



## LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

### MEETING MINUTES

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Friday, May 10, 2024

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

**Attendees:**

Diane Bradley	Martin Gerson	Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)
Dave Lidstone - regrets	Alan Cooper	Patricia Cia - regrets
Roy Sinn	Bruce Kennedy - regrets	Brian McGibney

**1. Any additions to the agenda**

- 4.9 added

**2. Approval of the agenda**

- Approved with addition

**2. Approval of the minutes from the March 22nd, 2024 meeting**

- Shannon will send a finalized version to Roy for the website

**4. Business**

**4.1 Gala – Debrief - Brian, Bruce**

- Dave provided an update to the group by email
- Brian added that artistically, it was a success
- Diane hopes to recruit some current employees participate in the future
- Martin provided feedback that some friends don't want to go out at night and would prefer an afternoon event; would have to consider access to Studio 58 in the afternoon
- Brian noted that during the day there are delivery trucks that use the loading dock right next to Studio 58 so noise may be an issue
- Brian added that we should have this discussion with Dave present
- 40 people attended
- Diane received feedback that the spoken word presenters were hard to hear clearly

#### 4.2 LCAR Award – General discussion

- Diane has been back and forth with Karina
- Originally the Foundation wanted a guarantee for \$500/year for three years; only two people at this point; Is there interest in going ahead with this?
- Dave wondered if we wanted to ask the entire membership
- Karina has advised that if we can't come up with an agreement for the \$500, they could create a holding fund to see how it builds up; could promote it
- Apart from Diane and Patricia in assisting with the \$500; **Alan committed \$100**
- Martin suggests putting out a call for an LCAR award and invite others to commit a certain amount/month; a small amount per month adds up over the year
- Diane suggested a survey of the members; would need to know where they would donate to; we would need to sort out the instructions for how donations would be received
- Karina also confirmed that the Foundation could create a bursary (non-subject specific) for a student in need vs a scholarship
- Diane also asked about building the fund over \$25,000 to make it an endowed award. This is possible if LCAR raises \$12,500 and with matching from the Foundation.
- Roy suggests stating our proposals in a message which would make it easier for members to decide to participate
- Martin feels there are people who would like to do this but could only contribute a small amount and this would allow for that
- **Decision:** Alan to draft a letter for review by Diane and then Roy to distribute to the list

#### 4.3 Workshops / Events / AGM - Roy, Diane

- Roy updated about the recent workshops:
  - Estate Planning Workshop: 20 people registered
  - Sleep: 10 people registered
  - Memory: 17 people registered
- A few people went to the Golf Course after the Memory session
- Would need to plan a next workshops a few months in advance
- When Roy contacted the Dublin Crossing, there was a minimum charge
- Diane had some other ideas about going to a restaurant close by
- Martin asked about continuing to use the Golf Course; Roy to check on making a reservation
- AGM: Thursday, November 7, 2024, book room 1:00-5:00 (2-4:30 for event)

#### 4.4 Report from the newsletter committee – Martin

- Spring edition is out; thanks to Roy for sending around
- Thank you to Patricia for the layout and gathering of content
- Roy added that the new format is great; Shannon added that it also prints quite easily

#### 4.5 Website management update – Roy

- Email issues again; LCAR address and Gmail addresses (the latter is denying some messages); anything from the website goes out without issue

#### 4.6 Liaison with CURAC – Diane

- Dave will attend the AGM via Zoom on May 22 – 24
- Dave and Diane have received an agenda and report – does anyone want to see it; Martin would like to see it; Diane will circulate to the board
- Dave circulated a survey about benefits that retirees receive from organizations
- Martin suggested that Dave was looking at how the CURAC survey results, and information gathered, might inform us related to the agreement with LCAR and Langara

#### 4.7 Liaison with CPPR – Diane

- Next meeting June 19
- Diane attended the April 8th subcommittee meeting
- They are trying to attract new members and working to improve communication to help people understand why to join
- 22 people from Langara are members

#### 4.8 Liaison with COSCO – Alan

- No update at this time
- Roy received communication from COSCO about our email address; Roy suggested using [COSCO@LCAR.ca](mailto:COSCO@LCAR.ca) which forwards to Alan

#### 4.9 LCAR contract with Langara – Diane

- Shannon updated that she has provided information to Anne Baxter, Risk who will review the current state
- Roy suggests trying to negotiate for additional services (parking etc.)

#### Other Items:

- Diane will attend Presidents Retirees Luncheon on May 30; has copies of newsletter to take along
- Brian advised that Fred Howie passed away last week

### **5. Next Meeting**

- Friday, June 28, 2024, 10:00 am via Zoom