

TRIUMF ALUMNI AND RETIREES ASSOCIATION **(TARA)**

February, 2010.

Dear TARA member,

We are pleased to welcome you. I would like to introduce the TARA executive committee elected at TARA's first reunion in December: Tamara Hurtado is our Membership Secretary, Corrie Kost General Secretary and website guru, Mike Craddock and Peter Jackson as Members-at-Large, Tim Meyer representing TRIUMF Management, there will be one member from TRIUMF who will represent the Employee Liaison Groups, and finally Roy Moore as President.

Our first event saw former employees and associates of TRIUMF gathered on Sunday, December 13, 2009, for the inaugural reunion of the TRIUMF Alumni and Retirees Association (TARA). The event drew together about 30 people on an unusually cold and snowy afternoon in Vancouver.

Although attendance at this first reunion was limited, the participants eagerly agreed that 2010 would bring the membership well past 100 (it now stands at 84). Greeted by hot food and coffee, the members of TRIUMF's "extended family" examined historical photos, videos, and banners overviewing the history of TRIUMF. Some folks had been involved first-hand in the construction of TRIUMF and its main cyclotron while others had completed work at TRIUMF and moved into the forum of public service as elected representatives. A highly talented and invigorating group!

On Saturday May 29th, UBC is organizing an event called "Alumni Weekend 2010". TARA is invited to assist with this event with volunteer tour guides and chaperones. Training will be available for those who request it and the volunteers will work with experts at the individual tour stops. To learn more and/or to volunteer please contact communications@triumf.ca . We are expecting that several hundred UBC Alumni will tour the halls of TRIUMF on this day.

The TARA committee is also planning a barbecue for later in the summer. Information will be available on the TARA web site when a location, date and time is finalized.

The TARA committee is working with TRIUMF and UBC on the details about benefits that will be available to TARA members, we would certainly welcome suggestions from members of issues that they would like to see considered in this regard, please email us at tara@triumf.ca . The website will be updated with information as these benefits are formalized. We are also planning to issue a membership card to each TARA member sometime this year.

Our main point of contact for members is the TARA web site at <http://www.triumf.ca/alumni>. The web site will be updated regularly and contain information about past and future events, volunteer opportunities, UBC and TRIUMF benefits for TARA members, committee contact information, and an abridged membership contact database. This database can only be accessed by using a username and password. We encourage all members to apply for their username and password through the TRIUMF/TARA Login Application link which is found on the above website, in the table under ALUMNI ACTIVITIES, please be sure to indicate TARA as the TRIUMF affiliation in the comments box on the application page.

We hope that you will enjoy your membership in TARA and participate in the events that are being organized for 2010.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roy Moore", with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Roy Moore
President, TARA