

LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 1, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Diane Bradley

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn

Martin Gerson

Alan Cooper

Bruce Kennedy - regrets

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Patricia Cia - regrets

Brian McGibney

1. Any additions to the agenda

- No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2023 meeting

- 4.2 Edit to anonymize
- 4.7 Edit to final bullet

4. Business

4.1 Discussion of a Motion to amend Bylaw 2.1 Eligibility for membership – Martin

- Martin briefly explained the history of the retirees group: Dawn Palmer was the VP at the time and a Terms of Reference was in place at that point (pre-society)
- Later became an independent society in order to run own website (recommended by the College)
- The College maintains a budget for LCAR and we don't want to lose that connection
- Membership guidelines came from the terms of reference
- Changing bylaws involves having General meeting, giving notice of bylaw change and a 2/3 vote to change, then file new bylaws
- Roy reminded the group that members also get discounts through CS, these are intended for former Langara employees
- Shannon noted that there are financial implications to broadening the membership language and has confirmed that Jane Mason, Vice-President, would want the Executive Leadership Team to consider the motion before it is voted on.
- As inviting Amy was the trigger for the conversation, Diane suggests we invite Amy first then deal with the membership language later when we know her intentions

4.2 Possible canvassing for extra board members – update

- Martin reported that he has reached out to the two potential board members; one is considering and Martin will confirm in January

4.3 Events and socials / Gala – Dave, Brian, Bruce / Pubs - Roy

- Dave and Bruce have met with Studio 58 reps; onboard for in house production of the Gala on **Monday, April 8, 2024**; Studio 58 has determined a 7:30 pm curtain
 - Met with Foundation representative in the hopes of their help with front of house; will be arranging online payment; should help with no-shows; early planning stages but will have wonderful cooperation with Studio 58 and Foundation
 - Plan to have the event be contained within Studio 58 including socialization over a wine bar; Studio 58 will look into liquor license; three other future production meetings planned
 - Both the LFA and CUPE advertised the last Gala on their listservs
 - Dave wants to extend the invitations broadly including advertising on the Studio 58 donor list
 - Dave will confirm the details of the \$300 security charge
 - Dave will ask about a possible matinee event
 - Brian mentioned that the in-person ticket selling in the employee lounge but noted there weren't many people there
 - Dave suggests word of mouth
- Roy and Diane have started discussion around a different pub style event; perhaps on campus; more to come in the new year

4.4 Events and socials / Langara Foundation – Roy, Diane, Patricia

- Roy has a financial advisor from Investors Group that could put on a workshop similar to what the Foundation wants; Roy wanted something more general where the Foundation could add on to it at the end.
- Roy and Diane meeting with Foundation next week
- Hoping to do an event in the afternoon and incorporate a social
- Roy's rep could do it in the first three weeks of February or in April

4.5 Report from the newsletter committee – Martin, Dave, Patricia

- Dave reported that almost everything is in place for the next issue
- May be some CPPR and COSCO information to be included
- Expect publication in the next few weeks

4.6 Website management update - Roy / Patricia

- Roy encountered an issue while setting up a test website for Patricia and Alan to test mailings
- Some members received notification of cancellation of their accounts which is now sorted out
- Working on email system which is going to be a bit more difficult than hoped; users will have to go into website in order to send something out
- Roy can create separate mailing list where people can subscribe to the list they want
- Roy working on setting up a proper demonstration; will be in touch with Alan and Patricia
- Martin's sense is that we are a long way from too many mailing, not an issue at this point
- Alan suggests batching things together, we could have a weekly summary 'news from membership'

4.7 Liaison with CURAC – Dave

- Dave has had zoom meetings and has joined the communication committee
- Their executive has mandated the style of newsletter which is very different from that of LCAR
- Theirs is more piece-meal; articles are quite separate and go out as they are ready to go; shorter news items
- Then a quarterly collated mailing with headlines and links
- Will have a new website in 2024

4.8 Liaison with CPPR – Diane

- Documents circulated, also attached to the minutes.
- Special AGM in February to vote on constitution and bylaws.
- The Communications committee will get website updated in new year.
- Primetime newsletter also coming in the new year.

4.9 Liaison with Cosco – Alan

- Was unable to attend the most recent meeting but will circulate the minutes and provide a summary to Dave for newsletter.

5. Next Meeting

January 26, 2024 10:00 am, Zoom