



**LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *(draft)***

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Thursday, November 6, 2025

3:00 pm, T-Gallery

ATTENDEES

Board of Directors

Patricia Cia (chair)  
Kevin Craib  
Bruce Kennedy  
Dave Lidstone

Alan Cooper (vice-chair)  
Martin Gerson (Treasurer)  
Gerda Krause (regrets)  
Brian McGibney (regrets)  
Roy Sinn (regrets)

Dr. Paula Burns, President & CEO, Langara College  
Karina Reid, Development Officer, Langara College Foundation

Welcome speeches were given by:

Dr. Paula Burns, President & CEO, Langara College

20 Langara retirees attended

LCAR Annual General Meeting

1. Patricia called the business meeting called to order at 3:30 pm with quorum being met.
2. Agenda approved as circulated.
3. The November 7, 2024, AGM minutes and December 4, 2024, SGM minutes were approved as circulated.
4. Business

Chair noted that the bylaw change motion of the SGM held in December 2024 was approved and changes were filed with BC Registries.

Treasurer's report received and attached here.

- The role of Treasurer was created in early 2025 and this is the first formal reporting.
- LCAR now also has an account at VanCity to allow us to better manage ticket sales and receive affinity payments from CURAC. As of August 31, 2021, LCAR has a net income of \$101.13.
- Motion to approve the LCAR Financial Statements for fiscal year 01Sept2024 to 31Aug2025 passed.

Chair's report on LCAR's annual activities received and attached here

- The LCAR Fund has \$11,600. This does not include donations received as part of the fall fundraising event.
- LCAR approved the Studio 58 proposal for managing the 2026 Grand Gala.

- LCAR and the Langara Foundation held a very successful Estate Planning Workshop which saw a good mix of active employees and retirees. LCAR also held two informal social events this summer.
- Continuing Studies has advised us that Langara is currently undergoing a major technology upgrade to the Student Information System (SIS). As part of this transition, the new system will not be able to support course discounts, including those historically available to Langara retirees. The discounts in the past were contingent on courses being run based on full paying students. Even though retirees may have applied, none received the discount rates for several years.
- We are grateful for our strong relationships with Langara especially The Executive Leadership Team, Langara Foundation, Studio 58, Langara Events team, the Printshop, and Chartwell's.
- Thank you to all who have supported LCAR administratively, financially, and in our social endeavours, to all the LCAR board members for their many hours of service, and to Judy Boxler and Deborah Blacklock who bring their editing expertise to each issue of *And By The Way, Retirees*.

#### Ratification of Board Membership

According to our "Policies and Procedures" which are located on the LCAR website our Board can consist of up to 10 directors. Terms are for two years.

Currently three of our directors are in continuing positions until 2026:  
Patricia Cia, Kevin Craib, and Brian McGibney

Yue Su (Su) was elected to the Board last November but has since resigned from her position as director. Gerda Krause was appointed as director to the LCAR Board this September.

The following people have agreed to let their names stand for re-election to another two-year period:  
Alan Cooper, Martin Gerson, Bruce Kennedy, Dave Lidstone, and Roy Sinn.

The following were nominated from the floor as new Board members elected for a 2-year term:  
Carol Chrisjohn and Gerda Krause.

The seven candidates (Alan, Bruce, Carol, Dave, Martin, Gerda, and Roy) were elected for a term of office 2025-2027.

The positions of chair, vice chair, and treasurer will be decided by the board of directors at the first meeting following the AGM.

#### 5. New Business

LCAR members thanked current Chair, Patricia Cia, for her contributions over the past year.

#### 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Social – Before and after the meeting, attendees enjoyed socializing and listening to

- Just Duets (Andrea Smith & Dave Lidstone)
- The Trundlers (featuring Kevin Craib)

# Langara College Association of Retirees

## Treasurer's Report for 2025 AGM.

Until early in 2025, LCAR had not had a treasurer and did not produce financial statements for approval at the AGM, because we didn't manage any money ourselves. The College provided LCAR with a modest budget, managed by the Department of People and Culture, and it had been sufficient for our needs. But the receipt of a cheque for \$76.01, made out to LCAR, from CURAC, for our share of "affinity" payments, and our desire to hang onto that money, was the catalyst to open an account at Vancity and name a treasurer to oversee our vast wealth. It also allowed us to manage the ticket sales for last spring's Grand Gala ourselves, and then turn the money over to the Foundation as one lump sum contribution to the Courtenay Dobbie scholarship.

Since our AGM has usually been in the fall, it seemed logical for our fiscal year to end shortly before then, so I have established our fiscal year to begin on Sept 1 each year. The Board determined that there should be three signing officers, and required two signatures for any withdrawal transaction. In addition to the treasurer, the Board named Patricia Cia and Alan Cooper as the other signing officers.

Opening of our account at Vancity, depositing of the cheque from CURAC, collecting the money raised by the Gala, and turning over that money to the Foundation constitute the total extent of financial activity to date, as reflected in the attached Financial Statements.

I will be calling for a motion at the AGM to approve these Financial Statements.

Respectfully submitted.  
Martin Gerson, treasurer.

**Langara College Association of Retirees**  
**Financial Statements**  
Fiscal Year 2024-09-01 to 2025-08-31

**Statement of Income and Expenses**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Affinity payments from CURAC	76.01
Gala Ticket Sales (Net)	1,184.12
Misc Donations to LCAR	41.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,301.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Donation to Langara College Foundation	1,200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>101.13</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
as of 2025-08-31

<b>Assets</b>	
Vancity Community Service Account	96.13
Vancity Shares Account	5.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>101.13</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	
Accumulated Net Income from prior years	0.00
Net income from 2024-2025	101.13
Total Retained Earnings	101.13
Total Equity	<b>101.13</b>
<b>Total Liabilities plus Equity</b>	<b>101.13</b>

**LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)**  
**Chair's Report**  
**for 2025 AGM**

**LCAR activities and decisions since last AGM**

Details appear in our newsletters (<https://lcar.ca/news-events/>) or our board minutes (<https://lcar.ca/our-society/meeting-minutes/>).

The bylaw amendment regarding membership eligibility approved at the SGM was filed with BC Registries in December 2024.

Since its inception, LCAR has operated with the financial support of Langara College. This year the Board discussed financial needs to maintain our services, networking opportunities, and advocacy. Realizing the ongoing financial challenges in the current post-secondary education system, we have strived to be fiscally prudent.

Yue Su stepped down from the LCAR Board in the spring and Gerda Krause was appointed as director to the LCAR Board in September.

**LCAR Fund and Bursary**

As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, our fund currently stood at: \$11,600 which is fantastic, and we hope to still raise a bit more this year. Until the end of May 2025, we benefited with Langara's matching funds program. Unfortunately, that program is no longer in effect. Last year we approved designating \$2400 to our student bursary over three years. In 2025 the Foundation distributed \$800 to a student in need and have \$1600 remaining for the next two years.

**Studio 58 and LCAR**

Dave Lidstone continues to lead the Grand Gala events with able support from Bruce Kennedy and others. Once again in April 2025, LCAR held a very successful Grand Gala in Studio 58. Entertainment included retirees, current employees, and Studio 58 tap dance students. The performances were excellent, and this year's revenue of \$1300 was directed to the Courtenay Dobbie scholarship for Studio 58 students.

In October, the LCAR Board approved Studio 58's Proposal which sees Studio 58 take on more of the production and marketing of the Grand Gala for 2026. The hope is to include even more Langara employee and Studio 58 student acts with those of the retirees. As in the past, all revenue generated at the Grand Gala event produced by Studio 58 will be donated to Studio 58 affiliated scholarships. LCAR will still work closely with Studio 58.

**Workshops and Socials**

Roy Sinn continued organize workshops and summer social events. Although several workshops were planned, some were cancelled due to low registration (we generally require 10 registrants to run an

event). The Estate Planning workshop held in conjunction with the Langara Foundation was a great success and saw a good mix of active employees and retirees.

This summer we held two informal social events at the Langara Golf Course patio. Roy welcomes ideas and input from you for workshop and social event ideas (email [info@lcar.ca](mailto:info@lcar.ca)).

### **Bulletin, Forum, Newsletter, and Website**

Retirees who register on the LCAR website receive communications through the LCAR Forum via email. As of this summer, we started sending out Bulletins with a brief selection of news and events ... a balance between more timely notices and not inundating everyone's email.

The LCAR newsletter editorial team published three issues which are primarily distributed via our forum and website. Some print copies are made available for mailout and distributed at events. We welcome your stories, column ideas, and other contributions such as photos and offers of proof-reading (send to [newsletter@lcar.ca](mailto:newsletter@lcar.ca))

Alan Cooper, Kevin Craib, and Dave Lidstone act as delegates and representatives to three affiliates: Association of BC College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR), Council of Senior Citizen's Association of BC (COSCO), and College and University Retirees Association of Canada (CURAC). Their updates and reports are noted in LCAR minutes and in our newsletter.

At the June 2025 Convocation ceremony, recent retiree, LCAR member and leading proponent of a Langara retirees' group, Gerda Krause was awarded Dean Emerita, Faculty of Science. Recent retiree, Stephen Phillips was awarded Faculty Emeritus, Political Science. The Registrar and Enrolment Services invited retirees to attend convocation and continue to cheer on graduates and honourees.

Thank you to all who have supported LCAR, both administratively and financially:

- To Langara College for allocating to us our financial operating budget. We know that like most colleges and universities in Canada, Langara is facing financial challenges but without it we would not be able to stay connected with retirees to the same extent.
- Our president, Paula Burns for ongoing encouragement and for inviting LCAR to address retirees at the President's Retiree Luncheon.
- Caitlin Van Kesteren, Department of People and Culture, with many hours of administrative help.
- Langara Foundation and their team for all their support in both our events and our fund-raising efforts.
- Thank you to all the LCAR board members for their many hours of service. And to our additional newsletter members Judy Boxler and Deborah Blacklock who bring their editing expertise to each issue.

Respectfully,

Patricia Cia, chair