

**LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES
SOCIAL AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES**

January 22, 2020
Employee Faculty Lounge, 1500 – 1730

Attendees: Roy Sinn – Chair
Moira Gookstetter
Lisa Fisher
35 Langara Retirees

Dr. Lane Trotter
Ben Cecil
Steering Committee

Emcee Martin Gerson called the business portion of the event to order at 1540. He thanked Brian McGibney for providing such awesome musical entertainment and thanked People and Culture for supporting the steering committee activities. On behalf of the steering committee he welcomed all attendees and Dr. Lane Trotter.

1. Dr. Lane Trotter's speech

a. Retirees email

- Dr. Trotter thanked the retirees for their feedback related to the email issue and then assured the audience that the management team is looking for a solution that is amiable to everyone. In the meantime, retirees may continue to use their Langara email address until the end of April. Later in his speech, Dr. Trotter offered the rationale for the email change. He explained that the college has been under constant attack from electronic hackers. To prevent these attacks the college implemented increased cybersecurity measures in the form of a two-factor authentication (2FA). With the use of this added security, the attacks have become less successful.

b. 2019 College highlights

- On June 15th the college held a campus-wide community day event as part of the 49th Celebration. One of the events at this celebration was the Retirees homecoming breakfast. In November Langara celebrated the outstanding contributions of 49 Langarans. Many retirees were nominated and honoured.
- Volunteerism is extremely important at Langara. For example, the VOLT (Langara student volunteer program) generated over 14,200 community volunteer hours and a newly created program, the Langara International Service Trip (LIST) provided an opportunity for students to volunteer in Kenya.
- Various Indigenization initiatives were implemented. These included: the enhancement of Indigenous content in the Early Learning and Childhood Programs; the launch of an Indigenous upgrading program; refreshing the College brand so that the Musqueam name was incorporated and hosting the first Emerging Indigenous Scholars Camp.
- Two new programs, Graphic Novel & Comix and the Bachelor of Science of Bioinformatics which is the first in BC were created.
- The IT departments has launched the new myLangara Employee portal and it has incorporated the two-factor authentication (2FA) cybersecurity system, as well as the new Human Capital Management (HR) and Finance module (Workday) which replaces Banner.

- The College's Academic and Strategic plans are in the process of being updated.
- The College held a Celebration of Life for the Iranian student who was killed on the downed Ukrainian plane. In addition, to the celebration a scholarship will be created in her name.

2. The Annual Langara Retirees Membership meeting

a. Membership

- Chairperson, Roy announced that we have 150 retired members however; we are always looking new people.
- There are some changes in the Steering Committee membership. Shannon Redmond has stepped down; Ken Jillings has agreed to serve a second term and Brian McGibney joined the committee in December. With these changes there are still two vacant seats therefore; a call for nominations was announced. Diane Bradley indicated her interest and Susan Weber's name was put forward. All three individuals (Brian, Diane and Susan) were welcomed to the steering committee.

b. Committee Activities

- Dave Lidstone organized and the committee hosted Geezer's Gala 111. The fun-filled event generated over \$800. which was donated to a Studio 58 student scholarship.
- Several well-attended workshops on personal planning, power of attorney and advanced directives were offered. More workshops will be offered in March, 2020.

c. SOS campaign

- Roy encouraged members to be involved in the various March SOS activities. Michael Sharzer is organizing the retirees' entry in the Langara Cooks on March 5th. If you would like to help, contact him. If you would like to volunteer for other SOS activities, contact Yvonne Ohara.

3. Geezers' Galas

- Dave Lidstone announced that the past three Galas have raised over \$3300 for Studio 58 student scholarships. This money was matched by the college.
- Geezers' Gala IV will be held on Thursday, April 23rd. More information to follow.

4. Cynthia Flood Readings

- Cynthia mesmerized the audience with four short stories that she has written.

5. Door Prize Draw

- The winners of the door prizes were:
Dublin Crossing \$25.00 gift cards: William Small, Deanna Douglas, Linda Holmes, Ellen Vancouver Aquarium general admission tickets for 2: Lorraine Bell, Martin Gerson
A pen & book set donated by the Bookstore: Hazel
Studio 58 tickets – Jim Goard
Gift Basket from Chartwells – Veda
- Thanks goes to Shannon Redmond and Gail Bremer for obtaining the donations.

6. Adjournment

- The guests began to leave at 1700.