

## Faculty Club - 35th Anniversary



**Thursday, October 25, 2007**

Please find below Trevor Garland's (MUNASA President) address to the 35th Anniversary event.

Hello, my name is Trevor Garland. I currently serve as President of MUNASA along with:

Ron Critchley – Vice-President  
Karen Sciortino – Vice-President Liaison  
Patrick O'Neill - Vice-President Membership  
Gopal Menon – Treasurer  
Gordon Burr – Executive Secretary  
Anne Kosowski – Councillor, Faculty  
Sacha Young – Councillor, Non-Faculty

We are the present Executive Committee, welcoming you, members, friends, past executive officers and invited guests, to our celebration of thirty-five years of the McGill University Non-Academic Staff Association, that is, MUNASA.

We intended today's event to be an informal opportunity to meet old friends and to reflect on the long strange trip it has been from there to here. We invite you to reflect on the History of MUNASA panel display. If there is anything that puzzles you then there are people here to give you answers.

In particular, Allan Youster past President and Jim McVety, founder and long-time Vice-President Liaison are here.

We are also fortunate to be joined in our celebration by Prof. William Foster - Associate Provost (Policies and Procedures)

- Lynne Gervais - Associate Vice-Principal (Human Resources)
- Josephine Leake - Senior Director, Human Resources Professional Services
- Robert Comeau - Director, Human Resources Employee Relations
- Prof. Edith Zorychta - President of the McGill Association of University Teachers
- Honore Kerwin-Borelli also of MAUT
- Maria Ruocco - President of the McGill University Non-Academic CERTIFIED Association or MUNACA
- Linda Lombard - Vice-President (Labour Relations) at MUNACA
- Maitre Michael Cohen - MUNASA's current legal council
- Maitre Georges Marceau - MUNASA's first permanent legal council

Clearly, we are fortunate to join yesterday and today to acquaint, reacquaint, and to reflect on where we came from and how we arrived here. I point you to the minutes of MUNASA's founding meeting held November 30, 1972 which established MUNASA's objectives as:

1. To provide an official spokesman for McGill's non-academic staff, and to be recognized as such by the University.
2. To promote the welfare of McGill non-academic staff.
3. To develop a spirit of community among its membership.

I am certain that spirit of community is well-founded here today. As you will see from the memorabilia display, the other two objectives, of respect and equity, have been and remain a struggle for our association.

For thirty-five years we have been fortunate to have members willing to help and support members and to further the goals of MUNASA. May we continue to be so blessed. Please, enjoy the good company.

Thanks you.