

**LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)  
MEETING MINUTES**

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Tuesday September 16th, 2025

10:00am – 11:00am, via Zoom

**Attendees:**

Patricia Cia

Martin Gerson

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn (regrets)

Alan Cooper (regrets)

Brian McGibney

Bruce Kennedy

Kevin Craib

Gerda Krause

**1. Any additions to the agenda**

- No additions.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

- Approved.

**3. Approval of the minutes from June 24, 2025.**

- Approved with amendments.

**4. Motion to appoint new LCAR Board Member**

- M. Gerson moved moved to appoint Gerda Kraus as a director for LCAR effective immediately.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Business**

- Warm welcome and thank you to Gerda Krause. Gerda was instrumental to the creation of a Langara retiree group and the first chair for the committee predecessor of LCAR.
- Appointees, those whose terms expire in 2025, and LCAR members are encouraged to stand as candidates to the Board at the next AGM in November 2025.

**5.1. Finances – Martin**

- There has been no financial activity in the bank account since the last meeting.

**Bursary Update: Patricia**

- One LCAR bursary (A441) was dispersed for 2025 leaving \$1,600 for the next two years.
- The Langara College Retirees Fund (R038) increased since May to \$11,560.
- LCAR will focus on attaining endowment status of \$25,000 over the next two years.

## 5.2. Workshops and social events

### LCAR Fundraising Social, Mini-Gala, and AGM.

- To be held November 6th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the T building.

#### Proposed schedule:

- Set up: 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- Door open, food out: 2:00pm
- *The Trundlers* play 2:15pm to 2:45pm
- Short Break to refill plates and chat
- AGM: 2:55pm to 3:20pm
- Short break to refill plates and chat
- *Just Duets* play: 3:30pm to 4:00pm

#### Roles:

- Catering – Patricia and Caitlin with input from board
- AGM – Patricia
- Host/Emcee – Martin
- Promotion and Registration/donation form – Roy (and Foundation)
- Invite Langara President Paula Burns to speak (10 min) and potentially Karina Reid from the foundation (5 min) – Caitlin and Patricia
- Invite Executive Leadership Team to attend if available - Patricia

#### Goal:

- To raise funds for the LCAR Fund, aiming to increase it to 25,000 over the next two years to make it an endowed fund.
- There will be no cover charge, but attendees encouraged to donate to LCAR Fund. Donations also welcome from those who are unable to attend.

#### April Gala

- The Theater Arts Department is proposing to take over production of the fundraising event.
  - They would manage all the marketing and ticketing.
  - Collaboration would still occur regarding the program and onstage production.

#### Summer Socials

- LCAR held two informal social gatherings at the Langara Golf Course Patio in July and August. Thanks go to Roy for making the arrangements and to all those who dropped by for summer conversations.

### **5.3. LCAR Website update**

- Minutes and newsletter posted.
- Roy sent out more timely “Bulletins” to the LCAR forum.

### **5.4. Newsletter team update– Dave, Martin, Patricia**

- A newsletter team meeting was held on August 19th
- A summer issue is in the works and will hopefully be published before the end of September.

### **5.5. Liaison with College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR) update – Alan**

- Report deferred.

### **5.6. Liaison with COSCO update – Kevin**

- The COSCO conference takes place at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Richmond from October 3rd to 5th.
- The conference is full, but virtual attendance is still available.
- Kevin will attend this session virtually.
- COSCO newsletter came out in June, and there was one sent out at the end of August.
- A link to any of the affiliate’s newsletter could go on the bulletin.
- The virtual attendance fee of \$75 should be covered by the college. Kevin to submit receipts to Caitlin for reimbursement
- Langara typically needs to pre-approve conference fees over a hundred dollars.

### **5.7. Liaison with CURAC update – Dave**

- Following the last meeting, a survey confirmed that there are four members who participate in the affiliate programs.
- The CURAC events calendar is active.
  - Weekly lectures by members of the U of T Seniors College take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays (Eastern Time).
  - CURAC has started a Retiree Association Conversations series.
  - The first in this series will be CURAC Affinity Partnerships and their Perks on Thursday, October 16th at 1 p.m. Eastern time.
  - The 2026 conference didn't have a home as of the conclusion of the 2025 conference.
  - The 2026 CURAC Conference may be held in BC. Details pending

**Next Meeting:** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:00pm via Zoom.