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

Thursday, November 5, 2026
3:00 pm, L224

ATTENDEES
Board of Directors

Carol Chrisjohn	Patricia Cia (chair, regrets)
Alan Cooper	Kevin Craib (regrets)
Martin Gerson (Treasurer)	Bruce Kennedy
Gerda Krause (vice-chair)	Dave Lidstone
Brian McGibney	Roy Sinn (regrets)

Guests
Dr. Paula Burns, President & CEO, Langara College
Marg Heldman, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Stewart McGillivray, Advisor (Strategic Priorities)
Lara Griner, Development Officer, Langara College Foundation

21 Langara retirees attended

1. Quorum was confirmed by Gerda Krause (acting as chair in the absence of Patricia Cia) at 3:05pm and Alan Cooper was appointed to record these Minutes.

2. Agenda approved with addition of an item as New Business.
   - Moved by Martin Gerson, seconded by Brian McGibney, and carried unanimously

3. The November 6, 2025, AGM minutes were approved as circulated.
   - Moved by Gail Bremer, seconded by Dave Lidstone, and carried unanimously

4. Business

   4.1. Treasurer's report and Chair's report on LCAR's annual activities
   Martin Gerson presented the Treasurer's report and after a minor correction, approved as attached. The current balance is $327.35.
   - Moved by Dave Lidstone, seconded by Stephen Phillips, and carried unanimously.

   Gerda Krause presented the Chair's report on LCAR's annual activities (attached below). She also noted that over the year we have gained 22 new members including 8 current employees and 3 former Langarans who have not yet retired. She also emphasized Patricia's thank you to all who have supported LCAR, both administratively and financially, throughout the year and noted the recent loss of Keith Gilley in addition to those noted in the In Memoriam section of Patricia's report.

   4.2. Election or Appointment of directors (minimum 3, maximum 10) for 2-year term

5. In the absence of any new nominees, Patricia Cia and Kevin Craib were acclaimed for re-election to a new two-year term. Brian McGibney, who has chosen not to continue at this time, was thanked for his many years of service.New Business

   5.1. Motion that LCAR communicate to the LFA Board its interest in exploring the idea of participating with the College in an annual social in December for all current employees and LCAR members.
   - Moved by Stephen Phillips, and seconded by Dorothy Yada

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm

Langara College Association of Retirees (LCAR)
Chair's Report for 2026 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/).

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

In May the LCAR Board drafted a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Langara College that we hope will clarify the relationship and expectations between LCAR and Langara. The Board received a revised draft in September and responded with amendments. We will continue to work with the College on the MOA.

An approved MOA is also the first step in our efforts to acquire Directors' insurance for the Board. Most society and association boards have directors' insurance.

LCAR Fund and Bursary
As of September 30th, the LCAR Fund stood at: $21,258.58 which is getting us much closer to the endowment level of $25,000.

In 2026 the Foundation distributed $800 to a student in need, and we have $800 remaining for next year's distribution. The 2026/27 LCAR board will determine next steps and that will depend on if we can reach endowment level within the next few months.

Studio 58 and LCAR
In 2026, LCAR piloted the collaboration with Studio 58 on the Grand Gala. Dave Lidstone continued to be our key liaison with Studio 58, ably supported by Bruce Kennedy and Carol Christjohn. Studio 58 took over the production and marketing of the event with LCAR working with them on the programming. The Summer issue of our newsletter includes Dave's reflection on this change and Carol Sowosnky's review of the performances.

Workshops and Socials
Roy Sinn continued organize workshops and summer social events. The *Estate Planning* workshop held again in conjunction with the Langara Foundation and the *Health and Dental Plan* workshop were both held at Langara and a good mix of active employees and retirees – over 30 attendees at each.

In fact, this summer, the LCAR Board held a brainstorming session to identify events and activities of interest to LCAR members. After further discussion Kevin Craib developed a survey that went out to all members. The Board will use the feedback to help build a stronger sense of community within LCAR. A couple of the comments included more time for socializing and less drive for obvious fundraising. Hence our slightly different format at this year's AGM. We hope to share more details in our next newsletter.

This summer we held three informal social events at the Langara Golf Course patio, and I believe Roy is planning a late fall social.

Stay tuned! Email info@lcar.ca with your workshop and social event ideas.

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Bulletin, Forum, Newsletter, and Website

Retirees who register on the LCAR website receive communications through the LCAR Forum via email. We have found sending out Bulletins with a brief selection of news and events a nice 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. We would love to publish your stories. Have you travelled? Want to share your Retirement experiences? Share your artistic (or scientific or research) endeavours? Contact us: 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 2026 Convocation ceremony, the following recent retiree and LCAR members were honoured: *Sarah Bowers*, Faculty Emerita, Educational Technology, and Teaching & Curriculum Development; *Pari Ranjbary*, Faculty Emerita, Physics & Astronomy; *Susan M.M. Todd,* Faculty Emerita, Kinesiology. Also honoured were *Courtenay Dobbie*, Artistic Director Emerita, Theatre Arts and *Janet Douglas*, Faculty Emerita, Social Services.

In Memoriam

If you have been on our website or read our newsletter, you will have seen remembrances and obituary notices. Over the past year we said goodbye to several who we have known, admired, and will miss.

In October 2025, we saw the following notices for

- Ros Shahrokh – Math and stats department
- Jay Strachan - Langara College's first Director of Facilities and Purchasing
- Stan Webster – Physics department

In 2026 we learned about

- George Karas – Mathematics
- Jack Kunin – Philosophy
- Frank Williams – Biology, Interdisciplinary Studies departments and coordinator for Environmental Studies and Canadian Studies
- Darrell Kean – Criminal Justice
- Carol Elder – Library & Information Technology
- Keith Gilley – English

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. To President & CEO, Paula Burns for ongoing encouragement and for inviting LCAR to address retirees at the President's Retiree Luncheon. The 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.

And to all our LCAR Members for joining us.

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Treasurer's Report for 2026 AGM.

Until early in 2025, LCAR did not have 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 the 2025 Grand Gala ourselves and then turn the money over to the Foundation as one lump sum contribution to the Courtenay Dobbie scholarship.

Our last full fiscal year was Sept 1, 2025 to Aug 31, 2026. During that period, we received one more affinity payment from CURAC, this time for $226.12, which was deposited onto our Vancity account, bringing our balance up to $322.25, plus the $5 in our Shares account.

Ticket sales for the 2026 Grand Gala were handled by Studio 58 and, as before, and the receipts were turned over to the Foundation, this time in support of the Bruce Kennedy scholarship for Studio 58 students. So in the 2025-26 year, that money did not pass through LCAR's "books," as it had in 2025. Therefore, the receipt of the CURAC affinity payments constituted the entirety of our financial activity for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

We are grateful to the College for continuing to support our modest expenses, such as paying the membership fees to our affiliate organizations (COSCO, CURAC, and CPPR), the hosting fee for our website, and for some refreshments at our on-campus events such as the AGM.

I will be calling for a motion at the AGM to approve the Financial Statements on the following page.

Respectfully submitted.
Martin Gerson, treasurer.

Langara College Association of Retirees
Financial Statements
Fiscal Year 2025-09-01 to 2026-08-31

Statement of Income and Expenses

	Current Year Amount 2025-26	Prior Year Amount 2024-25
Income		
Affinity payments from CURAC	226.12	76.01
Gala Ticket Sales (Net)	0.00	1,184.12
Misc Donations to LCAR	0.00	41.00
Total Income	**226.12**	**1,301.13**
Expenses		
Donation to Langara College Foundation	0.00	1,200.00
Total Expenses	**0.00**	**1,200.00**
Net Income	**226.12**	**101.13**

Balance Sheet
as of 2025-08-31

Assets		
Vancity Community Service Account	322.25	96.13
Vancity Shares Account	5.00	5.00
Total Assets	**327.25**	**101.13**
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	**0.00**	**0.00**
Equity		
Retained Earnings		
Accumulated Net Income from prior years	101.13	0.00
Net income from 2024-2025	226.12	101.13
Total Retained Earnings	327.25	101.13
Total Equity	**327.25**	**101.13**
Total Liabilities plus Equity	**327.25**	**101.13**