

**LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREE SOCIAL
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

December 1, 2021, L224 1330 - 1535

ATTENDEES

Gail Bremer (Chair)

Heidy Rahnumah – Alumni

Jane Mason – People and Culture

36 Langara Retirees both in-person and virtually

Marg Heldman

Moira Gookstetter

Board of Directors

Emcee Brian McGibney called the AGM to order at 1415. He welcomed all the retirees and introduced Marg Heldman, Interim Vice President, Academic to say words of welcome from the leadership team.

Marg Heldman Speech

Marg thanked the retirees for their contribution and support to the College. “It would not be the great institution that it is without your dedication and contributions. We are so fortunate to have a community of lifelong learners ...who continue to engage with the College and with each other socially and intellectually.”

Thirty one Langara employees retired last year.

College initiatives

- The College is actively searching for a new President and CEO. The announcement of the successful applicant will be in early 2022.

- Over the fall the College began to return to face-to-face delivery for the majority of students. In January it is expected that the campus will be back to normal levels of in-class delivery.

- The College is planning its first in-person convocation ceremony in two years. The venue will be the Vancouver Playhouse.

- Equity, diversity and inclusion continued to be an important priority in all we do; therefore the College is drafting an Employment Equity Statement which will develop into an Employment Equity plan. The college will be supported by an Executive Director of Equity, diversity and inclusion as they move forward.

- The Langara College Foundation has been hard at work supporting student families impacted by the pandemic. Seventy-five student families will receive hampers this holiday season.

- Help is always welcomed for next year’s SOS campaign. It is hoped that the campaign will be an in-person event.

Marg concluded her presentation by wishing everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season and that everyone may be able to spend lots of time with our loved ones.

LCAR Annual General Meeting_- Gail (Chair)

Welcomed all the retirees

Gail thanked Jane Mason, People and Culture for all the support she has given the retirees group; Ken from Chartwells for the wonderful food, Luke from AV services for all the technical support and Heidy for all the help in organizing the event.

Becoming a society

Martin Gerson gave the history of how we became a society. We are now known as the Langara College Association of Retirees (LCAR). He also thanked Dave Lidstone, Ken Jillings and Roy Sinn for all their work in submitting all the required documents to make the change happen.

Board Membership

According to our by-laws, LCAR can have a board of directors consisting of 10 members. Current members include:

Martin Gerson – Past, past chair
Ken Jillings
Brian McGibney
Susan Weber

Roy Sinn – Past chair
Dave Lidstone
Diane Bradley
Gail Bremer (chair)

Gail thanked Michael Shazer for his time on the board. The role description for board members was explained and the call for nominations was extended. Bruce Kennedy accepted the nomination. Welcome Bruce.

LCAR membership

We currently have approximately 156 members; however we welcomed more members.

New website

Roy has developed our independent LCAR website, lcar.ca. Some of the features of our site include registration of retirees, news, announcements of events and workshops, as well as retiree resources.

Committee Activities

Roy and Gail developed and hosted three pre-retirement workshops for our former colleagues. A retirement resource list was assembled. A pre-retirement check list is being developed.

A retirement newsletter is being worked on.

Congratulations

LCAR sends its sincere congratulations to Harry Lendvoy from the Kinesiology Department who is celebrating 50 years teaching at Langara. Over the years, Harry's impact on the students, the Sports Medicine and sport coaching community has been immeasurable. Over 12,000 of Langara's alumni have been affected by Harry's teaching. A new scholarship will be started to honor his name.

LCAR_reveal

Thanks to the great work of Deborah Schratte and Alex Gordeyva from the Communications & Marketing Department, LCAR has a new logo. The logo symbolizes gathering and sharing.



Door Prize Winners

Thanks to Langara Alumni for their four gift donations. The winners were: Gene S, Brian Pendleton, Ros Scarnell and Brian McGibney.

Entertainment

The retirees were treated to the incredibly talented “Just Duets.” This duet is made up of retirees Dave Lidstone and Andrea Smith.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1535.