

LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017
11:00 a.m. | T224

Attendees:

Gail Bremer	Dave Lidstone
Mel Fearman	Dawn Palmer
Martin Gerson (Chair)	Roy Sinn
Moira Gookstetter -regrets	Yvonne Ohara
Mike Holmwood	Linda Forsythe (COSCO)
Ken Jillings	

Minutes:

Judy Mah - regrets
Nav Dhaliwal

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

1) COSCO (Council of Senior Citizens Organizations) – Guest: Linda Forsythe

- Linda Forsythe, membership secretary, provided the following background information and history regarding COSCO, an organization which advocates for senior rights and issues
- BC division has been in place for approximately 57 years and has just under 100,000 members
- COSCO members are classified as either affiliates/ organizations or individual members/ associates (around 200 individual members, who do not have a vote, but can ask to speak or address certain issues)
- COSCO will provide pension, healthcare and home support, transportation (handy dart service) and housing information for Seniors
- COSCO is funded through donations and memberships
- Benefits of membership include discounts on insurance rates, information via COSCO quarterly newsletters, organization website and invitations to join the monthly COSCO meetings and large conference scheduled every 4 years
- Linda invited the committee members to attend a meeting first before making a decision to join

ACTION:

- 1. Linda Forsythe to provide supporting information on insurance and Mary Griffin's contact information, etc.**

2) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3) Approval of minutes of May 5 and May 11, 2017

The minutes of the meetings on May 5 and May 11, 2017 were approved.

4) Business Arising

A. Membership Building

(1) Sunlock Gardens group

- Martin obtained approval from half of the Sunlock Gardens group members to add their emails to the LCR Listserv and has received a few additional responses from his follow-up communication to the rest of the group
- Judy added approximately 40-50 previous Langara staff members to the listserv
ACTION: No further action required.

(2) Connections with CUPE

- It was noted that there are 2 different CUPE Listserv accounts:
 - CUPE Local 15 – comprised of mostly Langara staff, VCC and a few other municipal groups
 - CUPE - much larger and consists of a variety of different groups
- The committee discussed sending separate messages to each account and agreed that this messaging will be more effective if it is delivered in the fall instead of summer

ACTION:

1. **Mel to speak to Brian about sending separate messages to the two CUPE Listservs.**
2. **Mel to create draft messaging for circulation in August.**

(3) Connections with LFA

- Dave reported he will be meeting with the LFA board in September to discuss the idea of sharing Langara retiree membership contact information
- In preparation for this meeting, Dave will draft messaging and circulate to the LCR Steering Committee members prior to presenting to the LFA board
- Martin suggested using the objectives from the LCR TOR to highlight the benefits of shared membership (i.e. help to keep track of retirees and contact information for those retirees)

ACTION:

1. **Dave to continue communicating with LFA and create draft for circulation in August.**

(4) Access to the membership/ listserv list

- Martin was provided with the list of names and emails of all LCR members (Excel file) and has asked that this list be shared with the rest of the steering committee members

ACTION:

1. **Judy to share the LCR membership list of names and email addresses with the LCR Steering Committee members.**

B. Next Events

(1) Gala/ Talent Show – Studio 58 Available for October 27

- Dave contacted Bruce Kennedy and Daniel Dolan (Studio 58) about planning for a gala/talent show at Studio 58
- Since Studio 58 is only available for end of October, it was decided to host the event on October 27 and plan a Blue's Event for January 26 2018 (Yvonne has booked the employee lounge for Friday, Jan 26 from 3 to 7pm)
- The committee agreed to name the event "Langara Geezers Gala" and to donate revenue generated to the Langara College Foundation, to be designated for financial aid for Studio 58 students.
- It was noted that approval to serve alcohol at the event will need to be obtained from Lane and that all bartenders will need the serving it right certificate

ACTION:

- 1. Dave to commence planning for the event, including obtaining support and/or resources from committee members and reaching out to Retirees for talent.**
- 2. Dave will ask Daniel Dolan about selling tickets via the ticket sales system that Studio 58 uses for its own productions, when Daniel returns from vacation in August.**
- 3. Martin to put out a Save the Date message soon.**

5) Next meeting

As the time for the meeting ran out before the agenda was completed, the group agreed to meet again to complete the agenda on Monday, July 10 at 12:30 pm.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2017
12:30 p.m. | T228

Attendees:

Martin Gerson (Chair)	Dave Lidstone
Gail Bremer	Roy Sinn
Ken Jillings	Dawn Palmer
Mike Holmwood -regrets	Moira Gookstetter
Mel Fearman -regrets	

Minutes:

Judy Mah

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.

4) Business Arising (continued)

B. Next Events

(2) Halloween Wine and Cheese

- The committee decided not to host a wine and cheese event around Halloween due to other events planned for this period
- Yvonne has booked the employee lounge for Friday, Jan 26 from 3 to 7pm for the wine and cheese event.
- The event will be themed around the “January Blues”, perhaps using Mel’s blues band for entertainment.
- Gail agreed to be the point person to organize the 2018 wine and cheese event
ACTION: No further action required at this time.

(3) Golf Club Get-Togethers

- Ken contacted the Langara Golf Course and was advised the retirees group can be accommodated, but only on days there is no other large group being hosted
- Martin received positive feedback from the first golf club get-together, which took place on July 6. Approximately a dozen participants attended, including a few spouses
- The group agreed to hold the golf club get-together once per month and to have committee members take turns in organizing the gatherings. The event will initially be scheduled for different days of the week in order to determine the best day to host the gathering
- It was noted that Roy and Ken will coordinate the next golf club get-together in mid-August
ACTION:
 1. Ken to contact the Golf Course with dates.
 2. Judy or Martin to send out communication over the listserv once date is finalized.

(4) Discussion Groups

- Leni Gelten has informed Martin that approximately 7 retirees have expressed interest in establishing a discussion group for fall 2017; however, she would like to recruit at least 8-13 more members
- It was agreed to advertise this discussion group on an adhoc basis via the LCR Listserv and Facebook and to encourage other members to start new groups

ACTION:

- 1. Martin to have a discussion with Leni about posting this information on the Listserv.**
- 2. Judy to book rooms once the discussion group dates have been determined.**

C. Web presence

(1) "Langara College Retirees" page in the HR section of Langara website

- The Langara College Retirees web page will be located in the HR Section of the Langara website and will include the Terms of Reference, upcoming events, meeting minutes and how to join information

ACTION:

- 1. Martin, Roy and Mike will meet with Nav to develop content for the LCR Webpage.**

(2) Look of Listserv

- It was noted that we are unable to change the appearance or improve readability of the Listserv

ACTION: No action required.

(3) Posting of approved SC Minutes

- The LCR Steering Committee Minutes will be uploaded to the LCR Webpage once developed

ACTION: No action required.

(4) Can we create a membership directory with security (login)?

- Martin asked if a secure membership directory (emails only) with login-in can be developed to give all LCR members the opportunity to connect
- Moira suggested we update the membership list quarterly and circulate to the LCR members via the Listserv
- Dawn recommended creating a Langara College Retirees brochure, after the Retirees webpage is created. Brochure can be launched at the AMM and given to new retirees upon retirement

ACTION:

- 1. Martin, Roy will reach out to Nav about secure membership list on the Retirees Webpage.**
- 2. Roy will research how other institutions with retiree groups stay in contact.**

(5) Other Web Issues

ACTION: No other issues reported and no action required.

D. Membership in COSCO

- The committee agreed to join COSCO and have membership fees paid from the HR budget

ACTION:

Roy will get in touch with Linda Forsythe and will send a message to committee members to see if they want to also act as co- or alternate delegate.

5) Upcoming Langara Events that we should tell retirees about?

- It was noted that the next event will be Welcome Week in early September.

ACTION:

1. **Moira will ask Reba if volunteers are needed and provide further information to the group.**

6) Future update reports to retirees101 listserv

- Roy has agreed to send out the next update on future events and Cosco membership via the LCR Listserv

7) Next meeting

ACTION:

1. **Judy to send out doodle poll for available dates around the 1st and 2nd weeks of Sept, preferably the week of the 4th as committee members may be at Langara to volunteer for the Welcome Week and Orientation Festival.**

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.