

**LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

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November 13, 2019  
Classroom C509, 1300 – 1415

<b>Attendees:</b> Roy Sinn – Chair	Dawn Palmer - regrets	Shannon Eeckhout - regrets
Dave Lidstone	Shannon Redmond - regrets	Moira Gookstetter - regrets
Gail Bremer – (minutes)	Yvonne Ohara	Ken Jillings - regrets
Jane Mason – regrets	Michael Sharzer - regrets	Martin Gerson
Brian McGibney - regrets		

Roy called the meeting to order at 1305.

### **1. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Social and Annual Members' Meeting.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of November 7<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

### **3. Business Arising**

#### **a. Health and Wellness Workshops**

- Ten people have registered for the next workshop (Advance Directive) which occurs on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The essential handouts are printed and are available for pick up in Yvonne's office. Per attendee's requests, Roy and Dave will provide water and glasses for the workshop.
- Subsequent workshops include Power of Attorney on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 1000 – 1200 in room C408 and Representation Agreements on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1000 – 1200 in room T224. The presenter for the December workshop is not confirmed.
- If we are offering workshops in January, Yvonne needs the dates asap so the rooms can be booked. It was suggested that we have a workshop on January 22 prior to our social and annual members' meeting.

#### **b. Website Update**

- Roy continues to work on our own website. By having our own retirees' website it gives us more flexibility, freedom of format, as well as more responsibility. Jane is currently presenting our website to Communications and Marketing. A potential issue for the site may be the payment of hosting the site. Roy has volunteered to do all the costing estimates.
- In addition to our own site, the retirees would still like a presence under the Langara HR site.

#### **4. Association of British Columbia College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR)**

- Roy along with three other Langara retirees Diane Bradley (Board member), Susan Weber and Veda Roodal-Persad attended the last CPPR meeting. There were approximately 20 attendees and a guest speaker from BCI, Investment Company for PC Pension Association. As always, a CPP trustee was also present.
- This group is looking to increase its membership which would increase its influence on the pension. They are also hoping to renegotiate the benefit plans as they are aware of its short comings. They also know that many of the members are opting out of the extended medical plan for the RTO (Registered Teachers of Ontario) plan.

- Norah Andrew explained that the two purposes of the (CPPR) are to
  - advocate for the interests of retired members of the BC College Pension Plan
  - provide opportunities for its members to stay connected.
- Delegates and individual members would not be entitled to benefits such as group insurance nor would they be eligible to hold a position in the executive office.
- Annual membership is \$40.00.
- Norah (the group Secretary) has offered to attend one of our committee meetings. All agreed that it would be beneficial to learn more about this group. Roy will extend the invite. Following the visit the committee will decide if we will join or not.

## **5. Other Updates/Business**

### **a. Retirees' Social and Annual Members' Meeting**

- Wine and beer will be available. Yvonne will apply for the liquor licence. She will also be responsible for obtaining the alcohol and providing the float. Alcohol sales will be by donation.
- Yvonne and Gail to meet to draft the advanced "save the date" advertisement and the invitation next week. Final logistics for the event will also be solidified at this meeting.
- Entertainment includes Brian on the piano and Cynthia Flood providing a reading.
- Martin volunteered to be the emcee.
- Shannon R. and Gail are working on obtaining door prizes. Studio 58 has graciously donated 2 tickets and Gail as obtained 4 tickets for the Aquarium. Brian to contact the Arts department for possible student art project donations.

### **b. Committee Membership**

- Dave reported that Martin, Ken and Shannon's terms are up. Brian McGibney's membership needs to be confirmed.
- Gail will try to contact Mandy Barwick to see if she would like to join the committee.

## **6. Next Meeting**

- Shannon E to send out a Doodle poll asking member's availability between December 4 – 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Adjournment**

- Roy adjourned the meeting at 14:15.