

# LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE

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## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 7, 2017  
11:30 a.m. | T226

**Attendees:**

Gail Bremer  
Mel Fearman  
Martin Gerson  
Moira Gookstetter  
Mike Holmwood  
Ken Jillings

Gerda Krause (*Chair*)  
Dave Lidstone  
Judy Mah  
Dawn Palmer (a)  
Roy Sinn

**Minutes:**

Anna McAuliffe

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. Gerda welcomed new committee members Dave Lidstone and Gail Bremer.

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**2. Approval of minutes of March 9, 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2017 were approved by consensus.

**3. Business Arising**

**a) New membership**

A roundtable of introductions was held. A discussion on recruitment of new members was held. It was noted that People Services will sign up every new retiree to the membership upon their retirement date, with the option to decline. In response to a question, it was noted that the Terms of Reference outlines the structure and expectations of the committee. It was suggested that a business-card-sized invitation to join the Retiree group that includes sign-up information and could be carried by committee members to help them promote the committee be produced.

**ACTION: Gerda to follow-up with Communications & Marketing about a business card.**

IT WAS MOVED by Martin, seconded by Roy, that Gail Bremer be officially added to the membership of the Langara College Retirees Steering Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was decided that the committee chair would be tasked with notifying the general membership of changes to the Steering Committee that take place between the dates of the AMM. Mel noted that he will connect with his CUPE contact to inquire about the potential to use their contacts to recruit administrative members.

**b) AMM review**

A discussion on the March event was held. It was agreed that it was an enjoyable event. Low

turnout due to the timing around spring break was unexpected. A draft set of minutes from the AMM were prepared and circulated at the meeting. It was noted that a small annual budget for retirees has been added to the People Services budget to support future events.

**c) SOS Campaign wrap-up**

Moira provided a wrap-up of the SOS Campaign. Throughout the month of March, over \$47,000 was raised which will be matched by the College. She thanked the committee members for their support and involvement in the events.

**4. New Business**

**a) Review Facebook page and listserv**

A discussion on the status and efficacy of the Facebook page and listserv was held. It was noted that membership on the Facebook page is low and it was suggested that it be promoted on the listserv as the membership numbers are higher on that platform. In response to a question, it was noted that People Services owns the listserv, and it is believed that a reply all feature has been deactivated.

**ACTION: Judy to report on the listserv functionality at the next meeting.**

**b) Next event**

A discussion on the next event was held. It was suggested that further discussion on upcoming events be added to the next meeting agenda. Moira noted that the Foundation will begin planning a campaign, 49 on 49<sup>th</sup>, in 2019, in advance of the College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Langara College.

**5. Election of officers**

As outlined in the Steering Committee Terms of Reference, an election of committee officers was held. Upon nominations duly made and seconded, the following were unanimously elected as officers to the Langara College Retiree Steering Committee:

Chair: Martin Gerson  
Vice-Chair: Roy Sinn  
Treasurer: Dave Lidstone

It was noted that administrative duties for the committee will be overseen by Dawn Palmer and Judy Mah.

**6. Other**

No other items presented.

**7. Next meeting**

A poll for a late April meeting will be circulated

**ACTION: Judy to circulate poll for next meeting.**

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.