LCAR
LANGARA COLLEGE
ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 1st, 2026

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

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

1. Approval of the agenda

- Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes from August 27, 2026

- Approved.

3. Business

3.1. Finances

- Our VanCity account is currently $322.25 with no changes since last meeting.

LCAR Bursary Update

- R038 fund balance is $21,258.58 as of September 29, 2026. This brings us within $4000 of achieving an endowment level for the fund.
- $800 remains in the bursary fund as $800 was awarded to a student (JT) in July 2026. This leaves $800 to be dispersed in Fall 2027.

3.2. LCAR Membership Registrations

Welcome those registered as a Langara retiree:

- Dave Schulte (Continuing Studies, 2021)

Registered as a non-retiree Langara employee: [none registered]
Registered as a Retired Former Langara employee: [none registered]

Roy and Martin reworded the registration page to clarify retiree vs. pre-retiree categories to be in line with our existing bylaws. Wording now says:

> Becoming a member of LCAR is free. LCAR membership connects you to more than 150 Langara College retirees with opportunities to participate in events and workshops, to just visit with retirees, and to stay engaged with Langara if you wish.
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> Maybe you're a "pretiree" and just want to connect with retired colleagues or talk to experienced retirees about your upcoming retirement. Although full LCAR membership is restricted to retired individuals, you can join our mailing list, get LCAR news, be informed of all LCAR events and activities, and are welcome to attend most.

3.3. LCAR Membership review

The database of LCAR members was reviewed to identify duplicates, incomplete information, or email contacts that no longer valid. The system is not 'tagging' categories automatically.

Action: Roy to continue database cleanup – some duplicates and expired emails
- Continue to assign categories manually while working on a fix
- Upgrade system so people can change themselves from non-retiree to retiree and ask what year they retired.
- Develop Bulletin post asking members to update departments at retirement and to advise us if preferred emails change.
- Relabel "Membership" field to "Status"

Discussion around deceased member records. Whether they should be kept in database for our records and create new categories. Information in database is not displayed publicly but is made available to LCAR Board members via web directory.

Action: For next meeting, Board will confirm action on

- What to do with records of members who are deceased, may family/spouse, if they desire, stay connected as "non-retiree"?
- Decide what information should display on web directory (only LCAR Board can view)

The cleanup will be ongoing and will reflect a more accurate count of our members, important for reporting out to affiliates and BC Society.

3.4. LCAR and College

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) forwarded briefing note and revised draft MOA to LCAR just before the meeting.

- Will be called **Memorandum of Agreement** (MOA) to formally outline the LCAR and Langara College relationship. Revised draft much longer and seemingly repetitive in parts. Much of the gist similar to LCAR original draft but some clarification may be needed.
- **Directors Insurance** for LCAR directors – still under review
- Ensure a **Langara Delegate** (current employee who may respond or follow up with actions on behalf of Langara) will regularly attend LCAR Board meetings – still under review

Langara's Executive Leadership Team will be reviewing the Briefing Note and revised MOA concurrently with LCAR.

Action: Carol, Patricia, and Gerda will review the MOA.

Patricia contacted Manager, Records & Privacy Management. Currently Langara only officially archives physical materials such as the print copy of the LCAR newsletter.

We still 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 follow up with Joanne Rajotte, Manager, Records & Privacy Management and transfer key print documents currently on hand.

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

3.5. LCAR AGM & Social

Day:	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. Event Requisition process underway Catering pending
Social:	Brian McGibney will be musical act for social part of event. Claude Painter will have her jewelry collection available
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:	Langara representative - Paula Burns, President & CEO Foundation representative - Lara Griner, Foundation
Guests:	Kiki has sent out invitations and have received acceptances from most.
Where:	L224 (L building 2nd floor non-library event space is available)
Schedule:	2pm check-in, registration, meet & mingle (social) 2:30pm Welcome, ELT updates, AGM 3:30pm Social

Action: Kiki will connect with Patricia and Gerda re: Catering needs.

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

3.6. Broadening reach to members and community

- Patricia shared upcoming events that LCAR members may enjoy attending. They are listed on the Langara Events page
    - Sustainability – Campus Tours (perhaps arrange private tour for LCAR members?)
    - Studio 58 | The Birds, Twelfth Night
    - Environmental Studies Lecture Series (Oct 6, Oct 21, Nov 2)
    - Langara Lectures: Unprecedented, VPL (Oct 22, Nov 12, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 15)
    - Strangers on a Train monthly reading series (Oct 27, Nov 24, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30)
    - Community Lecture series: Unprecedented, Old Mill (Feb 26, Mar 12, Apr 9)

- 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 last minute invite for the beginning of September. Gerda and Dave volunteered to help out at an event. The timing to connect was tight and we hope for an opportunity to invite participation earlier in the process for future events.

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

3.7. Workshops and Events

Grand Gala 2027

- Dave, Bruce, and Carol met with Halla, Kevin, and Paul (Studio 58) on September 24 to review the 2026 Gala and start planning for 2027
- April 19, 2027 – Grand Gala 2027
- Mixture of performances by students, retirees, and employees
- Hoping to get the “Gala Band” back together and have more retirees in attendance

- Last year's Emcee has confirmed her availability
- Dave and Paul will be collaborating on the lineup

Plans for future events:

- Due to minimal feedback, Theatre nights – Mum's the Word (Anvil) at the beginning of October did not pan out. We will keep an eye out for future opportunities.
- Potential social event for late November/early December at Dublin Crossing (lots of seating, easy transit)
- Health & Wellness presenters are fully booked for the fall. So, we will plan for the Spring.
- Estate Planning workshops in conjunction with the Foundation have been in demand and well attended. Planning for late March/early April

Action: LCAR Board will give Roy short list of potential Health & Wellness workshops - past favourites include Memory, Sleep, Personal Planning (Advance Directives etc).

Action: Roy will investigate dates for Dublin Crossing (Cambie & Marine Dr area) social event.

3.8. LCAR Website and Forum

- Bulletins continue to be a good way to communicate out timely news/events.
- Roy working on eliminating bugs and setting it up so other LCAR Board members can post directly without needing to coordinate messages through Roy or Alan.

3.9. Newsletter team update

- Fall edition of *And By the Way, Retirees*. Newsletter team meeting on October 8. Feature articles sparse this issue but have at least one in the works as Patricia didn't get change to send out "Call for submissions".

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

- Nothing to report.

Next Meeting

- AGM on November 5, 2026, at 2:30pm in person at Langara, L224
- LCAR Board meeting on November 12, 2026, at 1:00pm via Zoom