

LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 30, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Diane Bradley

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn

Brian McGibney

Martin Gerson

Gail Bremer - regrets

Bruce Kennedy - regrets

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Patricia Cia - regrets

Simone Le Blanc - regrets

1. Any additions to the agenda

No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved.

3. Approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2023 meeting

- Update 4.9 Rep for *COSCO*

4. Business

4.1 Proposed summer activities – All

- Options include Langara golf course club house meeting; reservations are no longer possible; in some cases, people still working on campus will drop by; best we can do is plan for Wednesday (no membership gatherings), better chance to get a table that day
- Gail had suggested Milltown – also can't make reservations but they have a lot of room; not the best for those on transit
- Dublin Crossing is another option, may be able to get a reservation; no patio space; usually used in fall and winter
- Brian mentioned that there were about 10 people last time at the golf course
- **Decision:** Golf course meet up on July 19 and tentatively August 16

4.2 AGM organization and distribution of tasks – All

- Bruce has volunteered to help set up
- Dave agrees to be emcee
- Diane to give welcome speech
- Diane will coordinate catering and will duplicate the order from last time
- Shannon can input the catering order once the number of attendees has been confirmed

- Roy will advertise and arrange for registration
- Plan to place a catering order a week prior to the event but continue to allow registration and modify the catering ahead of event
- Brian recommends reaching out directly to those who attended the Gala; revisit in September
- For entertainment, Cynthia Flood has offered to share a story; additionally Cathy Sosnowsky also has a longer story from what was shared at the Gala
- Room is booked from 1:00 – 5:00 for event 1:30 – 4:00
- The recommendation is to invite the President and Vice-Presidents and have room on the agenda for Simone

4.3 Updates from the newsletter committee – Martin, Dave, Patricia

- Dave reported that there are a number of pieces in place; Gala report, draft of CURAC meeting;
- Dave thanked Shannon for the mailout of the previous newsletters
- The next issue will be out before the AGM, aiming for July
- Diane suggests waiting to include CPPR information

4.4 Report from President's Retirees' Luncheon – Diane

- Report attached to minutes.
- Diane stressed the importance of joining LCAR in order to receive communications
- Diane received a suggestion of Langara Variety Show for the name of the Gala
- Amy from the LFA responded that anyone can attend their event, date TBD

4.5 Updates from the Langara Foundation – Simone

- Deferred

4.6 Report from CURAC AGM – Dave

- Report attached to minutes.
- Feels this is a worthwhile organization to be part of
- Martin understood that the Ontario college system was a member; Dave responded that they are not listed on the membership list
- CPPR has joined
- Martin asked about organizations that used to be a college but are now universities
- Members include Kwantlen, Langara, SFU, UBC, UVIC, CPPR
- Some organizations are much better than others in the support to retirees

4.7 Liaison update from CPPR – Diane

- Report attached to minutes.

- CPPR has been invited to take part in evaluating and improving a survey regarding extended health benefits due to member dissatisfaction with current Greenshield coverage. Increased benefits would cost more.
- Trying to increase membership and active participation in Board
- Two committees: constitution committee and communication committee
- Currently rewriting constitution and redesigning website
- Main focus is the pension plan
- Plan to add a story for Langara in the future
- Dave suggests including Diane's report in the upcoming newsletter

4.8 LCAR website maintenance and any other website issues – Patricia, Roy

- Roy updated on the listserv, membership list and communications: he is about to send an email announcing the upcoming retirement of the listserv to people on listserv but not on registered on LCAR (128 people total)
- Message will encourage the 128 people to register on LCAR; some still may not register on LCAR and if we decide to, Roy can go ahead and register them; this will not include some personal information that they would have included in their own LCAR registration
- Roy reminded the group that the issues he was encountering was some messages to Shaw.ca accounts being tagged as spam
- Dave requested that a draft communication be sent around
- Roy can send communications around on behalf of the group
- Roy has created generic email addresses to use when corresponding with associations as an affiliate

5. Next Meeting

- Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 10:00 via Zoom