



# The Association of Professors Emeriti

# UBC

## GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, April 23

Cecil Green Park

### Agenda

1:00 pm	Coffee, tea, sandwiches, cookies and conversation
1:30 pm	Annual General Meeting
2:00 pm	Dr. Allen G. Sens, " <b>Can Terrorists Win? The Future of the Age of Terrorism</b> "

Global terrorism has evolved in significant ways since September 11, 2001. Terrorism has become more deadly and more concentrated in specific locales. Some terrorist organizations have become more politically and financially independent, while others have become more reliant on state sponsorship. Terrorist groups are making extensive use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), and the Internet has become a mechanism for recruitment and radicalization. The global trends that fuel and facilitate these developments are likely to intensify in the future, suggesting that terrorism will be an increasingly significant threat to global security in the short and long term. It is possible that terrorism may start to achieve strategic victories, something it has largely failed to do as a tactic of political violence.

**Allen G. Sens** (Ph.D., Queens) is a Professor of Teaching in the Political Science Department at UBC. He specializes in international conflict and conflict management, with a research focus on Peace Operations. His teaching interests include international relations, international security, armed conflict, Canadian foreign and defence policy, and nuclear weapons and arms control.

Dr. Sens has served as a consultant to the Canadian government on peacekeeping and NATO expansion. From 1999 to 2010, he was Chair of the UBC International Relations Program, an interdisciplinary undergraduate degree program. He has served as an Assistant Dean for Student Services and as an Advisor on experiential learning for the President's Office. He is active in interdisciplinary teaching and learning. In 2003 he was awarded a Killam Teaching Prize.



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### Stay Tuned!



Our next **Emeritus Research Day** is on April 15th at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. Please see page 6 for details.

### Highlights in this Issue

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**President's Committee on Campus Enhancement:** hear what our Emeriti colleagues have done and are doing to make the campus more attractive (page 7).

**Naked in Academe:** Celebrating 50 years of Creative Writing at UBC (page 10).

### Editor's Note

This newsletter contains several articles with links to web sites and/or email addresses, some of which are many characters long. If you view the newsletter on-line, you can "click" on the URL or email address to go directly to the relevant site or open an email dialogue box.

## A Letter from our President



Dear Colleagues,

My letter in the March issue about moving my dad to an intermediate care residence elicited quite a lot of feedback, which I appreciated very much, and which confirms that many of us have shared similar experiences. It also elicited information about upcoming events that may be of interest to you. First, our colleagues at Simon Fraser are hosting a two-day conference, Housing Alternatives for an Aging Population, on May 28-29. Speakers and expert panels will explore the range of housing forms and service models currently available and under development in British Columbia. For more information go to [www.sfu.ca/fc2014](http://www.sfu.ca/fc2014). Second, Brock House is planning a series of four lectures/panels on aging, including one session on housing, on May 7, 14, 21, and 28. For more information see [brockhousesociety.com](http://brockhousesociety.com). The details have not been posted, but it will be part of the 10:00 a.m. discussion series.)

As my term as President comes to a close, I reflect on the year and would like to thank the superbly capable and hard-working Executive for a year of exceptional accomplishment. At our retreat last May we set a series of goals for the year, and since then, have made great progress, starting with our Mission Statement, the revision of the Constitution and By-laws, and the establishment of a donation account. We now have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alumni Association, thanks to the skill and persistence of Mark Thompson and Richard Tees, and are working on one with the Vice-President Academic. Paul Marantz's budget balances, and his Benefits Committee negotiated a new health/travel insurance plan with Johnson (see p. 5). Richard Tees spearheaded the move to a new, improved website, and Richard Spencer is leading the development of new data base, both with the very able involvement of Sandra van Ark. Ray Hall secured a terrific line-up of talent for our General Meetings, and Derek Applegarth kept the Programs Committee and the Photography Interest Group on track and introduced the highly successful series of Philosophers' Cafés. (We'd also like to thank Jean McCutcheon and her team for setting a beautiful table of preprogram refreshments at our General Meetings since Ray and Nichola left town for their annual trip down under.) Olav Slaymaker and Steve Tredwell have made great strides with the Membership Committee; our system of Department Representatives made other organizations—and the Vice-President Academic—sit up and take notice. (Many thanks to the Representatives, who have made new forays into communicating with emeriti and heads in their departments.) We welcome a greater number of new emeriti than we have for a number of years and hope they will become involved in the Association. A big thank-you to Joan Anderson, who so ably led the Scholarly Activities Committee, which has given us the Green College Senior Scholars Series, the new Emeritus Research Day (see page 6), a proposal for funding ongoing scholarly activity, and much more. It has three highly productive working groups and is working on a data base of emeritus accomplishments to coordinate with our office data base. And, of course, thanks to all the committee members who have allowed these committees to make such progress. Special kudos to Don Blake for producing outstanding newsletters and Sandra van Ark, without whom our great leap forward would not have been possible.

A particular attribute of our Executive is the continued involvement of our Past Presidents. Their role in the Association is analogous to a major role of Professors/Librarians/Administrators Emeriti in the University. They have the experience, institutional memory, and wisdom to help us find our way and make progress in our work. Many attend Executive meetings as Ex-Officio members and continue to work hard to forward the business of the Association. I have been particularly grateful to have their shoulders to stand on. Hats off to the Past Presidents—in my time Ken Craig, Mark Thompson, Judy Hall, and Olav Slaymaker—and especially including Life Members Thelma Cook, Don Russell, and John Stager.

As a native Californian (now a true Canadian), I find the winters in British Columbia long and gray, and I can hardly wait for the colour of spring. At the same time I remind myself not to wish my life away. It doesn't take too many fingers on too many hands to count the remaining winters and springs. But spring has arrived in all its glory, with the yellow of daffodils and the pink of cherry and plum trees. I'm content, even if it rains. I hope you are enjoying the season, too.

Carolyn Gilbert, Ph.D., President

## Association News

### It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2014-15

Association membership covers April 1 through March 31, so **now is the time to renew.**

You can pay by Visa, Mastercard or by cheque. To pay by credit card, you can renew online at [emeriti.ubc.ca](http://emeriti.ubc.ca). Click on "About Us" and then "Membership" and follow the instructions. If you prefer to pay by cheque, you can download the application form from the same site, or pick up a form at the April Annual General Meeting and mail it with the \$30 membership fee.

The Association Administrator, Sandra van Ark, will be at the AGM and will be able to process either form of payment "on the spot".

### Nominations Committee Report

Your Nominations Committee<sup>1</sup> has prepared the following slate for elections to the Executive Committee<sup>2</sup> at the AGM on Wednesday, April 23.

- Past President: Carolyn Gilbert
- President: Richard Tees
- Vice-President: Paul Marantz
- Treasurer: Richard Spencer
- Secretary: Diana Lary
- At large: Derek Applegarth
- At Large: Donald Blake
- At Large: Steve Tredwell
- At Large: Bill McCutcheon

The Constitution specifies that there shall be at least three but no more than five members-at-large. Nominations from members other than the Nominations Committee will be accepted provided that they are submitted by five members entitled to vote and agreed to by the nominee, and received by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

Please send nominations to Olav Slaymaker (Chair, Nominations Committee) [olav.slaymaker@ubc.ca](mailto:olav.slaymaker@ubc.ca) or to the Association Office at the address shown on page 2 of the newsletter before April 16.

<sup>1</sup> Olav Slaymaker (Chair), Judith Hall & David Measday.

<sup>2</sup> No elected member of the Executive may serve in any of the offices of Secretary, Treasurer or Member-at-Large for more than four consecutive years.

### UBC Logo in Obituaries

Acting on a suggestion made by our Association, the University of British Columbia (UBC) has established an arrangement with the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers to facilitate the use of the UBC logo in obituaries.

**Emeritus/Emerita Status** Should the family of a deceased holding emeritus status at the time of their passing wish to have the UBC logo published as part of the deceased's obituary in the Province or Vancouver Sun, they may do so by contacting the obituary department directly.

#### Current/Former UBC Faculty or Staff

Should the family of any other deceased current or former UBC faculty or staff wish to place the UBC logo as part of that family member's obituary in the Vancouver Sun or Province, please contact: The Office of the University Counsel first at: Phone: 604-822-1897 Email: [university.counsel@ubc.ca](mailto:university.counsel@ubc.ca)

#### UBC Logo in any other publication than the Vancouver Sun and Province

Should the family wish to place the UBC logo in any other publication or for any other questions regarding this matter, please contact: The Office of the University Counsel at: Phone: 604-822-1897 Email: [university.counsel@ubc.ca](mailto:university.counsel@ubc.ca)

*Thanks to UBC APE Past President Mark Thompson for shepherding this initiative to a successful conclusion.*

### Memorandum of Understanding



Your Association has completed a Memorandum of Understanding with the UBC Alumni Association. The Alumni Association provides UBCAPE with accounting services, for which the Association pays an annual fee, as well as space in Cecil Green for General and Executive meetings. The Memorandum updates and codifies these arrangements. Thanks to Richard Tees and Mark Thompson for their work on this agreement.

## Important Information Meeting

**New Extended Health/Travel Insurance from Johnson, Inc.  
Wednesday, April 30, 2 pm  
Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, Room 261**

Beginning July 1, 2014, Johnson, Inc. will for the first time be offering to UBC emeriti a new plan which combines Extended Health and Medical Travel Insurance. The Executive of the Association has organized an informational meeting with representatives from Johnson on April 30, which all UBC emeriti are invited to attend. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the specifics of the Johnson insurance, so that you can compare it to your present UBC/Sun Life coverage and consider how it relates to your insurance needs. (Johnson will also be mailing information on their plan to members of the UBC Emeriti Association.)

Individual circumstances and insurance needs differ widely, and there is no one insurance policy that is best for everyone. It is important to be aware of the specific coverage of different policies. The Johnson insurance may be of special interest to individuals who lack Extended Health insurance, are nearing the lifetime limit of their existing insurance, want some assistance with the costs of hearing aids and glasses, or are concerned with the high costs of travel insurance for those age 76 and above. The UBC/Sun Life insurance may be of interest to individuals who value coverage for prescription drugs without any separate annual limits. Some individuals may wish to have both the UBC/Sun Life insurance and the new Johnson insurance, using the Johnson insurance to replace their existing travel insurance and to

cover gaps in the UBC/Sun Life insurance (e.g., the \$1,000 deductible, and the absence of coverage for hearing aids and glasses).

In considering your insurance options, it is important to be aware that **if you cancel your UBC/Sun Life Extended Health insurance, the decision is not reversible, and you will not be able to re-enrol in the UBC/Sun Life plan in the future.**

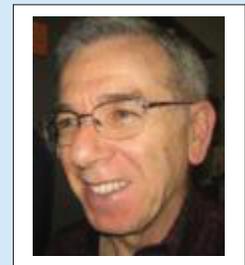
Open enrollment in the Johnson plan will be available until August 31, 2014. Thereafter, individuals who have had continuous post-retirement coverage in a group extended health plan will remain eligible to enrol in the Johnson plan at a later date without a medical examination.

We are planning a second, follow up, meeting on extended health and travel insurance in the latter part of May to give you the opportunity to seek further information and to ask questions of representatives from UBC/Sun Life and Johnson. We will announce the time and place of this second meeting on our web site and via an email message. If you are not already receiving email from the Emeriti Association, you can ask to be added to our email list by sending a message to [admin@emeriti.ubc.ca](mailto:admin@emeriti.ubc.ca).

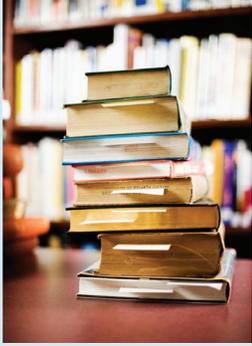
*Please note: The Executive of the Association claims no expertise in matters of health insurance, and the invitation to this meeting should not be seen as a recommendation as to what medical insurance individuals should have.*

### UBC Legacy Project

The Legacy Project is chaired by **Herb Rosengarten**, Professor Emeritus of English. The project's goal is the compilation of a unique resource that will facilitate the creation and preservation of the personal experiences of people affiliated with the University. As a corner stone of this initiative the Legacy Committee has conducted interviews and created a repository of video recordings of personal histories. Interviewees have been asked a set of generic questions developed for their respective groups, including faculty, staff and alumni. To date the project has completed interviews with approximately 65 current and former members of the University community, and their stories are included in this UBC Archives' collection. As the University's centenary approaches, the Committee hopes to add many more recordings and to carry this initiative into the future. The interviews completed to date are on line at: <http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/ubcavfrc> or visit the UBC APE web site ([emeriti.ubc.ca](http://emeriti.ubc.ca)) and click on "Links".



## Emeritus Research Day



The second UBC Association of Professors Emeriti/Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies **Research Day** has been set for **April 15, 10-12:30, PWIAS Conference Room** (Rm. 207).

Featured speakers will be:

**Julie Cruikshank**, Professor Emerita of Anthropology & Sociology, "Yukon and Congo: Archival Research with an Ethnographic Eye".

**Olav Slaymaker**, Professor Emeritus of Geography, "Natural Landscape: The Heart of the Environmental Debate".

**John McNeill**, Dean Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences, "Why Sugar is Bad for You".



Please spread this message widely among your faculty colleagues and emeriti. We are particularly interested in attracting students, both graduate and undergraduate. **Research Day** provides a unique opportunity for dialogue amongst our senior colleagues, faculty, and students from across the campus community.

## Philosophers' Café



UBCAPE's "Philosophers' Café" initiative has been very successful, bringing together UBC emeriti, current faculty and Tapestry residents (some of whom are retired academics from other institutions) for a discussion of topical issues in a relaxed setting.

The next Café is April 28th at 10:30 at UBC Tapestry. It will be hosted by **Donald Blake, Professor Emeritus of Political Science**, who will facilitate a discussion of the Canadian Senate entitled: "*The Senate of Canada: Retread or Retire?*". **Diana Lary, Professor of History**, will follow on May 26 with the topic: "British Columbia and China."

The Philosophers' Café organizer, **Derek Applegarth**, is looking for discussion topics as well as individuals willing to act as facilitators. Please send your ideas to Derek Applegarth at [derek.jenny@shaw.ca](mailto:derek.jenny@shaw.ca). If you would like to stay for lunch at Tapestry afterwards, please contact Derek Applegarth at [derek.jenny@shaw.ca](mailto:derek.jenny@shaw.ca). Lunch is "self-pay" and dependent on space being available.

## In Memoriam

Sheldon Cherry	1928-2014	Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering University Service 1956-1993
Suzanne Cates Dodson	1933-2014	Administrative Librarian Emerita University Service 1963-1998
Klaus Strasmann	1925-2014	Professor Emeritus of Theatre University Service 1964-1991
Doreen Walker	1920-2014	Senior Instructor Emerita of Art History, Visual Art and Theory University Service 1969-1985

## President's Advisory Committee on Campus Enhancement (PACCE)

by Professor Emerita Judith Hall (Committee Member)



PACCE is a long-standing committee made up of **UBC emeriti** which gives advice to the President of UBC and UBC's Campus and Community Planning. In the past, advice such as enhancement of Buchanan Courtyard, increased on-campus housing for undergraduates, and outdoor art, have been accepted and have had a major impact on developments on campus.

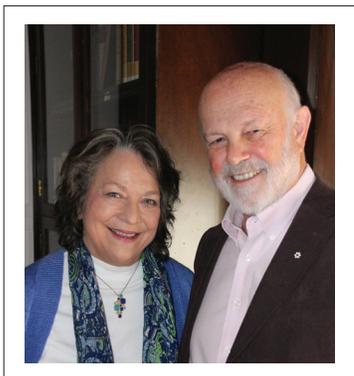
This past year, the Committee has been engaged in making recommendations regarding the old arboretum that lies between First Nations Long House and the Ponderosa development, the importance of accessibility for handicapped persons, the eyesore of dumpsters on campus and concerns for safety relative to the traffic circles on 16th Avenue.

Planning has begun for UBC's 100th Anniversary, including events in 2015 and 2016. PACCE recommended that the library gardens between Koerner Library and Barber Learning Centre Buildings be renovated and made accessible as a Centennial project. In the fall of 2015, the focus will be on the opening of UBC as a provincial university in 1915. Spring 2016 will feature a celebration, with an Open House, of the first graduates from UBC and the subsequent 300,000 alumni that the institution produced. Early in UBC's history, faculty members travelled throughout the province and it is hoped that similar "reaching out" will occur during the centennial celebration. We are suggesting emeriti be involved in these celebrations.

Anyone who has ideas or interests about campus developments is welcome to contact Anne Piternick ([annebp@ubc.ca](mailto:annebp@ubc.ca)), Recorder of PACCE, or Chuck Slonecker ([csloneck@ubc.ca](mailto:csloneck@ubc.ca)), Chair of PACCE.

## Association Speakers' Series

### Green College Senior Scholars' Series



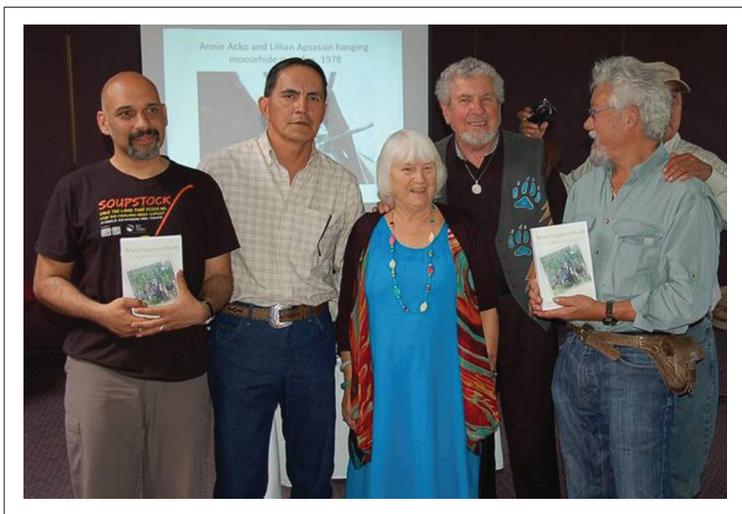
Professor Emerita Judith Hall  
with speaker Tim Oke

This series is convened on behalf of Green College and the UBC Association of Professors Emeriti. It provides opportunities for senior academics to describe their personal experiences and journeys through their own academic careers. Presenters will distill a lifetime of scholarly work. Some will examine the new projects that have grown out of that work; others may reflect upon their changing attitudes to university life. The series is multidisciplinary and gives expression to the speakers' mature and personal insights, as well as "lessons learned". The speakers hope to engage Green College residents and other graduate students with senior faculty, to expose the academic community to UBC's most experienced academics, and to welcome the greater UTown/Point Grey neighbourhood to the richness of academic life at UBC.

The last presentation for 2013-14, on March 25, entitled **An Uncool Pursuit**, featured **Professor Emeritus of Geography, Tim Oke**. Tim took us on a journey through his career, beginning with his initial fascination with the climate and geography of South Devon, his boyhood home, through his study at the University of Bristol and McMaster University, where he became focused on urbanclimatology, and finally to UBC where he has spent most of his academic life. Some of his work involves "sorties" with graduate students in vehicles fitted with temperature measuring equipment, in order to create maps of *Urban Heat Islands*. One such venture took him and his students into rougher areas of Hamilton, Ontario with equipment that looked like sawed-off shotguns—which invited the attention of the local police. During a career spanning nearly 50 years, Professor Oke has been the principal stimulus in developing the field of urban climatology into an international scientific enterprise.

## Emeriti Awards

### Srivastava Award

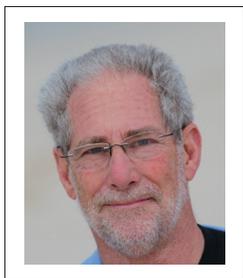


From left: Faisal Moola of David Suzuki Foundation, Chief Norman Davis of Doig River First Nation, Jillian Ridington, Robin Ridington, David Suzuki.

*Where Happiness Dwells: A History of the Dane-zaa First Nations* by Professor Emeritus of Anthropology **Robin Ridington** and Jillian Ridington has been awarded the K.D. Srivastava Prize for Excellence in Publishing, which is awarded annually by UBC Press and the Office of the Vice-President Research to the author(s) of the best book published in BC in the previous year. The prize is named in honour of K.D. Srivastava, professor emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering, who while Vice-President–Student and Academic Services, was principally responsible for the reorganization and revitalization of UBC Press. The Fund was established in 1995 to provide financial support to the Press to assist with the publication of works written by UBC researchers.

## Emeriti in the News

### Michael Goldberg Weighs in on the DTES Debate



Vancouver's Downtown East Side (DTES) is plagued with grinding poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse. The latest attempt to address these issues is a 30-year plan adopted by Vancouver City Council that will pump over a billion dollars into the area to develop social housing, strata ownership and rental housing to make the DTES "a more livable, safe and supportive place to live for all of its diverse residents."

In an op-ed article in the **Vancouver Sun**, **Michael Goldberg, Professor and Dean Emeritus**, Sauder School of Business, has analyzed the 220 page report that triggered this initiative and concludes that "the city's plan 'gets most things right', however, the market should be allowed to do its work.... Generally, I found the goals and facets of the broadly defined healthy community envisioned by the plan meaningful." However, he would have preferred higher densities and a wider geographical distribution of social housing.

For the complete article go to <http://www.vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/Opinion+City+plan+gets+most+things+right/9598146/story.html> or visit the Association web site ([emeriti.ubc.ca](http://emeriti.ubc.ca)) and follow the link under Emeriti in the News.

## Notices

### Faculty of Science, Emeriti Lunch

The Faculty of Science is pleased to invite its Emeriti to the second annual UBC Science Emeriti Luncheon. Several professors will be joining the ranks of emeriti this year. Join us for a chance to congratulate these new emeriti, reminisce with old friends over lunch and listen to Dean Simon Peacock's update on our recent accomplishments.

Date: May 6, 2014  
Time: 11:30 AM—2:30 PM  
Lunch will be served at noon.  
Where: St. John's College  
Cost: \$25

For more information, or if you would like to attend, please register here: [event-wizard.com/2014EmeritiLunch/0/register/](http://event-wizard.com/2014EmeritiLunch/0/register/)

## "Where are they now?" Department

### Gerald Porter, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry



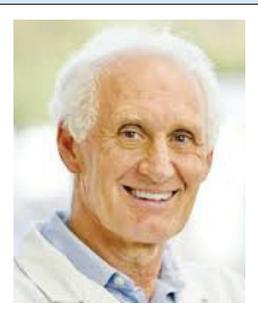
*I took early retirement 33 years ago, in part, to care for my wife, LaRae, a victim of polycystic kidney disease. She survived 15 years of home dialysis before giving up. I tried to keep up chemical research and seminar attendance for a few years, but even that faded eventually. My retirement was filled with skiing, squash and other physical activities, then reduced first to long walks, now to short walks.*

*Three years ago one morning, sitting at my computer with a word processor open, I started writing without quite knowing why. The result was a short story "Fanny", followed by a dozen others. The odd thing about it is that I've always hated writing, the main reason I decided on chemistry, missing the point that*

*Photo is a "Selfie" I still had to write many research articles. Writing fiction made the difference.*

*Now I seem unable to stop writing, just when it is almost too late. I have self-published a novel: "Much Ado about Music", courtesy of Oscar's Art Book Shop. The book covers a decade in the lives of the four members of an amateur string quartet. My second novel, finished in draft form with more of a science bent, is waiting for the nasty job of revision. I have been enjoying amateur chamber music myself as a fiddler for the past forty years with little improvement to show for it.*

### William Taylor, Professor Emeritus, Urologic Science



*The Department of Urological Sciences is relatively small and three urologists have retired in the past 2 years—**Dr Jamie Wright**, who spends much of his time with his beloved*

*horses, **Dr Marty McLoughlin** and myself. I am active with urological device development and had the Magnetic Blackstar Non-cystoscopic ureteric stent retrieval device launched in Europe last December. I am currently involved with several other devices.*

Professor Taylor is the Emeriti Representative in the Department of Urologic Science.

### President-Elect of CSPS



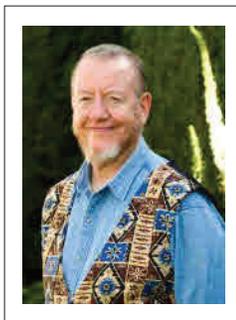
**Dr. Frank Abbott**, Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences, is the 2014 President Elect of the Canadian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Abbott, who became an Emeritus Professor in

2002, continues an active research program. His current research is focused on reactive metabolites and the production of reactive oxygen species as mechanisms of idiosyncratic drug toxicity. His most recent projects include: Valproic acid analogues: glutathione dependant metabolism and mechanisms of toxicity, funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), and CNS-active valproate analogues with improved safety profiles, funded by a CIHR Proof of Principle Grant.



Jonathan Clark, a British historian, opens a recent review in the TLS with a remark that may appeal to members of our association: "*Retirement for most academics, beckons as an Indian summer, a time for Olympian overviews, wise reflections, generous gestures to old opponents.*" —Peter Harnetty, Professor Emeritus, Asian Studies.

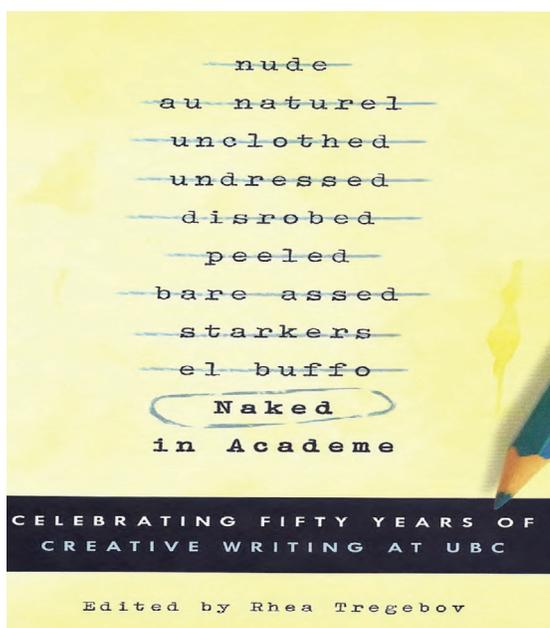
## Naked in Academe



Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing, **George McWhirter**, is a major contributor to *Naked in Academe*, a new book celebrating 50 years of creative writing

at UBC. Professor McWhirter contributed three poems to the volume.

With his permission, we have reprinted "After she was taken down".



### *After she was taken down*

1. It was not this tree wise, old, Gravenstein with apples ripening in its leafy cheeks that distracted her and made her fall it was the Norway Spruce and simple needle-hidden step that took her foot from under when she sped to tidy up the trimmings that dropped from the cedar hedge into the garden on the neighbour's side to stow them in his (city) compost bin.

No sneaky September strawberries, dimpled flowers of Scarlet Runners no chlorophyll choked branches tumbling down with Sweet-One-Hundreds, nor their seeds that skid down the throat on slippery skins fooled her foot, it was just this proliferating flaw in the foliage, six inches of needle-some growth across the step.

2. Androgynous angel in Levi's, hovering over pruned wands of things, attending to withered and wilted green revenants of her promiscuous plantings, which her husband forgave, and each time she conducted a herbaceous affair with the neighbour on the other side of the hedge.

What her spouse forgave for years, the neighbour's concrete drive did not. She landed on the flat of her back and back of her head, raising a bump the size of an ant bill, abuzz with her bothered brain beneath.

3. "That should send you a message, you're the third gardening casualty, today!" said the doctor. And what the doctor did not say:

*Rid your swollen head of these notions, the garden god is a horny, jealous and a dangerous one. Don't provoke old Priapus or cut him short. Be warned, let his ugliness protrude through the beauty into uncontrolled asymmetry, and, naturally, the carpal-tunnel in your pruning hand will heal.*

*Our readers are keen to hear about what their retired colleagues are up to, whether continuing their research activities, teaching English abroad, taking up artistic pursuits, trekking in Nepal, or virtually anything else.*

*If you have an interesting post-retirement story about yourself or a colleague, please send it to the editor at: [dblake@politics.ubc.ca](mailto:dblake@politics.ubc.ca) If possible include digital photo(s) to accompany your submission.*

## **Agenda for the Annual General Meeting—April 23, 2014, 1:30-2:30**

### **UBC Association of Professors Emeriti Annual General Meeting 2014 Agenda Wednesday, April 23, 2014 1.30 pm at Cecil Green Park**

1. Moment of Silence to honour members who have died
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM, April 24, 2013 (attached)
4. Report from the President (Carolyn Gilbert)
5. Election of new members of the Executive: The following have been nominated by the Nominations Committee (Olav Slaymaker, Chair; Judith Hall, and David Measday). This slate may change if there are nominations from the membership in accordance with the Constitution.
 

President	Richard Tees
Vice-President	Paul Marantz
Past President	Carolyn Gilbert
Treasurer	Richard Spencer
Secretary	Diana Lary
Member-at-Large:	
	Derek Applegarth, Donald Blake, (both re-election)
	Steve Tredwell, and Bill McCutcheon
6. Other Business
  - a) New Health/Travel Insurance Plan from Johnson (Paul Marantz)
  - b) UBC Senate elections (Richard Tees)
7. Adjournment

## **Draft Minutes to be Approved at the April 2014 AGM**

### **UBC Association of Professors Emeriti Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2013 Wednesday, April 25, 2013 1:30 pm at Cecil Green Park**

The President, Olav Slaymaker, opened the meeting with a welcome to the members.

#### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

#### **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, April 25, 2012**

The Minutes were approved.

#### **3. Reports**

##### ***a. President***

Olav Slaymaker thanked the members for allowing him to be the President of the Association this year. The theme of the year was consolidation and engagement. The essence of these themes has been achieved by more involvement of members with activities and securing an office and administrator. It has been a pleasure for Olav to work with the excellent Executive board members and he thanked all the members of the Executive with a special thanks to Bonnie for the expanded membership and Carolyn for the excellent newsletter and a very strong thank you to Judy Hall, Past President as mentor.

#### ***b. Activities***

Derek Applegarth listed the events organised in the past year. They were the Visit to the Museum of Anthropology, CBC Newsroom and Photography Club (three meetings).

On May 28th, a visit to the Holocaust Education Centre is planned and Derek was looking into a visit to the Botanical Gardens in June.

#### ***c. Treasurer***

Paul Marantz went through the correct Treasurer's Report 2012/2013 which was handed out during the meeting. It showed more clearly the surplus which was extreme large and is not expected for next year.

#### ***d. Benefits***

Paul Marantz explained that the Committee is considering a plan offered by Johnson Inc. which would offer extended health care combined with travel insurance. The plan will have open enrolment and will not be age based. Also, a higher life time limit will be available. A negative of the plan is that it relies heavily on BC Pharma Care. A final recommendation and plan is expected to be presented to the Executive in the Fall.

#### ***e. Continuing Scholarly Activities***

Joan Anderson explained that this new committee started in January as was published in the newsletter which included the first draft of a summary of Continuing Scholarly Activities of Professors Emeriti(ae).

The following items have been discussed so far: other options for resources for emeriti, a proposal for internal funding in 2014, two research lectures which will be hosted by the Peter Wall Institute and the development of a proposal of the Workshop Social Significance organized by the Peter Wall Institute in March 2014.

#### ***f. Membership Committee***

Bonnie Long brought good news that the membership is at an all-time high with 424 members. The 44 departmental representatives played a big role in this success.

An initiative to set up regional chapters resulted in an Okanagan chapter with 24 members, the Vancouver Island/Gulf Island chapter did not attract enough members yet, and a North Shore chapter will be explored this coming year as there are 30 current members.

Bonnie Long has stepped. Down Susan Harris will co-chair the committee with Olav Slaymaker next year. Bonnie thanked all the membership committee members for their hard work.

#### ***g. Newsletter Editor***

Carolyn Gilbert will step down as newsletter editor after 4 years. She thanked the members for sending in articles and ideas and urged them to keep sending items to the new newsletter editor, Don Blake, who she introduced.

#### ***h. Program Committee***

Inge Andreen organized and coordinated five general meetings and seven speakers with a good variety in the programs. She thanked AV Visual who helped out with setting up the meetings and welcomed any ideas for next year's program.

### ***i. Communications Committee***

Richard Tees organized three meetings and invited 3-4 retired Faculty members who volunteered and were interested in communications and had expertise with questionnaires and web development. Last year, three articles were published in the fall Newsletters about the results of the survey questionnaire which 160 members and 12 non-members filled out. This year, the focus has been on improving the website which is expected to launch in the Fall.

### ***j. Office Committee***

Sandra van Ark started at the end of September, 2012. The Office Committee focused on streamlining the IT within the office (installing a back-up) and better use of the office space. The membership renewals are coming in and she welcomed any suggestions and questions.

### ***k. Nominating Committee***

Judy Hall, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the Committee's nominations and noted that no additional nominations had been received.

The nominations were:

Past President	Olav Slaymaker
President	Carolyn Gilbert
Vice President	Richard Tees
Treasurer	Paul Marantz
Secretary	Diana Lary
Members-at-Large	Joan Anderson
	Derek Applegarth
	Donald Blake
	Richard Spencer
	Jim Zidek

## **4. Election of new members of the Executive**

A motion was approved declaring the above mentioned individuals to be elected by acclamation.

## **5. Other Business**

-Jim Zidek presented the idea of the new Advisory Service which was published in the February newsletter. As there were no negative comments received by the Board, the committee will move forward and will start sorting out the liability and insurance questions before organizing the first meeting in the next year (2013-2014).

-Olav thanked Inge Andreen and Bonnie Long and presented them with a corporate umbrella as a gesture of appreciation.

-Carolyn Gilbert thanked Olav Slaymaker and presented him a corporate umbrella as a gesture of appreciation.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2 .05 p.m.

*Minutes as of May 1, 2013*

**UBC ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT, APRIL 1, 2013 – MARCH 31, 2014**

	2013-2014 Projected	2013-2014 Actual (Preliminary)	2014-2015 Projected
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership Dues	12,000	10,650	12,000
Insurance Rebate	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,017</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>16,667</b>	<b>17,500</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Newsletter	2,500	2,206	2,900
General Meetings	3,000	3,223	3,300
Activities for Members	1,700	1,028	1,500
Office Expenses	2,500	2,451	1,800
CURAC Travel	2,000	2,695	2,500
Conference Expenses	2,000	126	2,000
Fees	2,900	2,796	2,600
Meetings of the Executive	500	165	500
New Activities & Contingency	<u>400</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>400</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>15,093</b>	<b>17,500</b>
<b>Annual Operating Balance</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	17,500	16,667	17,500
<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>15,093</u>	<u>17,500</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opening Bank Balance</b>	<b>40,782</b>	<b>40,782</b>	<b>42,356</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>40,782</b>	<b>42,356</b>	<b>42,356</b>