



LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 14, 2024

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Patricia Cia

Roy Sinn

Bruce Kennedy - regrets

Martin Gerson

Alan Cooper

Kevin Craib

Dave Lidstone

Brian McGibney

Yue Su (Su)

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Welcome Kevin and Su

1. Any additions to the agenda

- Website + health and wellness workshops

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved with additions

3. Approval of the minutes from the October 3, 2024 meeting

- Under 4.4 remove names before posting to website
- Approved with changes

4. Business

4.1 Summary of AGM/Social – Patricia/All

- Dave asked about Simone's report; she mentioned Gala generated \$4000; \$1300 was the figure we had; Dave will reach out to confirm figures
- Once confirmed, add details to the website
- The LCAR policies note that the AGM “will be held at the first general meeting of each calendar year, normally in conjunction with the first general social event of the year”
- May want to consider one event in the Fall next year as the two (mini-gala and AGM/social) were close together
- May want to re-consider the timing, within the year, of the AGM – it had shifted to the Fall due to Covid.
- Potentially conduct a survey to determine member preferences or why they attended (or not)
- Return to intent where the social or entertainment aspect of the event is primary and use the intermission for the AGM.
- Consider a smaller space for the next event for a better ambiance

4.2 Board Executive

The appointments of Board executive are made during the first Board meeting after the AGM.

- **Chair** (replacing Diane, 2-year role, typically starting in odd numbered years)
With Diane stepping down, there is a vacancy for the Chair position
Martin nominates Patricia, Brian seconds
Patricia agrees to a one-year term that will re-align timing per Policy
- **Treasurer** (new role, 2-year, starting in even numbered years)
Roy nominates Martin, Dave seconds
Martin agrees to a two-year term
- **Vice-chair** (2-year, starting in even numbered years)
Kevin nominated Alan, Roy seconds
Alan agrees to a two-year term

4.3 Bank Account next steps – Martin

- Need to pass a motion naming signing officers for LCAR; two signatures will be required; three to be available as signatories and should include Treasurer, Chair and Vice-Chair
- Financial institutions typically require names, not positions
- Motion from Dave to assign Martin Gerson (Treasurer), Patricia Cia (Chair), and Alan Cooper (Vice-chair) as signatories on the bank account
 - Motion passes unanimously

4.4 Bursary fund confirmation – Patricia

- Good discussion at AGM; agreement to set up bursary, Patricia has contacted Karina to establish the award
- Martin and Patricia will sign the required document
- Will be a three-year commitment with the original fund continuing to accumulate funds
- The initial award will be in 2025; The Langara College Retirees Bursary to a domestic student (International students do not qualify for these types of bursaries)
- Roy asked about a description of the bursary for the website; Patricia to provide; decision about who will receive the bursary will be made by Financial Aid based on need

4.5 Bylaw amendment motion – schedule – Martin/Alan

- Roy will send out the notice of meeting for voting on the motion for amending Bylaw 2.1 to members and will include the meeting link
- Date of meeting will be Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00 am via Zoom

4.6 Projects/initiatives for 2024/2025 - All

- Fundraising: Dave welcomes brainstorming: entertainment events have been the staple; Grand Gala fund-raising dedicated to Studio 58; other activities can be directed to bursary; guest lecturer attendance by donation; sit down dinner; Bring ideas for next board meeting
- LCAR is not primarily a fund-raising organization and so not all events or activities should be billed as a fund raiser.
- Dave will craft message re: Giving Tuesday an opportunity to consider the LCAR Bursary.

4.7 Update from Newsletter team - Patricia

- Patricia emailed and thanked the VPs and Foundation who attended the AGM. She added note that the newsletter team invite articles updating our members on Langara initiatives.
- Martin is working on an article that arose from a meeting with Pouyan Mahboubi, Provost and Vice-President Academic.

4.8 Liaison with CURAC – Dave

- CURAC requested contributions for newsletter
- Their newsletter format is to list titles and bylines only with links to article's full text. As we do not post articles individually, Dave submitted full text.

4.9 Liaison with College Pension Plan Retirees ([CPPR](#))

- Diane had submitted written report from CPPR AGM held Nov. 6, 2024
- New representative required
- Alan volunteers

4.10 Liaison with [COSCO](#) – Alan

- Kevin will check out their site and consider if he is willing to act as representative.

4.11 Website + Workshops – Roy

- Will circulate something about a section for bursary and volunteering
- Workshops: Mid to late January; topics: Tech + Ageing, Frauds and Scams
- These were highly requested
- Go ahead and start planning but check first with Shannon re: room availability
- Foundation's Planned Giving/Estate Planning workshop – Roy to check in with presenter if they are available; Foundation had expressed interest in partnering again on this event

5. Next Meeting

- December 4, 2024, Special meeting
- January 15, 2025, Regular meeting

Announcements

- Martin has received notices of upcoming memorial and celebration of life services for Abby Schwarz (t.b.d.) and Dave Mitton (Dec 19th at Langara Golf Course). Their families requested he share the information with others.
- Martin will share with members via email list.