

LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 13, 2022
Via Zoom, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Attendees:

Gail Bremer - Chair	Martin Gerson	Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)
Dave Lidstone	Diane Bradley	Moira Gookstetter - regrets
Roy Sinn	Bruce Kennedy - regrets	Ken Jillings
Brian McGibney - regrets	Susan Weber	Heidy Rahnumah

1. Additions to the agenda
 - No additions
2. Approval of the agenda
 - Agenda approved as circulated
3. Approval of the minutes from our December 6, 2021 meeting
 - Minutes approved as circulated.
4. Approval of the minutes from our AGM meeting December 1, 2021
 - Susan's surname has been corrected

5. Announcements – Gail

5.2 Our COSCO affiliate membership has been paid for another year. The contacts are Susan and Gail

5.2 Martin composed the required annual society report, Shannon filed it and we received completion confirmation.

5.3 Diane wrote a report for the next edition of CPPR newsletter "Prime Time.

- Dave offered thanks to those who are handling these items

Business

6. Board Membership

- Approval of Chair

- Gail spoke to Roy and they discussed that Gail will continue in the role of Chair

- Vice Chair

- Diane okay about filling this role with the understanding that she would not move on to be Chair in the future
- Roy added that when the Chair position comes up, it is assumed that the Vice chair is the assumed Chair but it is okay to assume that the Vice Chair *may not want* to take the role on; that would be okay
- Ken added that it is hard to know what one's life situation will be in 2 years
- Diane observed that there is no one rushing to take on the vice Chair role; doesn't mind the administrative side, not interested in leading the social side

- Diane is nominated and accepts the role of Vice-Chair
7. Donation to “Events Made Easy” (event management system) – Roy
- We are using software developed and provided free of charge, person who developed it has asked for a donation; would normally cost hundreds of dollars; sees us using the event registration system in the future
 - Proposing \$32 Cdn
 - Dave asked about whether event registrants could make donations
 - Roy stated there is a ticketing system could be used to collect fees for tickets
 - Shannon confirmed that a donation cannot be made using Langara College funds
 - Roy will investigate other options
 - Dave wondered if the company could invoice us for payment
8. Newsletter – Gail
- ACTION:** Please provide Gail with your top choice for a name:
- LCAR News, Retirees Rambling, LCAR Edition, LCAR Review, LCAR Quarterly, Geezer Gazette, And By the Way, Retirees, LCAR Affairs, LCAR Cares
 - For privacy reasons, People and Culture has declined to provide names of recent retirees to be included in the newsletter
 - New retirees sign up directly on the LCAR website
- Newsletters has 5 sections:
 - What is new in LCAR (logo, society status)
 - New board member – Bruce Kennedy
 - And on 49th (new President search; an employee equity plan; in-person spring convocation; environmental students winning awards; new Applied Science Chair; 2021 Christmas Hamper campaign
 - Look who has retired – spotlight on Harry Lendvoy
 - And we remember – eulogy for Dave Mitton
9. Senior wellness workshops – Roy
- Was more than two years ago for the last workshop
 - Results of the survey include: 33 responses received; top seminar choices:
 1. Memory and Aging
 2. Healthy Eating
 3. Navigating the Health Care System
- Venue: half want to attend online and remainder would attend in person or on line; only one said they would only attend if in person
- Roy will send a summary out; proposes to host the top three choices over the next three months
 - Gail suggested given the current Covid situation, online would be the way to go
 - Other workshops available – Roy will circulate info on the Personal Planning Series in March
10. February social update – Dave
- College is not currently allowing any social events at this time; Safety Officer will review our request closer to the date.
 - Thank you to the team who had planned to support the delivery of the event.
 - What does the group think about this type of event vs the Gala? Does this replace the Gala?
 - Diane – the Gala was a paid event with more entertainments; this more of hybrid social/entertainments – perhaps aimed at different audiences

- Gail - the February event was to increase membership; Gala was more of a fundraising event vs social event
- Dave added that as a part of our existence is to assist with fund raising; could we have a fundraising component to this; defer this discussion until Moira is available
- Susan thought it was more of a meet and greet event; Gala is a fundraising event
- Diane – some people may be hesitant to attend if they felt they may be asked for money
- **Decision:** This is not replacing the Gala. This is a social event; keep fund-raising out of the lounge notion
- Martin added that there is no pressure fundraising with Gala (just ticket cost), no further pressure to make donations
- Heidi has a number of events for Feb and March that have also been postponed; recommends early April has an alternative date
- Diane – will the newsletter launch be postponed as well
- Gail – stories are timed for a February launch but can be changed
- Dave suggests timing it with the lounge event
- Roy – need to keep membership engaged with some type of activity (or newsletter), keep them from drifting away; no real idea of when we can gather
- Susan added that if we want to increase workshop presence the newsletter would be helpful, plus retirements and President announcement; in favour of continuing with newsletter
- **VOTE:** in favour of continuing to launch the newsletter in February.
- Once the date for the workshops is known, can launch newsletter on February 23

11. Next Meeting

February 17, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:00; invitation sent

Adjournment