

**LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES
STEERING COMMITTEE
FINAL MINUTES**

January 20, 2020
Meeting Room B236, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Attendees: Roy Sinn – Chair	Dawn Palmer - regrets	Shannon Eeckhout - regrets
Dave Lidstone	Shannon Redmond	Moira Gookstetter - regrets
Gail Bremer – (minutes)	Yvonne Ohara	Ken Jillings
Martin Gerson	Michael Sharzer	Brian McGibney
Jane Mason - regrets		

Roy called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of the SOS campaign.

2. Approval of the Minutes

- The Minutes of November 13th were approved with the following addition. Under the item “Association of British Columbia College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR) presentation”, the word “College” was added to the third point. The statement now reads “Norah Andrew explained that the two purposes of the (CPPR) are to “advocate for the interests of retired members of the BC College Pension Plan” and to provide opportunities for its members to stay connected.

3. Business Arising

a. Retirees’ Social and Annual Members’ Meeting (AMM)

- To date we have 37 RSVPs and 3 regrets
- The bar server order was established
- It was unanimously decided that any money raised through alcohol donations will go to the SOS campaign
- Yvonne and Gail will finalize the catering order later today
- Shannon R and Gail obtained 10 door prize donations.
- The event’s program was finalized and Martin is aware of the emcee responsibilities
- Gail will ask Shannon E. to arrange free parking for committee members.

b. Steering Committee Membership

- Ken is staying on the committee for another term. Shannon R. is stepping down. We have two positions available. Roy will ask Dawn Palmer if she is still interested in being on the committee, as she has been unable to attend our meetings for some time. Brian needs to be affirmed as a member at the annual members’ meeting.
- Roy posted the call for committee member nominations on the retirees’ listserv. He has not received any nominations yet, although Diane Bradley has expressed interested in joining.

c. Langara Email and Portal Service for Retirees

- In December, Roy emailed a letter to Lane and other senior administrative members requesting an urgent January meeting to discuss the concerns about and amiable solutions related to the discontinuation of retirees' email and portal services. To date no one has replied to the email. Martin to follow up with Lane today.
- ** Post Lane and Martin's meeting: Lane apologized for not replying to our email. He explained that the IT team are currently "swamped" with rolling out the new HR/Payroll and Finance system and are not working on the email system. As a result, the deadline for discontinuing retirees' email is pushed back until April.
- Lane will be addressing the retirees' email situation in his welcoming address at the social and AMM event.

4. Other Updates/Business

a. Associate membership with Association of BC College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR)

- Langara is now a member of this association.
- Michael provided historical information about the advocacy structure of the previous association.
- Michael proposed and is prepared to serve on a subcommittee that looks at retiree's participation in board advocacy. Roy to send out a call for additional members for this committee.

b. Renewal of CURAC membership

- It was unanimously agreed that we should renew our membership in this organization.
- There is a national conference on May 13-15 at UBC. It was suggested that Langara should send one or two committee member (s) to the conference.

c. SOS campaign

- The first event of the campaign is the Golden Apple awards. Nominations begin in February. This is followed by several events happening in March. Yvonne to send us the exact dates of the different events.
- The "Langara Cooks" event occurs the 2nd week of March. Michael will organize the retirees' booth.
- If you would like to volunteer to help cook contact Michael. If you would like to help at any of the other SOS events contact Yvonne.

d. Scheduling committee meetings

- It has been very difficult to have several of our working members present at our meetings. To facilitate their attendance it was suggested that we:
 - base our meetings on their availability
 - plan our meetings well in advance
- For our next meeting, Roy will ask Shannon E. to send out a doodle availability poll with dates between the last week of February and the first week in March.

5. Adjournment

- Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:50.