

4.2 LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 20, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Diane Bradley

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn

Martin Gerson

Alan Cooper

Bruce Kennedy

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Patricia Cia

Brian McGibney

**Revised*

1. Any additions to the agenda

No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the minutes from the August 31, 2023 meeting

Approved as circulated.

4. Business

4.1 Election of chair and vice-chair

- Diane agrees to continue as Chair and Patricia agrees to continue vice-chair (both for one year)

4.2 Possible canvassing for extra board members

- *Martin will reach out to some potential board members*

4.3 Debrief AGM - all

- Patricia and Diane weren't completely happy with the fruit and salad cost in the catering
- Dave expressed that the business portion went well
- Martin thought Dave too did a great job; a nice event overall; readings were good and a nice change to the normal entertainment
- Diane mentioned that Jose Aguirre was planning to attend but did not find his way
- Diane felt the Foundation came through with decorations and door prizes
- Patricia shared her screen and displayed some photos from the AGM; the committee made some recommendations; a few will be used in the newsletter

4.4 Future events and socials / participation of Langara Foundation – all

- Foundation has agreed to decorate and provide swag for events; very cooperative
 - But, don't want to attend meetings or receive emails; Simone has advised that Karina will be the contact and advise LCAR of events the group may be interested in
 - Simone asked if there is interest in them providing a webinar on estate planning; could be ready to do within the next year; Roy and Diane have discussed; Roy knows an advisor that could be recommended to the Foundation for this
 - Dave thinks maintaining contact with the Foundation is historically important to the group; should be maintained moving forward; recommends responding positively to their suggestion
 - Martin agrees that maintaining a connection with Foundation is desirable
 - Diane suggests perhaps doing an estate planning in-person event over a lunch
- Dublin Crossing (or other) events
- Roy could arrange something towards the end of November; would like another venue just for variety; will schedule something next week
 - Diane suggests the Golf Course could also be used
 - Martin reminded the group that Dublin Crossing had a private room that was available to use
- Gala date and initial planning
- Bruce added that he was at an event for the Studio and mentioned that Ruth is working on some planning; Bruce will follow up; mid-April is the potential time slot
 - Dave added that for his role, he would welcome a joint producer for this year and the coming years
 - Brian added that there is a basic template that can be repeated
 - Bruce mentioned that the Studio would likely have a larger role

4.5 Report from the newsletter committee – Martin, Dave, Patricia

- Dave updated that there has been a meeting, including Judy; has an outline and content for the next document
- New issue before year end

4.6 Website management update - Roy / Patricia

- Communications: Roy set up info@lcar.ca because we needed an email to register as a society; used by gov, inquiries, CURAC; a lot of email coming in; Roy has moved to having specific email for specific purposes – lots of back and forth with CURAC on this
- The mail list system is in place, not an overly friendly system; send posts to Roy for publication; will ensure Patricia and Alan trained up mid-November; different than how the listserv worked

4.7 CURAC affinity payment & LCAR budget – Shannon, Diane, Patricia, Dave & all

- Will payout to affiliates any affinity payment (made to the association when members sign up for specific programs)
- Unsure if any members have signed up for the programs

- We probably wouldn't get much, not sure how the funds are distributed; may not be determined yet
- Dave suggested he could handle it and gift to Foundation or back to People and Culture cost centre
- This money could be donated to the foundation unless it goes back to the College cost centre
- Roy suggests treating it as the same as revenue from the past – selling drinks, tickets for Gala; rather than back to the P&C budget
- Diane suggests we wouldn't want the money lost
- Brian suggests setting up a scholarship
- Dave doesn't have a dollar figure yet, has not been provided; there are funds from two years
- The main question is what the address would be; Shannon to send to address details to Dave; Shannon to hold the cheque until a final decision is made
- Diane would discuss with Simone in the event there is a minimum amount for a scholarship
- Martin added that we have been relying on funding from the College so suggests putting the money back into something that supports the College
- *Alan asked if it wouldn't not matter who the cheque was issued to and Shannon confirmed she could redirect it as the committee decides*

4.8 Liaison with CURAC – Dave

- As above
- Dave has volunteered for their communications committee

4.9 Liaison with CPPR – Diane

- Update circulated as an email
- Have an AGM coming up on Nov 8; if anyone would like to come along please sign up and advise Diane
- Mary Griffin, President is stepping down but will continue editing Prime Time and has agreed to write an article for our newsletter (likely spring edition)

4.10 Liaison with COSCO - Roy

- Haven't attended meetings for quite some time; loosely connected with them
- Meet last Friday of every month, on Kingsway in Burnaby and perhaps online
- Alan nominated to represent LCAR at COSCO and Roy will update them with Alan's details
- Long meetings with broad scope: health and housing province wide
- Roy reported that some guest speakers have been great; not a huge commitment

5. Next Meeting

Friday, December 1, 2023 at 10:00 via zoom