



## UBC Association of Professors Emeriti

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, April 24 Cecil Green Park**

Agenda:

1:00 pm Coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation

1:30 pm Annual General Meeting

2:00 pm ***Really Big Stuff***

**Professor Douglas Scott, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, UBC**

Association members are encouraged to bring guests

### **Dr. Douglas Scott, Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics *Really Big Stuff***

**How big is the Universe? What is it made of?**

**Where did it come from? Where is it going?**

**What are Dark Matter and Dark Energy?**

**These questions and others will be answered!**



Douglas Scott is a Professor in UBC's Department of Physics and Astronomy whose research interests include theoretical and observational cosmology, cosmic microwave background, structure formation, and sub-millimetre cosmology. After completing a B.Sc. at the University of Edinburgh and a Ph.D. at Cambridge University, he was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, before coming to UBC as a faculty member in 1995.

Professor Scott identifies two major branches of Physical Cosmology: the detailed study of how structure formed, and the investigation of the parameters that describe the entire Universe. His research involves several different parts of both branches. He reports that the most extraordinary development in cosmology in the last few decades is that we can make measurements that give direct answers to questions about the large-scale nature of the Universe. Right now these quantities are being measured with increasing precision and we are in a period of rapid growth in our understanding of cosmology. Many of today's questions appear answerable on a timescale of years—and this is what makes cosmology currently so exciting!

The development of structure in the Universe is a complex and multi-faceted topic. Measuring the dozen or so cosmological parameters cannot typically be done without also measuring quantities that depend on galaxy formation and evolution. Hence the study of the two main branches of cosmology are always intimately connected. Tackling the biggest questions in the formation and evolution of galaxies and clusters of galaxies requires a combination of observational and theoretical approaches. For more information, see [www.astro.ubc.ca/people/scott](http://www.astro.ubc.ca/people/scott).

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renewal form attached****In Memoriam**

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## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

As I compose this final message as your President, I reflect on 12 months of learning about the huge human capital that is represented by our Emeriti/ae community. RG Matson has kindly alerted me to a document which he and Martha Foschi prepared for their department (then Anthropology and Sociology) some 15 years ago. They commented at that time that “emeriti/ae faculty constitute an invaluable pool of human capital” and that it is in the University’s best interests to encourage the continued participation of retired faculty in its intellectual life. The value of that insight has become clearly evident as I have had the privilege of representing UBC’s Emeriti/ae in discussions with senior administrators of the University. The Provost has responded by generously granting the Association an Office and a part-time Administrator. This is a marvelous beginning, for which we are grateful. Changing the mind set of the whole University community towards “former colleagues” is a larger and more time consuming challenge.

I want to pay tribute to the tireless work of the members of your Executive Committee. I cannot envisage a more conscientious and eloquent team of volunteers. Over the past twelve months, the contributions of two individuals stand out among this great team: Bonnie Long (Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education) and Carolyn Gilbert (Audiology and Speech Sciences). Bonnie, in her role as Membership Committee Chair, has fundamentally changed our Association into one which is rooted in the University’s academic units and, through the mechanism of departmental representatives, has allowed deeper awareness of the continuing collegiality of Emeriti/ae at UBC. Carolyn, as Newsletter Editor, has brought a new level of professionalism to the content and appearance of our Newsletter, and as Vice-President, has graciously and unobtrusively sorted out all the errors of omission and commission of the President.



For the first time in our history we can acknowledge the splendid year’s work of our Administrator, Sandra van Ark. Without her creative work in the Office and her prodding of the memory of the President, where would we have been?

I thank the members of the Association for your engagement now and for the foreseeable future and also thank you for the privilege of being your President for the year 2012–2013. I trust that our President Elect, Carolyn Gilbert, will receive the same generous support in 2013–2014 as I have experienced.

Olav Slaymaker, President  
Professor Emeritus, Geography

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**and a note from the Editor. . .** This issue marks the end of my four-year term as Editor of your Newsletter. It was a steep learning curve: When Rich Rosenberg handed over the editorship, he had to explain what a text box was and how to find one on the Word menu. For each issue I have learned to do new things. You may have found you didn’t know what to expect from issue to issue. But I have learned a lot, and—hopefully—this will be one of those ‘learning new things’ that counts towards keeping my brain from falling into total disrepair. And I have to thank my daughter, Kristen, who is a graphic artist and does these things professionally. Her judgment is “not bad for a total amateur,” and she has helped me out of more than one technical crisis (but we can’t afford her professional help). I leave the Newsletter in excellent hands: Our colleague Don Blake is taking over. He has a lot of experience with newsletters and web sites and, until recently, edited the newsletter for the Vancouver Welsh Men’s Choir. I’m sure you’ll give him lots of support. Send him your news! Thanks for a good run.

**Carolyn Gilbert**

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⇒ **NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013–2014** ⇐

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

For clarification, if you are an ongoing member and paid your fees late in 2012, your fees for 2013–2014 are due. If you are a NEW member and joined this year, your membership is good through March, 2014.

You can pay two ways: by Visa or Master Card, or by cheque. To pay by Visa or Master Card, you can renew online ([www.ubcemeriti.org/members.html](http://www.ubcemeriti.org/members.html)). Click on “Members” and then “Online Registration for 2013–2014” and follow the instructions. If you prefer to pay by cheque, please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and mail it with the \$30 membership fee.

Don’t forget to update your contact information. Be sure to let us know if you are an alumnus/a of UBC and, if so, the date you graduated. We want to keep in touch! If you have questions regarding your membership, please call Sandra van Ark at 604–822–1752 or e-mail her at [admin@emeriti.ubc.ca](mailto:admin@emeriti.ubc.ca).

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## Nominations Committee—Elections Update

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Your Nominations Committee<sup>1</sup> is preparing a slate to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on Wednesday, April 24. Nominations from members other than the Nominations Committee will be accepted provided that they are submitted in writing or electronically, are endorsed by five members entitled to vote and agreed to by the nominee, and received by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting. The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the 2013–14 year<sup>2</sup> for the following positions:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Members-at-Large

Please send nominations to Judith Hall (Past-President and Chair, Nominations Committee) before April 17: [jhall@cw.bc.ca](mailto:jhall@cw.bc.ca) or by mail care of the Association office at the address shown on page 2 of this newsletter.

<sup>1</sup> Judith Hall, Chair, Thelma Cook, and Paul Marantz

<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 Okanagan

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David Harder and Kenneth Phillips arranged a meeting of the fledgling Okanagan Chapter on April 3. This included lunch with spouses at the Guisachan House Restaurant in the beautiful heritage park and gardens. President Olav Slaymaker was able to attend and was given a tour of UBCO by Kenneth (and, according to David, a “rather longer than planned, poorly guided tour of West Kelowna on the way to the Mission Hill Winery” by David).

Approximately 24 individuals have committed to joining the chapter. At the meeting Olav described recent activities and directions of the Vancouver group. Open discussion helped identify issues that the Okanagan group will need to deal with. An immediate challenge is finding a suitable meeting place. Various off-campus possibilities were identified, but the Chapter wishes to be affiliated with UBCO; some emeritus-friendly bureaucratic decisions are required to support an on-campus venue! Further discussion revolved around the preferable composition and associations of the organization. With the aim of being relevant within the broader community, suggestions included establishing liaisons with current faculty, closer ties with the alumni, and meeting the needs of adult groups involved in ongoing learning activities. There was agreement to plan another meeting with an educational presentation and a social component.

## The Transition from Hospital to Home

**When:** 10:00 am, Wednesday, April 17

**Where:** Lecture Hall, #102, Michael Smith Labs

What is different about being an inpatient in a hospital now in comparison to how it used to be? What happens in the hospital to get patients discharged? What kind of support is there for making the transition home from the hospital? What should we expect from government-supported services in terms of hours and costs, and how do private care companies bridge the gaps? It's important to know what to expect and plan ahead.

Join us on April 17, when May Tuason, Vancouver Coastal Manager of the Transition Services Team (Acute-to-Community) and Rossana Bortignon from BrightStar Canada will address these and other questions. Please sign up for this session with Sandra van Ark: 604-822-1752 or [admin@emeriti.ubc.ca](mailto:admin@emeriti.ubc.ca). Michael Smith Labs is next door to the bookstore.

## Photography Group — May 2

Ten members of the photography group met on March 26 at Tapestry on West Mall. They did some outdoor photography in the village and then had coffee on the seventh floor of Tapestry and took photographs of one another for showing and discussion at the next seminar room meeting, which will be at 4:00 pm on May 2 in the Ike Barber Learning Centre. Derek will contact everyone on his mailing list with details of the meeting and to request images to be sent for discussion at the meeting. If you are not on the list but would like to be, e-mail Derek at [derek.jenny@shaw.ca](mailto:derek.jenny@shaw.ca).

**Did you know . . .** The last print edition of *UBC Reports*, published monthly since 1955, appeared in March. According to Lucie McNeill, UBC Director of Public Affairs, "Sustainability, relevance and trends in the newspaper industry were just some of the factors discussed." Its replacement will be a "dynamic, compelling news site."

## Upcoming Events

### *Enemy Aliens: The Internment of Jewish Refugees in Canada, 1940-1943* Private Tour for Emeriti

**When:** 10:00 am, Tuesday, May 28

**Where:** Holocaust Education Centre  
950 W 41st Avenue

In 1940, Canada received approximately 2,300 male civilian refugees from Nazism. Most were Jews, and many were teenagers and young adults. These men had found asylum in Britain only to be arrested as potential 'fifth columnists' or 'suspicious spies.' After a brief internment, they were deported to Canada and placed in camps alongside political refugees and, in some camps, avowed Nazis. Upon release, the young men returned to their interrupted schooling, raised families, and became Canadian citizens. Many, including former University of British Columbia professors Peter Oberlander and Gideon Rosenbluth, enjoyed illustrious careers in Canada and abroad.

For nearly 70 years, the internment experience was relegated to family lore and garnered little scholarly attention despite so many of the former refugees' ties to the academy. "Enemy Aliens" is the first exhibit of its kind to examine this little-known chapter in Canadian and Holocaust history. At the suggestion of our member, Rob Krell (Medicine), Founding Director and Board Member of the Holocaust Education Centre, Education Director Adara Goldberg has invited our members for a private tour of this exhibit of artifacts and eyewitness testimony.

Please sign up for this session with Sandra van Ark: 604-822-1752 or [admin@emeriti.ubc.ca](mailto:admin@emeriti.ubc.ca). In case this date is not convenient, the exhibit will be on through June. The Centre is at the corner of Oak Street and W 41st Ave, and can be reached by busses # 41 and 43.

## HONOURING EMERITI

### A Profile of Stephen Drance

by Tapestry at Wesbrook Village



Shortly before the German invasion and the outbreak of World War II, when **Stephen Drance** was just thirteen years old, his family left the town of Bielsko in southern Poland. He was educated in Britain at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, in Kent and later, during the war years, at the University of Edinburgh. Stephen went on to complete his studies in ophthalmology at Oxford, where he developed an interest in clinical research. Realizing there were more promising opportunities in Canada, he moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta, where he worked in an ophthalmology clinic before securing a position at the University of Saskatchewan in 1957. He taught and did research there until 1963, when he was recruited as an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at UBC's School of Medicine.

Stephen became Head of the UBC Department of Ophthalmology in 1973 and in the early 1970's helped to develop the UBC Hospital on campus. He was also Head of Ophthalmology at Vancouver General Hospital, where he established the Eye Care Centre that exists there today. As a teaching clinician, eye surgeon, and researcher in glaucoma, Stephen enjoyed an illustrious career. He made several breakthroughs in his field, including the identification of a hemorrhage on the glaucomatous optic nerve, formerly known as "the Drance hemorrhage." Stephen retired from UBC in 1990 but remained active in his profession, informally seeing patients and engaged in clinical research for several more years.

Inspired by his lifelong love of music, in 2000 Stephen founded Festival Vancouver, an international summer music festival featuring distinguished classical, jazz, and country musicians from around the world. Six months ago, he created Tapestry Music Friends, a devoted group of classical music lovers. The group hosts several professional-level concerts throughout the year at Tapestry at Wesbrook Village, where Stephen currently lives.

**James Hogg** (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and the UBC James Hogg Research Centre, St. Paul's Hospital) has been honoured with a **Gairdner Award**, the most prestigious biomedical prize in Canada, for his

ongoing work on the causes and treatment of lung disease. His research focuses

on the inflammatory process in the lung, with particular reference to the structure and function of the lungs in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).



**Rob Krell** (Psychiatry) was awarded the **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal** by the Hon. Joyce Murray, MP, for his outstanding work as a human rights educator, particularly in relation to the establishment of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and the High School Holocaust Education Program.





**Cattle Erosion**

**—A Way of Seeing—  
A Photographic Exhibit by Alf Siemens  
The Reach Gallery Museum, Abbotsford  
April 18–June 9**

The possibility of a “bird’s-eye view” fascinated earthlings long before the achievement of flight or photography. It was first actually realized out of the baskets of balloons in Europe in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century and then developed in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century for the gathering of war intelligence and the direction of bombardment. Alf was first intrigued when he was made aware of the magnificent photography by British airmen just after WWII. They turned their skills to peaceful reconnaissance over their homeland and revealed a great deal about ancient settlements, fortifications, roads and agriculture. Alf has applied this way of seeing in Latin America, particularly in Mexico, as well as over the Lower Fraser Valley. See [www.thereach.ca](http://www.thereach.ca).



**Ken Carty Appointed  
to Faculty Pension Plan Board**

The University's Board of Governors has appointed, for the first time, an Emeritus Professor to the Board of Trustees of the Faculty Pension Plan. The Trustees meet 10 times a year and are responsible for setting policy and overseeing administration of the plan. Ken’s appointment is from January 1 of this year.



**Alf Siemens at work**

**UBC Senate Welcomes Nominations for Honorary Degrees**

Honorary degrees are intended to recognize individuals who have made substantial contributions to society at the provincial, national, and/or international levels. Nominations must be received by September 30. For criteria and details about the nomination process, go to: [www.senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/honorary](http://www.senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/honorary).

**Another member flying high. Who could it be?  
He appears on p. 6 of the February newsletter.**



**You're Invited . . . by Tapestry at Wesbrook Village, 3338 Wesbrook Mall**

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| Friday, April 12   | Presentation by Curator Jill Baird of the Museum of Anthropology. 1:00 in the classroom. |
| Saturday, April 13 | Mozart School of Music concert in the Club Room. 8:00 pm.                                |
| Sunday, April 14   | Piano duet concert presented by Annette Wertman and Friends . In the Club room.          |
| Tuesday, April 16  | Social media workshop. In the classroom at 3:30 pm.                                      |

***Transformations, A History of UBC Continuing Studies, by Scott McLean and Eric Damer, 2012***  
**—A Review by John Conway—**

Historians of universities such as UBC have the formidable task of reconstructing not only the physical but also the intellectual development of these institutions. Unlike the buildings, which remain in place, the ideas and discoveries that happened there are much more difficult to record. No less challenging is the attempt to rescue from the past those activities peripheral to the university's prime objective in the teaching of young adults, namely those programs designed for the edification or instruction of the wider public throughout the province.

Fortunately, we now have a comprehensive and lavishly illustrated book by two practitioners in the field of continuing education, Scott McLean and Eric Damers. Their account will interest all those who have participated in the enormously varied programs offered over the years, including the many faculty members who organised and taught such courses on top of their regular duties.

McLean and Demers, like successive UBC Presidents, take a highly positivist view of these endeavours. They express no doubts about the superiority of this European-derived knowledge and skills, directed to the ever increasing flow of European-derived immigrants, and spread from the European-derived institution implanted on the cliff edge of Point Grey, facing out to the untutored wilderness of the Pacific Northwest. It was all part of the late nineteenth century cultural imperialism adapted to the vast expanse of British Columbia. The opportunities were limitless, the benefits incalculable, the values incontrovertible. The only restraint came from the shortage of resources, both human and financial. One recurrent theme in this book is the regret that such hurtful limitations hindered the championing of this cause, especially during the cash-strapped years of the 1930s. All the more praise, therefore, for those who carried the flag of continuing education to the outer reaches of the province despite the enormous transportation difficulties of those early decades. In retrospect, so these authors claim, there were giants in the land in those days.

In more recent years, the work of continuing education has spread far and wide, and now includes an astonishing variety of programs, here conveniently listed and explained. Thanks to the development and use of the most modern technologies, the previous drawbacks of geographical distance and isolation have been overcome. At the same time, the sense of the University's responsibility for promoting such activities has been enhanced by their obvious success in breaking down former barriers to life-long learning. And the same sense of participating in life-enriching activities has been seen in the programs for special interest groups, such as women, older persons, and Aboriginal students. The instructors, too, are drawn from a huge variety of devoted experts in many fields, both for professional up-grading and for more general enhancement of the Province's cultural life. Thanks to them, and to their dedicated and often inspiring example, countless adult students have transformed British Columbia's economic and cultural life for the better.

UBC Continuing Studies. 224 pp. (\$40 including shipping. Can be purchased online at [www.cstudies.ubc.ca](http://www.cstudies.ubc.ca))



## Defining the New Normal in Aging

Hannah O'Rourke, a PhD researcher at the University of Alberta, says terms such as 'normal' or 'healthy' aging are commonly used by health-care professionals to describe or influence how seniors should age. Often they emphasize personal lifestyle choices in staying healthy, such as eating well, staying active, and not smoking. But those terms can fall short of the experiences of most older Canadians, and how they're used affects how a society views older generations— especially seniors living with chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Chronic disease might be the norm, but doesn't have to be the focus. "Normal aging is not something we can easily define," O'Rourke says. "There are many older adults with chronic disease who report they still enjoy life. When aging is just defined as 'healthy' and 'devoid of disease', it doesn't leave a place for what to do with all of these older adults who are still aging with chronic illnesses.

O'Rourke, a registered nurse whose research focuses on quality of life for people with dementia, points out that many Canadian seniors are well enough to live at home, yet 80% have some form of chronic disease. With that large a majority, putting the onus on individual choices to age successfully sends the wrong message. "The implication is that if you have a chronic illness as an older adult, you've somehow failed in this goal of aging without chronic disease, which is perhaps not that realistic a goal."

O'Rourke says much of the policy work, research, and teaching about aging relies on statistics to describe Canada's graying population, such as estimates that, by 2026, one-fifth of the country will be over the age of 65. But those statistics frame aging as a problem to be fixed, she says, and that affects how we view seniors. An aging society can also be viewed as a success story because it means the majority of us are living well into our older years. (from Science Daily, Feb. 27, 2013)

## Should Grandma Join Facebook? It May Give Her a Cognitive Boost, Study Finds

Preliminary research findings from the University of Arizona suggest that men and women older than 65 who learn to use Facebook could see a boost in cognitive function. Forty-eight participants aged 68 to 91 years, who were not Facebook users, completed a series of questionnaires and neuropsychological tests measuring social variables, such as their levels loneliness and social support, as well as their cognitive abilities. In the study, 14 participants posted on Facebook with other participants once a day, while same-size control groups either made a similar-length online diary entry or were on a 'waitlist' for Facebook training. Eight weeks later, those who had learned to use Facebook performed about 25% better than they did at the start of the study on tasks designed to measure their abilities to continuously monitor and to quickly add or delete the contents of their working memory ('updating abilities'). Participants in the other groups saw no significant change in performance.

The study was based on existing evidence about how learning new tasks can help older adults with overall cognitive function, as well as research suggesting a possible link between social connectedness and cognitive performance. (*Science Daily*, Feb. 21, 2013)

### Texting for Seniors

(contributed by a member who prefers not to be named)

Teens who text use many acronyms to save space on character-limited messages. Some of these are fairly transparent to those of us not in the know (LOL = laugh out loud, or lots of love). Others are not, but there are lexicons on line to help. Here are some especially for seniors; they may already have arrived in your e-mail box, as they have in mine. Happy texting!

ATD At the doctor's                      BFF Best friend's funeral  
 BTW Bring the wheelchair              BYOT Bring your own teeth  
 CBM Covered by Medicare              GHA Got heartburn again  
 CUATSC See you at the Seniors' Centre  
 DWI Driving while incontinent  
 FWIW Forgot where I was  
 LOL Living on Lipitor                      LMDO Laughing my dentures out  
 OMSG Oh my! Sorry gas

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## Association Representatives

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Check to see who your Association Representative is! Representatives deserve a round of applause for encouraging Emeriti to join our organization, as well as updating contact information on Emeriti in their units—a daunting task!

Our representatives play an important role in keeping us apprised of activities in their units and informing us of ways we can better serve our members. If your unit does not have a representative, please consider **volunteering** for this important role. In appreciation for their contribution to the Association, representatives will be our guests at a fall wine and cheese social. To volunteer, or to find out more, contact the President UBCAPE, the Chair of the Membership Committee, or Sandra Van Ark, Office Administrator.

### Librarians Nadine Baldwin

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Statistics	Jim Zidek

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**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—APRIL 24, 2013, 1:30–2:00**


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1. Approval of the Agenda
  2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM, April 25, 2012
  3. Reports
    - a. President
    - b. Treasurer
    - c. Benefits Committee
    - d. Membership Committee
    - e. Programs Committee
    - f. Communications Committee
    - g. Nominating Committee
  4. Election of new members of the Executive
  5. Other Business
    - a. The proposed Advisory Service
    - b. Announcement of activities in May
  6. Adjournment
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**DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 2013 AGM**

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**UBC ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI  
Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, April 25, 2012, Cecil Green Park, 1:30 pm**

The President, Judith Hall, 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 20, 2011**

The Minutes were approved.

**3. Reports**

- a. President:** Judith Hall gave a summary of the year's activities and the CURAC 2012 Conference held on April 18–20, in Victoria, BC. The CURAC Conference in Victoria was sponsored by UVic, SFU, and UBC Emeritus/Retiree groups. It was a good conference with many new ideas exchanged.

2015 is UBC's 100th anniversary. Work has already commenced on recording the various aspects of UBC's history. We hope to produce a history of UBC APE by 2015. Emeriti are invited to take part in the UBC Legacy Project to record individual stories and perspectives.

Finally, Judith thanked the Executive members who gave their time and effort in discharging their duties diligently over the past year.

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- b. Treasurer:** Paul Marantz went through the Treasurer's Report 2011/2012. He credited the past Treasurer, David Measday, for an excellent job on his projections of 2011/2012. The financial year ended with a healthy balance.

A question was raised from the floor about the donation of \$1,000 to CURAC 2012. Paul clarified that the Association would probably recover some monies from the proceeds of hosting CURAC 2012. The amount is not confirmed as yet. Questions were also raised about the costs of the website and the Association's status as a Division of the UBC Alumni Association. Paul indicated consideration was being given to changing the financial year to July 1–June 30.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved.

- c. Activities:** David Measday listed the special events organised in the past year. They were visits to the Beaty Museum and Wine Library, a Library tutorial, and a session on Life History Writing together with Tapestry. David encouraged members to organize activities; the Association would be glad to promote them in the calendar of events in the newsletter and on the website. Derek Applegarth is starting a photography interest group. Judith Hall presented David with a "Thank You" umbrella as a token of thanks to David.
- d. Benefits:** Paul Marantz referred to the handout, 'Ballot on Changes to UBC/Sun Life Extended Health Care Insurance' and gave a detailed explanation of it. He advised members to review the information carefully and be sure to vote if they have preferences. He informed members that a meeting would be held on May 2, 2012, to discuss the matter. The deadline for the UBC HR ballot would be end of May. A vote of thanks was given to Paul for a job well done.
- e. Membership Committee:** Olav Slaymaker spoke on behalf of Co-Chair, Bonita Long about the past year's activities. The theme was "Engagement and More Engagement of Emeriti Professors." Representatives for each department are being identified, and membership options are being considered.

The committee has also sponsored meetings of UBC APE members in the Okanagan and Victoria (for island members). Thanks were expressed to Bonnie and Olav for their hard work.

- f. Program Committee:** Peggy Ross reported that there was a good variety in the programs during the past year. She welcomed suggestions for next year. A vote of thanks and a "Thank You" umbrella were given to Peggy for all her hard work.
- g. Communications Committee:** Richard Tees reported that the returned questionnaire provided information about members' needs and expectations as well as the things they were doing for the University. Survey responses indicated that members highly valued the Association's well-being and usefulness.

CURAC 2012 provided ideas about communications via social media, e.g., Twitter, Facebook.

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Emeritus Alerts, mainly about activities and deadlines, have been useful this year, but will only come once a month. This is to respect members' privacy and comfort.

The Committee encouraged members to share news about themselves and their activities with the rest of the Association. Members were asked to forward their news to Carolyn Gilbert (Co-Chair), Newsletter Editor.

**h. Nominating Committee:** Mark Thompson, 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	Judith Hall		
President	Olav Slaymaker		
Vice President	Carolyn Gilbert		
Treasurer	Paul Marantz		
Secretary	Richard Tees		
Members-at-Large	Inge Andreen	Joan Anderson	Derek Applegarth
	Bonnie Long	Jim Zidek	

**4. Election of new members of the Executive:** A motion was approved declaring the nominated individuals to be elected by acclaim.

#### 5. Other Business

Carolyn Gilbert announced the following activities: Senior Life Style Auction June 16th, a Borealis String Quartet Concert the following night, sessions on US cross-border tax issues and a Wine and Cheese reception in the fall at St. John's College.

A vote of thanks was given to Judith Hall, outgoing President. New President Olav Slaymaker presented her with a UBC APE "Thank You" umbrella as a gesture of appreciation.

**6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Minutes as of May 14, 2012

**UBC ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**APRIL 1, 2012 – MARCH 31, 2013**  
**+ estimate for the next financial year**

	<b>2012–2013 Projected</b>	<b>2012–2013 Actual (Preliminary)</b>	<b>2013–2014 Projected</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership	\$12,000	\$10,945	\$12,000
Insurance Rebate	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,944</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$19,031</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Newsletter	\$2,000	\$2,276	\$2,500
General Meetings	3,000	1,571	3,000
Activities for Members	2,500	1,112	1,700
Office Expenses	2,500	1,543	2,500
CURAC Travel	500	985	2,000
Conference Expenses	500	1,208	2,000
Meetings of the Executive	500	259	500
Donations	0	0	0
Fees	2,660	2,705	2,900
New Activities & Contingency	<u>3,340</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>400</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$12,784</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>
<b>Annual Operating Balance</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	\$17,500	\$19,031	\$17,500
<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>21,784</u>	<u>17,500</u>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 6,274</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opening Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$33,002</b>	<b>\$33,918</b>	<b>\$40,192</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$33,002</b>	<b>\$40,192</b>	<b>\$40,192</b>