

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting July 30, 2015**  
Boondocks Restaurant, Eastern Passage, NS

**Present:** J. Archibald, H. Cameron, G. Chauvin, M. Chew, R. Cospers, E. Doak, L. Falk, E. Haigh, M. Herrick, W. Katz (Acting Secretary), E. McCulloch (Treasurer), R. Marshall, G. Mitchell, A. Murphy, S. Pendse, M. Schenk, A. Seaman, V. Tarnawski, G. Thomas (President), D. Turner, K. Vaughan, G.F. Young, J. Young (Vice-President)

President G. Thomas called the meeting to order and presented the following Agenda:

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Regrets
- 3.

In Memorium: G. Thomas noted the death of Fr. Dr. William Lonc, S.J. Father Lonc, who died in December 2014, was a highly-respected and well-liked member of the Astronomy and Physics Department

By way of introducing activities of the past year, G. Thomas noted that SMURA attempts to do three things: organize special events, liaise with the university, and involve itself in action and advocacy. Thus far, she noted, the association has not succeeded in doing very much in the latter two categories. Discussion of this may be taken up in future.

Mein. They wound up on the Danube at Ravensburg and then continued as far as Vienna.

- < Our final event before the AGM was an excellent lecture by a popular return speaker,

ago, Dr. Murray was part of a high level White House Committee directed to hammer out a new policy in this area for the United States.

**Liaisons:** Geraldine raised the issue of relations with SMUFU, which she maintained were cordial. This year SMUFU is negotiating a new contract, and SMURA was invited to put forward items of concern for retirees. SMURA submitted some ideas following talks among executive members. These include topics such as possible changes in the way the term Professor Emeritus is used and chosen at SMU.

**Retirement of Colin Dodd:** Geraldine reminded us that over the last 15 years Colin is now retired from that office. We join with others in applauding his term in office. She sent a card of thanks on behalf of SMURA in which she expressed hope that Colin and Carol would now have time to join with us in some of our activities. She also reminded us that his office and he personally have been of great assistance to us, funding many receptions following our lectures and when we co-hosted the Atlantic Canada

**CURAC:** For two years and now for a second two-year term, Geraldine has been a C

has undertaken a lot of work on our behalf at CURAC. She urged us to take a look at the CURAC website for a fuller sense of things heard and done at the recent meeting. The

**SMURA Future and Leadership:** Geraldine also spoke of the future for SMURA, principally in the area of leadership. Will the association be able to hold its own when the job of the President is now so very time-consuming? Is itd6(M)-6(U)-6(RAF2 12 Tf1 0 0 1)28(e)7( )-20(

9. **Appointment of an Auditor:** E. McCulloch moved and G. Chauvin seconded a motion to appoint Milt Chew as Auditor. Motion carried.

10. **Future Meetings and Activities of SMURA:** The President invited ideas, names,