



President Ron Cospers gave a verbal report highlighting the recent arrangements for Health Insurance of members via the Plan of the RTO and CURAC. Ron also summarized the recent activities of SMURA (talks and lunches) and reminded members of the provision by the University of room Burke 308 for the use of all paid-up members of SMURA. Ron also reminded members of the forthcoming annual meeting of CURAC to be held in Halifax in 2018.

7. Election of the Executive and Board for 2017-2018: Report of the Nominating Committee

Geraldine Thomas reported for the nominating committee (GT, RC & KV) with the presentation of a slate of officers to be nominated as follows:

President: Ron Cospers

Past President: Geraldine Thomas

Vice-President: Keith Vaughan

Treasurer: Shripad Pendse

Secretary: Susan Walter

Members at Large: Michael Herrick  
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9. Report of the Programme Committee (Bert Hartnell and Keith Vaughan)

SMURA has had a full programme of activities (talks and lunches) over the last academic year with the highlights as follows chronologically:

2016 September 18 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Pot Luck at home with Nicky and John Young
September 25 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	"The Academic Novels of David Lodge"
November 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Talk by Richard Perkins "Walking the Appalachian Trail"
December 9 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	Talk by Michael Herrick Xmas lunch at the Henry House on Barrington
2017 January 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun)	"Yellowstone National Park"
Sensen	Talk by Keith Vaughan and Marion
February 17 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	Lunch at Le Bistro
March 31 <sup>st</sup> (Fri)	Lunch at Salty's on the Waterfront
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sun)	"Ticks"
June 4 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Talk by Andrew Hebda NSMNH "NS Wild Bees"
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Fri)	Talk by Emily Walker SMU Ph.D. student

November TBA    Talk/ slide show by Keith Vaughan & Marion Sensen  
" California 2016" – a Travelogue of their visit to many of the National Parks of Central and Northern California.

10. Other Business

10a. Change in the SMURA constitution.

The Chair introduced this item which basically proposes that SMURA open its membership to retired faculty from Nova Scotia universities that do not have their own retirees association. The following motion was made by Ron Cospers, seconded by Geraldine Thomas:

Change Article II of the Constitution -- Membership to read:

*Eligibility for Membership*

Rationale:

The change would give persons retired from universities without retiree associations, the opportunity to participate in retirees' s / ve

community.

Advantages:

Larger pool of potential participants in events. More dues paid. Greater visibility and voice for SMURA.

The Motion carried unanimously.