



**College and University  
Retiree Associations  
of Canada**

**Associations de retraités  
des universités et collèges  
du Canada**

### **2017-2018 ANNUAL CURAC/ARUCC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL LETTER**

Dear CURAC/ARUCC Member Association:

It is a pleasure to send regards on behalf of the CURAC/ARUCC Board and to express the fond hope that the programs of your association are proving very successful. This is the time of year when there is a burst of vitality with meetings, lectures, social events and the remarkable range of activities that characterizes the CURAC/ARUCC member associations.

It also is time to invite your association to renew its membership in CURAC/ARUCC for 2017-18. I have attached a membership renewal form for this purpose and request that you return the form to our Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Please ensure that you provide the information requested as it ensures that we have accurate contact information for your association. The deadline for receipt of this form is March 1, 2017 but it will assist us in updating our records if you submit the requested information sooner.

My long involvement with college and university retiree organizations, first on the UBC campus and then at the national level, has provided convincing evidence of their importance to members, the post-secondary institutions to which they are attached, and the communities they serve. There now are 40 associations who enjoy CURAC/ARUCC services and we are eager to have this number grow. The associations provide a social network for engagement with colleagues and friends, as well as sources of information, access, opportunities and skills that enrich our lives. CURAC/ARUCC binds our associations together, providing opportunities to pool resources and influence. Your members would find a fount of information about CURAC/ARUCC on our website, [www.curac.ca](http://www.curac.ca). The Fall, 2016, Newsletter, to be found there, provides a full account of our most successful 2016 Annual Conference held at the University of Saskatchewan. The website soon will have details on our 2017 Annual Conference and AGM to be held May 24-26, 2015 on the Carleton University campus in Ottawa, Ontario. We will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canadian confederation, the 75<sup>th</sup> year since the founding of Carleton University and the 15<sup>th</sup> CURAC/ARUCC Annual Conference.

I also want to acknowledge the dedicated service of my colleagues on the CURAC/ARUCC Board:

Officers:

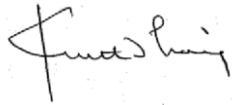
Vice-President: David Swayne, University of Guelph Retirees Association  
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A better group of energetic, committed and productive people could not be found. They broadly represented the diversity of our associations and their geographic locations. As a bonus, I am pleased that CURAC continues to enjoy active contributions from George Brandie, from the Retirees' Association of Queen's University and Peter Russell, Senior College at the University of Toronto. Randy Barkhouse from the Association of Dalhousie Retirees and Pensioners continues to bring his expertise to chairing our Pensions Committee.

I look forward to hearing about the activities and achievements of the CURAC member organizations over this next year. If any individual would be interested in participating in our committee structure, please send me a note.

My very best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,



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