

RAOnews



Another AGM is upon us, this time the 11th. The attendance a major finding, and feedback during the luncheon indicated that the committee has kept RAQ participation occupied in 2007-2008 were important members.

The real concern about change proposed in the operation of the Pension Committee is a committee that has overlooked the inherent of active and retired faculty and staff. RAQ Pension and Benefits Committee believed the change would reduce the influence and initiative of the Pension Committee and transfer more decision-making to the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for financial maintenance as a whole. A great deal of work went into this. Many meetings, phone calls, drafts of letters, etc. were involved, especially on the part of Bill Wright. Large debt of his diplomatic efforts, the bill has a Pension Committee able to act on our behalf. (2)

It has been enjoyed both financial and administrative support for RAQ operation, the Monday Morning Forum and the Human History of Queen's project. We are very grateful. I hope we can maintain a positive relationship in our interim Principal Tom Williams.

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No, a few months ago, I defined the principle of relationship action rather than competition. Where would RAQ be without the effort of its Executive and Council, Committee, and general members? Many thank you all who were involved in RAQ activities over the past year. Many people and many hours.

RAQ members, including those on Council, are highly active and involved in communication for example, in charitable organizations such as the Senior Centre or the related health, nature, culture, or civic matters. Most of the volunteer work is a fulfilling and enjoyable. I provide resources to our members, a sense of purpose, and an opportunity to meet new people.

Volunteering can also provide challenge and adventure. We recently received interesting information from a new NGO about volunteer opportunities in the developing world for retired members and faculty. Check out Academic for Higher Education and Development (www.ahed-people.org) for more information and a description of projects under way. AHED aims to help build higher education in

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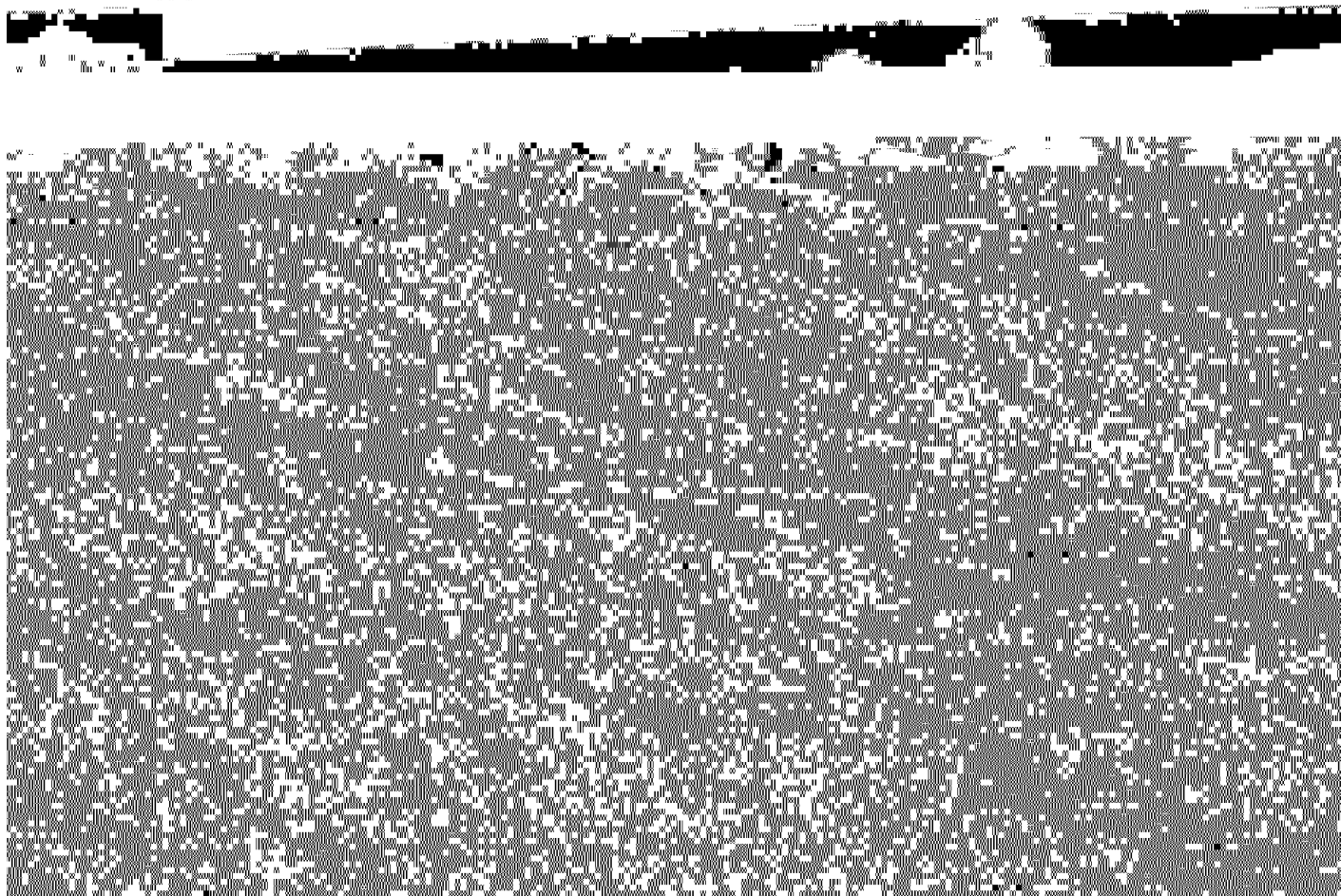
Speaking of support, former Principal Karen Hi chcock certainly will be missed by the Retirement Association. She has a pleasant work life and a

developing cooperative project related to both academic and non-academic aspects of retirement education. I think it's a good thing for her to be engaged in retirement such a role she has had in her career in her field.

ARLENE AISH

In late January we provided you
with a copy of a letter regarding the
Queen's Pension Plan. The RAQ had
been sent to William Young, Chair of the





These are the members of RAQ's Executive and Council present for the 6th AGM. FRONT ROW, l-to-r: Councillor Pat Bogstad, Past-President Joyce Zakos, President Arlene Aish, Founding President John Meisel (Partnership group) and Secretary Bruce Hutchinson. STANDING: Councillors David Bonham (Finance), Barbara Aitken (Treasurer), Joy Hoselton (Membership & Admin. Assistant), Bob Smithies (new electee), Henry Dinsdale (Partnership), Jim Kelly (Events), Vice-President George Brandie (CURAC and Web site) and John Gordon (Communications). ABSENT: Mary Balanchuk, Alan Green (Finance), Bill Wright (Pensions & Benefits), and new electees Barrie Frost, Susan Miklas and Cherrilyn Yalin. (Photo by George Zakos)

Warm thank were expressed to three people rapping for their term as RAQ Councillor. Chuck Campling has served for all since April 2004, and he intends to keep on a ending the month of June, with his wife Larra, and mingling with his old RAQ friend. Julie Milome has served for three years, and she came to resign her role of music and art work for the Eden Committee as she'll continue to do. Jerr Rodd, a Councillor since December '06, will go on organizing the month of June, appreciated and attended by about 20 people each evening.

Because of a vacant place, there are no former Councillors, no three, nominated by Joyce Zakos' committee in accordance with RAQ's policy of equal representation from each and every.

Smithies (Psychologist) and Cherrilyn Yalin (Endocrinologist) are the new staff Councillors. New full members are Barrie Frost (Psychologist) and Susan Miklas (Landscape). Six members were re-elected to their term: Mary Balanchuk, George Brandie (Vice-President and Web manager), Henry Dinsdale (Partnership group), John Gordon (Communication), Alan Green (Finance) and Bruce Hutchinson (Secretary).

President Aish also had kind words for a new member, Gerr Penberg, who'll retire soon from Printing Service. She cited not only her core and efficient facilitation of RAQ's needs, but also her and-behind collaboration with her fellow members, and her departure, since starting in 1968.

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