



LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2024

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Diane Bradley

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn - regrets

Martin Gerson

Alan Cooper

Bruce Kennedy - regrets

Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)

Patricia Cia

Brian McGibney - regrets

1. Any additions to the agenda

No additions.

2. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the minutes from the August 22nd, 2024 meeting

Approved as circulated.

4. Business

4.1 Bursary Fundraising event (October 1st) – Debrief – All

- Dave recognized Bruce for his help with the event including arriving early to help with the lighting and maintaining contact with current College members
- \$3,645 raised going into the event, now \$4,200 after the event; with matching: \$8,400
- Dave questioned whether it was conservative to set the \$500 amount; consider making it more?
- Endowment fund would have the interest dispersed annually
- Martin would be in favour of taking it to the AGM or a general meeting for them to approve a recommendation from the board but may not be ready for this AGM
- Martin understands that the minimum amount is \$25,000; we would have to raise half; not sure what interest rate the Foundation expects? Maybe 5% or more (\$1,250/year)
- The more we take out, the longer it will take to get to the point it will go on without making more contributions
- Dave agrees that getting to a level of endowment is preferable; favours not making an award this year but trying to grow the fund to \$12,500
- Diane to find out more about what we can do.

4.2 Proposed By-Law Amendment: Membership eligibility – Martin

- Martin’s proposal was displayed for discussion; part B being added
- All agreed to take forward to the AGM
- Will need to include amendment in the AGM package to be sent Friday Oct 18

4.3 Proposed By-Law Amendment: Banking - Martin

- Martin’s proposal was displayed for discussion
- It was noted that when making an etransfer, it would have to be approved by an additional person
- Policies and procedures would have to be updated to include a Treasurer
- Suggests three signing officers, two of whom can approve: Agreed by all
- Dave **moves** that the recommendation about one signatory be changed to two signatories required with up to three authorized; in reference to item 4.4 in Aug 22 meeting. Seconded by Martin; all in favour
- Do not require an amendment to 6.2
- Policy changes: board executive – can add this; new section H for role of Treasurer
- Should have information in OPPM for bank account
- Second 9c would change . . . ‘two of the directors’
- Alan and Martin **move** to make both amendments – all are in favour
- Manual says ‘normally chair and vice chair’ should have a motion for who can sign
- Roles are more important than names; assigned after AGM – postpone

4.4 Board Elections and Recruitment - All

- Diane plans to step down as Chair; elections coming up Diane, Brian and Patricia; Diane will also leave the board
- Continuing efforts to attract new members
- Patricia willing to stay on the board

4.3 Fall AGM (November 7th) – Planning – All

- Will need 10 copies of minutes and agenda for tables
- Diane will take care of providing Shannon with a catering order; has arranged with Foundation for tablecloths and decorations
- Patricia will present her photographs from her trip to Haida Gwaii in 2018.
- Dave could perform a solo program (20 min)
- Would require someone else to emcee
- Expect that Bruce could help with music, Brian as an emcee potentially
- Shannon to assist with inviting the executive leadership team
- Martin suggested sending out a notice that we will be electing a board and inviting people to nominate themselves
- Dave suggests taking Claude up on her offer to have a table at the AGM; Dave will report back by email

4.4 Report from the newsletter committee – Patricia

- Patricia has spare copies; the online version has been circulated
- Patricia shared her screen and shared photos of the social event
- Martin recognized Patricia for her huge contribution to the newsletter
- Patricia chatted with Tomo who may contribute an article with photos

4.5 Website management update – Roy

- Deferred

4.6 Liaison with CURAC – Dave

- No update

4.7 Liaison with CPPR – Diane

- Went to a zoom meeting yesterday; presentation from trustee, benefits will not be funded by pension fund; excess fund channeled to inflation adjustment account
- Not many options for benefit improvements in health and dental coverage except maybe to join another larger group
- CPPR AGM is on November 6, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the College pension plan, Weldon Cowan, will give keynote address

4.8 Liaison with Cosco – Alan

- No update

5. Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 14, 2024