

LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 31, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Diane Bradley

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn

Brian McGibney - regrets

Martin Gerson

Gail Bremer - regrets

Bruce Kennedy

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Patricia Cia

Simone Le Blanc – regrets

Karina Reid

Welcome to Karina Reid representing Langara Foundation

1. Any additions to the agenda
 - 4.8 added
2. Approval of the agenda
 - Approved as circulated
3. Approval of the minutes from the June 30, 2023 meeting
 - Approved as circulated; Shannon will send Roy a finalized copy
4. Business
 - 4.1 Final preparation for the AGM -- All

EmCee & Entertainment

- To start the event, Dave will encourage people to get some food, provide a land acknowledgement, go over the schedule for the afternoon, and finally will introduce Paula Burns who will give a short speech.
- Vice-Presidents Yusuf Varachia and Michael Koke have confirmed attendance
- Shannon will prepare copies of the last years AGM for the tables.
- Dave suggests giving Paula and VPs a chance to leave before the official meeting.
- Diane will provide a LCAR report including the social events, the newsletter, and highlight emeritus status recipients.

Tables and Drapes

- Diane has suggested that the Foundation provide tablecloths and centre pieces
- Diane added that LCAR does some fund raising
- Karina will discuss with Simone about support for events
- Dave added that the Gala is the main fundraising event but pre-pandemic, when others from Foundation were involved, LCAR was invited to be part of events

- Karina inquired whether LCAR wants to get more involved in fund raising for those campaigns
- Martin added that there was the Gala for fund raising but have attended and participated in campus events in the past.
- Karina added that Studio 58 has a 58th year campaign starting
- Diane followed up on table cloths, centre pieces and swag for door prizes
- Diane to send the details to Karina and Simone

Welcome Desk

- Gail and Diane did this last time; Diane can do this again this year; Patricia volunteers to help/backup.

Catering

- Diane will provide a list of items from last year and has some registration numbers, Shannon can work on a catering order
- Currently 7 people have registered
- Dave has requested a specific request for an announcement, will resend to Roy.

Minutes

- Patricia has volunteered with Martin as a backup

Canvassing for board membership

- Gail is not seeking re-election to the LCAR board
- Need one or two new members
- Dave suggests Peter Baker or new members in newsletter; Diane can reach out; Roy knows Sarah Bowers
- Patricia suggests adding a note to encourage new members in AGM notice
- Martin added there a few current members who are finishing their terms so space is available;
- Roy, Martin, Dave, Bruce agreed to stand for re-election; Diane, Patricia, Brian will continue their 2022-2024 terms of office.

4.2 Updates from the newsletter committee – Martin, Dave, Patricia

- Most recent version is out; Del Myles provided positive feedback
- Martin recognized Dave and Patricia for their hard work and Judy Boxler for her contribution; Roy echoed this comment.
- Roy will add Patricia to the list of people who get newsletter emails

4.3 Report on the Website / membership registration / In Memoriam page etc. – Roy / Patricia

- Roy reported about his efforts to get off listserv; official membership list is available from the website; 153 registered members; still several who never registered – added to a list so they get mailings but not officially registered; better number; had to upgrade backend and things went smoothly
- Diane asked about the In Memoriam page; Dave responded to Dick's comments

4.4 Report from the summer Golf Club get-togethers – Roy, Diane, Patricia

- Not a huge crowd but some familiar faces including Ken Jillings, Deanna Douglas, Michael Kuttner

4.5 Discussion of additional access to college services such as printing – Dave

- For further discussion when more information has been gathered from CURAC's report

4.6 Liaison with CPPR – Diane

- There will be another meeting in early October; not a lot of action over the summer; AGM in November; Prime Time newsletter not published yet; Greenshield's polling company, Ipsos, have asked CPPR to vet the latest version of the upcoming health insurance questionnaire

4.7 Liaison with CURAC – Dave

- Also not a lot of activity over the summer; have settled the table officers for new board, next meeting will be in May 2024 at the University of Waterloo; benefits survey of their membership will ask about what the affiliated institutions offer their retiree associations; should hear about this in the fall

4.8 Karina's update

- Karina was welcomed to LCAR

4. Next Meeting

- Once new members have been confirmed, Shannon will do a poll for a meeting time that works for everyone