

# LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

## MEETING MINUTES

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Friday, January 20, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

### Attendees:

Diane Bradley - Chair  
Dave Lidstone  
Roy Sinn  
Brian McGibney

Martin Gerson  
Gail Bremer  
Bruce Kennedy  
Susan Weber

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)  
Patricia Cia  
Heidy Rahnumah

### 1. Any additions to the agenda

### 2. Approval of the agenda

Approved as circulated.

### 3. Approval of the minutes from the October 24, 2022 meeting

Minutes approved as circulated.

### 4. Business

#### 4.1 Amendment of Policies & Procedure #7

- Suggested change language to ‘chair appointed for 2 year term **normally starting** in odd years, vice chair for 2 year term **normally starting** in even years.’

#### 4.2 Proposed future activities (Gala etc.) Bruce, Dave

- Bruce proposed April 11, 2023 for the Gala
- This is the only date that works between the closing of the theatre event and repurposing of the space
- Looking for confirmation from the group
- Bruce suggested an evening event; 7 pm start rather than 8 pm
- Dave had some ideas as well: would see this as a fund raising event for Studio 58; admission charge; an evening event with an earlier evening time would work; suggests reaching out to LFA and Support Staff for help with program – would draw a broader community for the audience, acknowledged that programming for a variety show is more work than a lounge event, inclined to restrict the acts to 10 minutes each;
- Brian added that if as a fund raiser for Studio 58, could we get the Studio 58 people to do the snack bar as they usually do during their events
- Bruce stated that student availability would be tight; has an audio tech who may be able to help; has lighting experience too; not positive about having other students available to help out. Shouldn’t expect much more than some technical help.
- Bruce asked about a liquor license
- Dave added that generally the audience is not drinking as much as they did; may not be worth it but having some sort of refreshments available would be good
- Roy agreed that we should have drinks during the intermission; some water, tea, coffee, sodas
- Bruce confirmed a max of 105 tickets would be sold

- Heidi recommended using the LSU space, larger venue, benefit is that they don't need to use Chartwells
- Brian stated that historically, the Studio space worked just fine for the numbers
- Brian happy to be part of the planning
- Roy can help with tickets
- Diane confirmed a Gala subcommittee will be struck: Heidi, Bruce, Roy, Brian, Gail can help with catering if needed

#### **4.3 Updates on the next newsletter – Martin, Dave, Gail, Roy**

- Roy gave an update that the group has a lot of articles, includes more writing with this newsletter than in the past; currently assembling in a complete document; will have a draft out by next Wednesday; will circulate with the editorial group; expects issue to be out in late February;
- Gail will continue to send articles from the Post
- Roy added that for the more time sensitive information, it may not be the appropriate forum, rather should use the listserv; the Gala Save the Date would be a good item for the newsletter
- Roy added that once it is reviewed by the editorial group, it could be circulated to this group
- Shannon will request the Print Shop to print 30 copies; please provide Shannon with a file to send them

#### **4.4 Website content – Files and possible “In Memoriam” pages Roy, Diane, Patricia, Susan**

- Roy has uploaded the minutes to the website
- In Memoriam pages – some email exchanged with a subcommittee; we have a list of websites with this type of information
- Roy suggested putting up a list; Patricia, Susan, Roy had discussed
- Will be public information
- Roy reviewed SFU and the sites are quite elaborate; Roy is thinking of a simple page design, where people can submit text or email or use the website where a word document can be imported and easily posted although it doesn't allow for a consistent format
- Diane said that we need to consider the amount of time it is costing each of the committee members
- Susan added that the issue is the content, where does it come from and how far back do we go; is a thoughtful thing for a retirees group to do; Word document would be preferred; Roy doing a lot with the website; Diane, Susan, Patricia can format
- Roy would be able to show the others how to upload; Susan has admin access to the website; would be nice to have another who can help out
- Shannon will send a list of the names she has
- Roy suggested a note in the newsletter asking for short submissions

#### **4.5 Liaison with CPPR – Diane/Susan**

- Susan and Diane attended the AGM; focus on pension, extended presentation on the plan and how the money is managed; BC Investment Corp has a page with information; COSCO wondered why the Pension Plan doesn't sponsor senior housing; the trustees' fiduciary duty is to prioritize the financial sustainability of the plan for all present and future participants; QuadReal Property Group manages BCI's real estate program; 400 non-market housing going into Oakridge
- Information is also available on the pension plan and BCI websites.
- Dave asked about the Oakridge development funded by BCI, which manages the College Pension Plan
- Diane clarified that the development is part of the portfolio of BC Public Sector Investments: <https://www.bci.ca/>

- Susan, reporting from Cosco meetings, added that BCI has 211 billion that is invested worldwide; Shift has been pushing towards more climate action; <https://www.shiftaction.ca/>; this site oversees and analyzes; BCI received a D+; they state that BCI has not been doing enough

#### **4.6 Liaison with CURAC – Dave**

- Dave thinking of going to the Saskatoon conference; the secretary has yet to respond to his attempts to get through; has been in touch with Brian Harvey, organizer;
- Will try again to contact the CURAC secretary to confirm his request has been received

#### **4.7 Alice Hsu, retirement gifts – Diane**

- Alice, Executive Assistant to the President, has reported that the normal gift for retirees is running out, looking for ideas for what retirees might like; is there also a gift card that retirees would like?;
- Diane will circulate a message to the LCAR group asking for feedback to be directed to Alice.

### **5. Next Meeting**

- Friday, February 24, 2023 at 10:00 via Zoom

The meeting concluded at 11:09 am