In past years it has been late November / December. The attendance for this AGM was as good as any other year. The members approved with scheduling future AGMs in September.

Report on TARA membership. (Roy Moore)

Roy Moore reported that there are 136 active TARA members. A printed list was provided. The information is also on the website. There are nine new members in 2017:

Peter Gumplinger, Eileen Conning, Graham Waters, Ivor Yhap, Lynn DeCaire, Peter Vincent, Mike Russell, Pat Sparks, Pierre Bricault. We have lost contact with one other, Mrs Humphreys:

The Alumni email addresses can be found on the webpage. It is suggested that TARA members set up a TARA login account.

Nomination and selection of new TARA executive for 2017.

Current executive members J-M Poutissou, Corrie Kost, Roy Moore and Andy Hurst all agreed to stand for re-election. Mike Brigham was nominated from the floor. This slate of candidates was elected by majority show of hands.

Suggestions or other business from membership.

No suggestions or other business.

TRIUMF Lab Overview (Director J. Bagger). 15:00 – 15:20.

“TRIUMF Now and Tomorrow”. (Powerpoint slides on TARA website).

Planning for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. (Carla Rodrigo) 15:30 – 15:40

(Powerpoint slides on TARA website).

Pacific Blue Cross Benefits (Erin Gunn). 15:40 – 16:00.

an open Q/A discussion.

- Note that the posted rate increases were based on 2016 claims (up to Nov. 2016). There will be an adjustment when the 2017 claim numbers are included. For this year, the dental premiums are expected to be primarily in response to inflation. Other benefits will be more reflective of claims.
- Also note that the posted rate increases for the various options are the initial implementation. Experience shows that increased benefits usually result in increased claims, which are subsequently reflected in future rate adjustments (usually increases).
- Will all members be consulted? Yes, HR will set up a web-based poll. All plan members will be emailed (and in some cases snail-mailed) for their preferences and feedback.
- Comment – it is important to know what is the current distribution of claims i.e. how many members (as %) are currently topping out on benefit limit(s). In response – for physical treatments, physio therapy constitutes 32 % of all claims in 2016.
- Pharmacare is used first then PBC. ??

- The PBC labour dispute has been recently resolved. There may be a backlog of claims being processed. The end of year information and rate adjustment process might carry over into January 2018.
- Roy Moore suggested Option #8, to make no changes to the plan.

At 16:00 the presentations ended and the AGM was adjourned – for refreshments.

Thank you to TRIUMF and the Cafeteria staff for their hospitality.