

LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 16th, 2026

1:05 pm – 2:23 pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

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

1. Approval of the agenda

- Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes from May 14, 2026

- Approved.

3. Business

3.1. Finances

- No change to our current balance in VanCity account is \$96.13.
- The bank account was opened January 2025 and primarily used to receive a cheque from CURAC for \$76.01. We haven't gotten any further CURAC affinity payments since then. We can now receive e-transfer.
- The biggest activity on our account was to facilitate selling tickets online for the 2025 Grand Gala, all of which was then e-transferred to the Langara Foundation for LCAR Retiree fund. Studio 58 managed ticket sales directly for the Grand Gala in April 2026.

LCAR Bursary Update

- R038 fund balance is \$16,030 as of June 30, 2026.
- \$1600 remains in the bursary fund with \$800 to be dispersed in Fall 2026.
- With about \$9,000 left to reach endowment level, Dave suggested we start bringing forward ideas for some sort of bursary fundraising event.

Action: Everyone to bring ideas to next meeting

3.2. LCAR Membership Requests

Welcome those registered as a Langara retiree:

- Derrick Chung (Information Technology, 2026)
- Shelina Keys (Nursing, 2025)
- David Li Lam (Continuing Studies, 2025)
- Tara Lum (Nursing, 2025)
- Wanda Pierson (Nursing, 2025)
- Harold Schaffrick (Information Technology, 2025)
- Guy Wilkinson (English, 2025)

Registered as a Retired Former Langara employee (this category is approved by LCAR Board)

- None registered

The following Langara employee registered as non-retiree and will be added to the LCAR forum.

- Alex Boston (Philosophy)

LCAR wanted to ensure clarity that only full LCAR members as outlined in our bylaws may stand for election to the Board, vote at AGM or SGM as appropriate, and enjoy Langara College Retiree benefits.

Action: Roy and Martin will rework wording on the registration page to clarify retiree vs. pre-retiree categories to be in line with our existing bylaws.

3.3. LCAR and College

Three items are still outstanding from previous meetings and continue to be a priority for LCAR

- Ensure a **Langara Delegate** (current employee who may respond or follow up with actions on behalf of Langara) will regularly attend LCAR Board meetings.
- Gerda and Patricia met with Anne Baxter, Director, Enterprise Risk Management, to discuss possibility of having **Directors Insurance** for LCAR directors covered as part of Langara's insurance.
- Langara uses Universities & Colleges Insurance Program (UCIP) and any coverage is not automatic. It would depend upon LCAR's relationship with Langara College. A **Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU) that formally outlines this relationship would best be in place first.

As LCAR's relationship would be primarily with the College, Enterprise Risk Management would be the correct office to oversee the MOU. We forwarded the draft MOU, approved by the LCAR Board in May 2026, to Enterprise Risk Management and are awaiting feedback and any possible changes.

Enterprise Risk Management now has most of the documentation that we have access to from: Certificate of Registration as a Society, latest filing reports, bylaws, summary of budget estimates that People & Culture covers for our invoices/costs, Terms of Reference from original Langara Retiree Steering Committee, etc.

As a note, some years ago Martin, Brian, and Diane had met with Paula Burns, President when we're becoming a society and working out a relationship. However, the relationship had never been formalized.

Action: As MOU appears to be the first step, Patricia, Gerda, and Carol will continue to focus on getting any revisions back to LCAR Board as soon as possible.

Pending Action from last meeting: Patricia to update Retirement Acknowledgement letter and Employee page

3.4. LCAR AGM

When: November 5, 2026, 2-4 (set up 1pm, breakdown by 5pm)
How: No charge event. Can still encourage people to donate to LCAR Bursary if they desire.
Ideas: One or two acts such as Just Duets and Brian McGibney.
Agenda: Board members with terms ending in 2026 are Patricia Cia, Kevin Craib, Brian McGibney

Action: As Vice Chair, Gerda will manage election process. Patricia, Kevin, and Brian are to advise Gerda by the end of August if they wish to stand again.

Everyone to pass on any names of other LCAR Retirees who may wish to join the Board. Our bylaws stipulated a maximum of 10 Directors may be on the Board. Any LCAR Retiree may join Committees or Working groups.

Action: Dave will start the Event Requisition process as early as possible, connecting with Kiki as needed. He will follow up with retiree who expressed interest in selling jewelry with some proceeds going to LCAR Bursary.

3.5. Broadening reach to members and community

- LCAR is developing a **simple online survey** that will go out to all members. The goal is to determine which events resonate with LCAR members so that we can prioritize future activities.
- Potentially have respondents provide their name so that those interested in an activity can connect with others of like mind.

Initial question:

Please indicate your level of interest (0 = None, 1 = Low, 2 = Moderate, 3 = High) in attending each of the following events or activities.

1. Annual Langara Gala at Studio 58
2. Social gatherings at Langara golf course
3. Information Sessions (e.g. Health and Wellness, Insurance) ...

Action: Send revisions for the draft or additional questions to Kevin. Roy will help develop the online survey.

Pending Action from last meeting: Yusuf to check with Continuing Studies to see if a discount is feasible on some courses

- Langara Community event outreach
Interest from various groups to have retirees participate/volunteer in College activities such as convocation, student orientation, LangaraFest etc. but conversations still ongoing.

3.6. Workshops and Events

- Feedback on past events:
President's Lunch - Patricia attended the President's Retiree Lunch on May 20, 2026, encouraging all retirees to register. Word is getting out as we see by growing number of new members.

Summer Social at Langara Golf Course: 13-14 people attended the June event and 11 people have registered for the end July. Roy will include reminder in next Bulletin.

- Potential plans for future events:
Theatre nights – *Mum's the Word (Anvil)* doing a couple different locations, including New Westminster – amenable for group rate for a few participants. Dave looking into group.

3.7. LCAR Website and Forum – Roy, Alan

- Next Bulletin is going out on July 23, 2026, and will include reminder for July Social, link to Survey (if ready), and information on *Stay on the Road* sessions.
Website was down for a while. A Wordpress issue that was resolved relatively quickly.

- Registration of domain
lcar.ca is now registered under LCAR name. Roy is still there as technical contact.

3.8. Newsletter team update– Dave, Martin, Patricia

- Summer issue published, printed, distributed and submitted to include it on the Langara Post. It is currently live and will be part of the next Langara Communications email on July 21st.

3.9. Liaison with College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR) update

- Nothing to report

3.10. Liaison with COSCO update

- The last COSCO meeting was on June 12 and will next reconvene in September. The June event had a guest speaker from Canada's Drug Agency a relatively new (launched September 2024) government funded, pan-Canadian health organization that "provides evidence and advice to senior health system leaders so they can possibly make informed decisions about drugs, health technology, health systems". <https://www.cda-amc.ca/>
[Link to presentation slide deck](#) (pdf) that includes handouts related to multiple medications
 - 5 questions to ask about my medications
(2 in 3 adults aged 65 years and older take 5 or more medications)
 - 5 tips to manage polypharmacy

3.11. Liaison with CURAC update

- Nothing to report

Next Meeting August 27 in person at 12:30 at Golf Course patio area

Ask Yusuf for name of a representative if he is unavailable.