



LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 24th, 2025
10:00am - 11:15 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Patricia Cia

Martin Gerson

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn

Alan Cooper

Brian McGibney

Bruce Kennedy (Regrets)

Kevin Craib

1. Any additions to the agenda

- No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved.

3. Approval of the minutes from May 1st, 2025.

- Approved with amendments.

4. Business

4.1. Finances (Martin)

- Account balance increased by \$20.
- Grand Gala funds successfully transferred to the Foundation for Studio 58 contributions.
 - A \$1,200 donation to the Courtney Dobbie Foundation.
 - \$8,000 allocated to Bruce Kennedy Scholarships

Bursary Update: (Patricia)

- Langara College is no longer matching funds for donations as of June 1st.
- \$800 dollars has been distributed to a student in 2025 leaving the current LCAR Student Bursary balance as \$1,600.
- A total amount in the LCAR Fund is: \$11,4000. The goal remains to attain endowment level funding of \$25,000.

4.2. Grand Gala Recap: Dave

- Gala funds successfully managed.
- Planning underway for a **Mini Gala + AGM** in Fall 2025 (November).
- Dave is stepping back due to health, Kevin and Brian lead initial discussions of the program.

- T-Gallery availability in November is being explored (Bruce coordinating Studio 58).
- Entertainment support needed; AGM to be brief and informal, a small part of overall program.
- Caitlin to investigate T-Gallery availability for the Mini-Gala and AGM.

4.3. Recruit more members for Board – Alan

- Retiree lunch attended by 4 of 18 invitees; recruitment attempted but no confirmations.
- College to provide list of potential retirees for follow-up.
- Suggestions for new members to LCAR and possibly for the Board are welcomed.
- Gerda Krause and Stephen Phillips received the Emeritus (<https://langara.ca/emeritus>) Award during the June convocations. We will highlight them in the next newsletter.

4.4. Workshops and social events – Roy, Dave

- No workshops are currently planned.
- Previous workshops in Fall/Spring had low attendance.
- With the late start, only two social events at the golf course patio are planned for July and August. Proposed dates: July 15, 16, 24 and August 12, 14, 25.
 - Awaiting confirmation from Krista (Golf Course) for reservations.
 - Roy to send invites once confirmed.
 - Roy unavailable in August—alternate LCAR host needed.
- Fundraising: Brian and Kevin should handle the Mini-Gala efforts and arrange a meeting to discuss the next steps.
- Brian has limited availability but can contribute some support; Dave, Kevin and Bruce will develop a workable plan, though it minimally involves Dave.
- Bruce and Studio 58 will ensure Media Services has the necessary lighting and technical set up.

4.5. LCAR Website update – Roy, Alan

- Not much to report, but backend updates have been completed.
- Minor payment issues with Karma Names – this has now been resolved and paid.
- Patricia posted the latest Newsletter has been posted.

4.6. Newsletter team update— Dave, Martin, Patricia

- Published in June; Thanks to the Newsletter team especially Judy Boxler, and contributions from Deborah Blacklock for their editing contributions. Content contributors to this issue include Deborah, Roger Holdstock, and Dave Lidstone.
- Only PDF versions have been produced so far—print copies will be produced shortly.
- Action: Patricia will send file to Caitlin to have PrintShop print and ask that she proofs the draft before they produce multiple copies for distribution.
- Dave noted that producing a less high-res version is not feasible, though a gala feature would benefit from higher resolution. Patricia will review and amend where necessary before sending files to Caitlin.

4.7. Liaison with College Pension Plan Retirees ([CPPR](#)) update – Alan

- At last week’s meeting, one key issue discussed was the update made last year to the extended health plan—efforts are underway to get this information also published on the LCAR website.
- Board members expressed an interest in hosting a workshop for retirees or soon to be retired employees on how to effectively use extended health plans.
- Roy emphasized the value of adding this information to the website; both he and Dave (members of RTO) are supporting this initiative.
- Alan will begin creating a dedicated page on extended health to house this content.

4.8. Liaison with [COSCO](#) update –Kevin

- COSCO is hosting its 75th anniversary conference October 3-5, 2025, at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Richmond.
- The event spans three days, featuring multiple presentations, workshops, and keynote speakers—including Bob Rae on Day 1 and Dan Levitt on Day 2.
- General registration is \$250 for seniors or \$300 others. This lunches and the banquet dinner t. Attendees must also select their preferred workshops. More information and preliminary program at: <https://coscobc.org/conference/>.
- Dave previously suggested that attending these gatherings is valuable; it could also be a good opportunity to promote LCAR in a future newsletter.
- Meeting Minutes from June have not been received yet.

4.9 Liaison with CURAC update – Dave

- Dave attended the AGM virtually and emphasized the need to gather more information about Affinity Payments. It was noted that only four Langara members have engaged with the qualifying programs, with minimal return from affinity payments.
- There's a need to clarify membership relationships and determine how to contact the full list. Alan and Roy are exploring the best method for broad communication.
- The CURAC website includes a calendar of activities, but timing issues affect how reports are included in minutes or newsletters. Dave will monitor the calendar and flag relevant items to Roy and Alan.
- A note or survey may be added to the website regarding RTO membership interest. Once Dave sends updated numbers, the next step is to contact RTO and CURAC. Alan suggested batching communications and possibly including them in a weekly bulletin.

5.0 Weekly Bulletin

- LCAR Board discussed regular informal messages being batched into a “Weekly Bulletin” and sent to members via the Forum.
- Alan and Roy will start the ball rolling. Content for the first bulletin would include:
 - Upcoming social events at Golf Course Patio
 - Emeritus announcement (Patricia)
 - COSCO conference
 - Survey of members to see who have signed up with CURAC affinity partners (i.e. insurance)

Next Meeting: September 2nd, 2025, at 10:00 am via Zoom. [Note: Later changed to Sept 16, 2025]