



Telephone Retirees Association of Manitoba – TRAM

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October 2020 Newsletter

**** 2020 Annual General Meeting and Executive Elections ****

Thank you to all members who had returned their 2020 AGM proxies.

Per the Chief Scrutineer e-mail to TRAM Executive, dated July 25, 2020:

“ 379 valid proxies were received and constitute a quorum. 306 indicated Vote as Listed and 63 indicate Proxy to Vote. The proxies were assigned to 8 individuals.

Based on the unusual circumstances and proxies received, I, Jo-Anne Pelzer Chief Scrutineer, am recommending the slate of officers presented in the mail out be declared elected. The TRAM Bylaw pertaining to the AGM, quorum and Proxy voting is attached. “ (Bylaw #5 is cited)

The TRAM Executive for the 2020/2021 year is:

President - Dave Gnutel

1st ViceP - Darlene Buan

2nd ViceP - Adrienne Katchanoski

3rd ViceP - Ted Barnett

Treasurer - Donna Poitras

Secretary - Ilona Orosz

The 2019 Year-end Financial Statement was independently reviewed and approved by our auditors Bill Hales and Jo-Anne Pelzer. The 2020 Budget was prepared by the Treasurer - Donna Poitras.

At our Executive meeting held in September, discussion concluded that: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and by the time the Annual General Meeting could be safely scheduled and conducted, it would be time for the next AGM. Additionally, the Executive didn't possess sufficient technical skills to conduct an e-meeting any earlier using social media tools. It was moved and carried, that a “physical” 2020 AGM would be not be held.

Pension Plan

BellMITS DB Pension Committee meeting normally scheduled in mid to late September, was postponed due to the resignation of the (independent) Pension Committee chair - John Smith. Bell Canada is actively seeking a replacement individual for the chair position. The Pension Committee is expected to meet before 2020 year-end to review the 2019 year-end results and report.

After three terms as our Retiree Representative to the BellMTS DB Pension Committee, Larry Trach's name will not be on the upcoming Retiree Rep election ballot in November 2020.

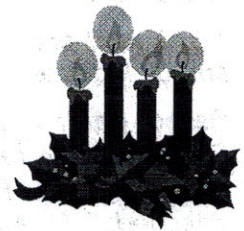
On behalf of all TRAM members, other Pension plan retirees and beneficiaries, the TRAM Executive extends our sincerest thanks to Larry Trach for all of his dedication and work during his time as our Pension representative and within the TRAM Executive.

THANK YOU LARRY !!

Christmas Luncheon

Unfortunately, TRAM is unable to safely conduct a luncheon at this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing mandated by the Province. We are considering some alternatives for Spring 2021 or our next AGM, as can be accommodated.

**Your TRAM Executive wishes you and your family
A happy, cosy and safe Christmas filled with love and cheer,
A short and not-too-frigid Winter, A warm and early Spring,
And Great Health and Prosperity in 2021.**



Keep Healthy and Stay Safe !!!

Just a Reminder...

- When sending cheques to TRAM for Dues Payment, please indicate the TRAM member name to whom it applies in the comment line of the cheque. We only have your contact information and we don't know your spouse's or children's names.
- Please do not re-use "old" return envelopes when sending mail to TRAM. ALL mail to TRAM not using the "Westley Avenue" address WILL NOT reach us. (see front page)

Thank you for your cooperation...

TRAM Membership Dues

The "Member Status" (1st line) line on your newsletter envelope indicates your recorded Dues Status at October 1, 2020.

- A+** - Dues received for 2021 (or more)
- A** - Dues received for 2020.
- B** - 2020 Dues **Not** received. (\$10 outstanding)
- C** - 2020 and 2019 Dues **Not** received. (\$20 outstanding)
- D** - 2020, 2019 and 2018 Dues **Not** received. (\$30 or more outstanding)

NOTE: - TRAM Annual Dues (\$10) are from January 1st to December 31st
- Dues received are first applied to a member's outstanding or missed contributions.