



LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 28, 2024

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Diane Bradley

Martin Gerson

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Dave Lidstone

Alan Cooper

Patricia Cia

Roy Sinn

Bruce Kennedy - regrets

Brian McGibney

1. Additions to the agenda

- No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2024 meeting

- Minutes approved. A finalized version will be sent to Roy for posting.

4. Business

4.1 LCAR Award – Discussion & Motion to adopt proposal composed by Alan

- Letter approved by all.
- Karina to add details including matching funds information. Roy to circulate.

4.2 Fall AGM – Entertainment, Tech Support and Catering – Roles and timelines

- AGM booked for November 7, 2024 in T-Gallery
- Shannon to send Chartwells menu to Diane to make choices closer to this date
- Dave and Bruce can work together on this; A/V needs will depend on entertainment
- Dave offers to act as emcee
- Two acts, 15 minutes each
- Martin recommends the photography display by Evelyn Nodwell; Patricia will also consider doing a display
- Other possible contributors: Deborah Blacklock, Catherine Shaw, Kevin Craib
- Dave to reach out to confirm acts

4.3 Other Events (2025 Gala, Possible Fundraiser for Bursary) or Workshops - Dave, Roy, Diane

- Roy has yet to consider fall workshops but should start planning now; will propose a few options
- Consider workshop then a social at the golf course; would want to ensure it is advertised this way
- Gala: Dave reported that Studio 58 will support LCAR again; Ruth has been in touch with the date April 7, 2025; continue as an evening event; start planning in January; would have a cap on support hours available; non-alcohol bar
- Brian thought the performance and show was really good this past year; should be thinking about trying to get a full house

- Dave added that Bruce and Dave met with Roger Holdstock who has expressed interest in helping with the promotional side to generate a bigger audience
- Have talked about increasing current employee acts but keep to 8 acts total: 3 current employees and 5 retiree acts
- Also decided to contact current employees to be ambassadors
- Considering a promotional video to use with advertising; could use audio recording that the performers have
- Considering the Voice, Studio 58 newsletter
- Veda has won art pieces in the past but cannot make use of them and would like to return them to LCAR; consumable prizes may be a better option
- Hold for now, recycle later if possible. Dave will hold for now.
- Dave suggests a September or October mini-gala, three 15-minute acts; has a talent base that would allow for this; registration required; donate if you wish; use T-Gallery in late September
- Dave to submit event request for Wednesday, September 25 or Thursday, September 26

4.4 Report from the newsletter committee – Martin / Patricia

- Martin reported that planning has not started for the next issue
- Diane wondered how much affiliate information should be included
- Dave suggests that showing the affiliates lets them know we are considering them
- Alan suggests including links

4.5 Website management update - Roy

- Diane was in touch with a retiree who may be interested in helping with website; Roy meeting with Yue Su next week; Roy has added her to the newsletter lists
- Diane attended the President's luncheon, 11 retirees attended and received LCAR info, result was that one person has registered; will send Roy the list of names
- Alan suggests getting an email address anytime we are at events with retirees

4.6 Liaison with CURAC – Dave

- Written report circulated.
- May need to revisit establishing a bank account; CURAC looking to do an e-transfer.
- Martin feels it probably needs to be done. Need to consider who the signing offers would be and how many signatures would be needed for transactions.
- Dave suggests for the next event, we continue with status quo but long term an account makes sense.
- Roy questioned whether it would require a Treasurer position and updating the bylaws.
- Martin reminded the group that a bylaw update is already underway. Martin, Roy and Patricia offer to coordinate. Diane as President would be a signatory.

4.7 Liaison with CPPR – Diane

- Written report circulated.
- CPPR has long meetings, heavy on details. A long pension and retirement report is available. If anyone is interested in the reports, Diane can send around.
- Hearing that people are fed up with Greenshield; Greenshield website also being updated
- Dave asked about MPPR, is there some utility in establishing a liaison to keep our MPPR retirees informed
- Brian noted that the Municipal Pension Plan send out two mailings each year
- Martin wondered if any of Langara's retirees are members of MPPR



4.8 Liaison with Cosco – Alan

- No report at this time.
- Diane is still getting cc'd on the information.

5. Next Meeting

August 22, 2024, 10:00 am