

LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 27th, 2026

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, in Person at Langara Golf Course

Attendees:

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

1. Approval of the agenda

- Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes from July 16, 2026

- Approved.

3. Business

3.1. Finances

- Our VanCity account is currently \$322.25.
- LCAR received affinity payments from CURAC covering past two years. Program is changing and they do not know if there will be future payments.

LCAR Bursary Update

- R038 fund balance is \$21,258.58 which includes a one-time gift of securities and ongoing monthly donations. This brings us within \$4000 of achieving an endowment level for the fund.
- \$1600 remains in the bursary fund with \$800 to be dispersed in Fall 2026.

3.2. LCAR Membership Requests

Welcome those registered as a Langara retiree:

- Antonella Alves (Faculty of Management, 2026)
- Stephanie Koonar (School of Management, 2026)

Registered as a non-retiree Langara employee.

- Andrea James (Early Childhood Education)
- Manuela Klick (School of Management)
- Kristina Mavritsakis (Assistant Registrar, RES)
- Joyce Wong (Librarian)

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

- None registered

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 Pending: 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 Membership review

The database of LCAR members includes duplicates, incomplete information, or email contacts that no longer valid. The review and cleanup will reflect a more accurate count of our members, important for reporting out to affiliates and BC Society.

Action: Roy, Alan, and Gerda will review and clean up the directory.

3.4. LCAR and College

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

- A **Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU) that formally outlines the LCAR and Langara College relationship.
- **Directors Insurance** for LCAR directors.
- Ensure a **Langara Delegate** (current employee who may respond or follow up with actions on behalf of Langara) will regularly attend LCAR Board meetings.

Patricia and Gerda met with Anne Baxter twice over the summer but are still waiting for feedback. The next step is connecting with Langara Executive. She had planned to discuss with M. Koke last week.

Action: Patricia will contact Michael Koke for feedback and progress.

LCAR identified the importance of ensuring our key documents are housed at the Langara Archives. We already send print copies of the LCAR newsletter to the archives but need to ensure documents key to the development of LCAR and the Society registration documents are housed there as well. Dave noted that he has a binder of key documents that he can make available for scanning if needed.

Action: Patricia will contact Joanne Rajotte, Manager, Records & Privacy Management.

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

3.5. LCAR AGM

When: November 5, 2026, 2pm-4pm (set up 1pm, breakdown by 5pm)
How: No charge event. Can still encourage people to donate to LCAR Bursary if they desire.
Ideas: Based on feedback from the survey, besides the AGM we will present more time for meeting and mingling. Brian McGibney will be musical act for social part.
Agenda: Board members with terms ending in 2026 have advised Gerda of their interest. There will be one empty position. Any LCAR Retiree may join Committees or Working groups. Add an *In Memoriam* section to acknowledge those who have passed.
Speaker: Potential based on availability:
Langara representative - Paula Burns, President & CEO
Foundation representative - Lara Griner, Foundation
Guests: As is usual, invite Langara Executive Team. Potentially CUPE and LFA representatives
Where: L224 (L building 2nd floor non-library event space is available)

Action: Dave to finish the Event Requisition process, connecting with Kiki as needed. Kiki will connect with Patricia and Gerda re: Catering needs.

Action: Roy will create registration page as we need numbers for catering.

Action: Patricia (cc Gerda) will reach out to invite Speakers and Guests.

3.6. Broadening reach to members and community

- Feedback from the online survey was good. We received 67 responses, and the feedback is already generating ideas and discussion.

The goal was to determine which events resonate with LCAR members so that we can prioritize future activities. All activities resonated but those that received the most interest were:

- Information Sessions
- Annual Lunch
- Social Gatherings (including fall/winter, with and without a guest speaker/entertainment)
- Annual Gala with Studio 58
- Theater outings

Respondents would turn out any time of the year, but spring and fall were more popular. The majority prefer weekday afternoon activities.

Comments noted that people would like more time for informal socializing at events and reminded us that offering options for those who do not live in Metro Vancouver – for example live-stream or via Zoom.

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. We received a general invitation for participation but no follow-up with details.

Action: Dave and Gerda expressed interest. Patricia to pass on name and contact information for the Sept 1, 2 & 9 events but time tight.

3.7. Workshops and Events

- Feedback on past events:
Stay on the Road webinar is put on by Seniors Helping Seniors – Although more relevant for those approaching 80 years, Patricia attended and would highly recommend it. The tips and details are relevant to any mature driver.

Summer Social at Langara Golf Course: About 11 people in July and 12-13 in August.

- Plans for future events:
Theatre nights – *Mum's the Word (Anvil)* – Oct 3rd or 4th - with at least 8 attendees, LCAR could receive discount rate

Action: Dave will check availability for Oct 3 or 4 Matinee for Mum's the Word at the BMO site.

3.8. LCAR Website and Forum

- Bulletins continue to be a good way to communicate out timely news/events.
- Email glitch in August but fixed in time for survey and event reminders.

3.9. Newsletter team update

- Time to start thinking about the Fall edition of *And By the Way, Retirees*. Ideas floating around include contacting Langara Authors, perhaps section promoting their latest work?
- Newsletter team will meet on October 8, shortly after the submission deadline.

Action: Patricia to feed “Call for submissions” to Roy for next Bulletin.
All to send ideas to Patricia or newsletter@lcar.ca

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

- Nothing to report

3.11. Liaison with COSCO update

- Nothing to report

3.12. Liaison with CURAC update

- Videos of the CURAC Conference held in New Westminster this spring are now available at curac.ca.
Of note, Connecting with the Stars in Coast Salish Astronomy.

Next Meeting October 1, at 1pm via Zoom