

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

---

Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00pm – 2:00pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Patricia Cia	Carol Chrisjohn	Alan Cooper	Kevin Craib
Martin Gerson	Gerda Krause	Bruce Kennedy	Dave Lidstone
Roy Sinn	Brian McGibney		

**1. Approval of the agenda**

- Approved with additions.

**2. Approval of the minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- Approved.

**3. Business**

**4.1. Finances – Martin**

- Current balance in VanCity account is \$96.13.

**Bursary Update - Patricia**

- R038 fund balance is \$15,650, an increase of \$1710 since November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- \$1600 remains in the bursary fund with \$800 to be dispersed in 2026 and in 2027.

**4.2. LCAR Membership Requests**

Registered and approved as Langara retiree

- Helena Hensley – International Education, retired 2009

Registered and approved as non-retiree

- Darren Bernaerdt
- Peter Babiak
- Amandeep Singh
- Roy reports that some member emails are bouncing back as no longer valid. Noted the difficulty of getting back in contact. Roy will add a reminder to members in Bulletin and Newsletter to advise LCAR of any email changes.
- Other institutions such as SFU and UBC allow retirees to keep their institutional emails. This alleviates the challenges of (re)connecting with retirees via their personal emails. It is also a way to confirm that registrants are affiliated with the institution.
- Verifying LCAR membership request as qualified retiree from Langara is a challenge and an important role of previous Executive Assistants.

#### **4.3. Assistance from College (follow-up)**

- COSCO membership renewal processed. Annual fee of \$100 submitted to Workday (P&C) for payment by cheque.
- LCAR annual report and new director contacts posted to BC Registry Societies Online. Filing fee of \$40.00 paid via personal credit card and will be claimed for reimbursement.
- Email Relay Service, required to maintain connections with LCAR members, renewed for the year (less expensive than monthly subscription fee). It was paid on a personal credit card, and receipts will be submitted to Langara P&C for reimbursement.

#### **4.4. LCAR Membership lists**

- The College had requested our member emails for distribution of Virtual Holiday Card.
- LCAR controls communications with our members and can forward messages on as appropriate.
- Will ask the College to send holiday greetings to us and we would be happy to forward the virtual card to the LCAR mailing list.

#### **4.5. Workshops and Events**

- Grand Gala planning for April 2026 is again underway.
- Dave attended term end presentations at Langara this week, connecting with Studio 58 faculty and staff.
- Time to start collaborating on curating the Grand Gala event which will include entertainment from students, current employees, and retirees.
- With the new production model, it is important to maintain some sort of continuity and ensure LCAR has strong visible presence at the Gala.
- Dave asked to review Kevin's video of the 2025 Grand Gala event.

#### **4.6. LCAR Website and Forum**

- Roy will post another Bulletin before Christmas. Send content to him asap.

#### **4.7. Newsletter team update**

- V4N2 – Articles in the works including CURAC Affinity partnerships, Felicia Klingenberg article on memoir, Langara Environment initiatives, and more.

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

- No updates. Alan, Roy, Dave continue to meet for framework on session for LCAR members on health benefits.

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

- Membership dues renewed.

- December issue of COSCO news now available... recent developments and their focus: Handy Dart discussion of current state which is run by many companies and there is a movement to consolidate into one group. Transportation – permitting use wheelchairs and mobility scooters into bike lanes. Written letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs to support UN Convention regarding Rights for Older Persons.

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

- The 2026 CURAC Conference, *Making Connections*, (May 21-22) is taking shape and includes a Langara session *Songs and Poems on making connections*.
- CURAC December newsletter available: <https://curac.ca/en/blog/december-2025-newsletter>. A section includes samples of other retiree association newsletter articles. Langara highlighted two.
- Dave will advise Roy on recommended changes to wording on LCAR website for CURAC affinity program.

**Next Meeting:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1:00pm via Zoom.