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## Message from the Chair

Guess what! My cabin fever has been cured! Now I actually want to stay inside. Between high temperatures, Canadian forest fires, and southeastern storms and droughts, inside actually feels pretty good. My surroundings keep changing, however, and it's hard to keep up. Even the keyboard I'm trying to use doesn't fit my fingers. Almost every word needs to be typed twice. I need an owner's manual for retired living in an unretired world. That manual should be easily available, up to date, and fun to use.

These traits are what guide us as we publish *The Retiree Guardian*. This month's issue, like all the issues before, is delivered to you for your reference and entertainment. Speaking of delivery, you would be amazed at the number of hours we spend making sure we get the correct address and format option for each of you. We don't always get it perfect, but we never stop trying. In this issue you will find several articles covering retiree issues as well as articles of company history and humor. As always, I invite you to give us your feedback and suggestions to make the publication more useful and relevant for all of you. If you don't like to write, just send us some nostalgic photos of you saving the world!!

Our planning and research regarding an annual meeting was very interesting. It is evident that now may not

be the time to resume this activity. Accordingly, we have decided to wait a year and see how things change. I know this is fine for some but disappointing for others. If you have strong feelings one way or another, let us know and we will try to find a solution to the issues. While I always enjoy meeting face-to-face, it is very expensive and the travel is getting tough. Perhaps we can bring a program to your location instead of a long trip for everyone.

Now for some news. The vast majority of our readers receive an HRA benefit from Lumen. You may recall that this plan started for management in 2012 and was initially guaranteed until April 2017. It was then started in 2013 for craft. The craft plan is included in the contract between CWA and Lumen. The management plan has been reviewed annually in June each year since 2017. We are pleased to report to you that the management plan has been approved for 2024.

I hope life is treating you well and that you enjoy this quarter's *Retiree Guardian*. If you don't like something we cover, tell us. If you like and use this information, **tell everyone!!**

*Gerold "Jerry" Weldon*

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