



LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Draft)

Thursday, November 7, 2024

2:00 pm, T-Gallery

ATTENDEES

Board of Directors

Diane Bradley (chair)

Alan Cooper

Bruce Kennedy

Brian McGibney

Patricia Cia (vice-chair, acting Meeting chair)

Martin Gerson

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn (regrets)

Michael Koke, Vice-President, Administration and Finance

Dr. Pouyan Mahboubi, Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Parveen Mann, Vice-President, People and Culture

Simone Le Blanc, Executive Director, Foundation and Director, College Advancement

Karina Reid, Development Officer, Langara College Foundation

Welcome speeches were given by:

Simone Le Blanc, Executive Director, Foundation and Director, College Advancement

Michael Koke, Vice-President, Administration and Finance

16 Langara retirees attended

LCAR Annual General Meeting

1. Patricia called the business meeting called to order at 2:20pm with quorum being met.
2. Any additions to the agenda
Addition of New Business 6.A. Notice of Motion for Bylaw change, 6.B. Call for general meeting,
3. Agenda approved with addition.
4. Approval of the September 23, 2023, AGM minutes
Approved as circulated.
5. Business
 - A. Chair's report on LCAR's annual activities
 - LCAR held the April 2024 Grand Gala in Studio 58. The performances were excellent, and with additional contributions from attendees and matching by the Langara Foundation, we raised \$9764 for Studio 58 students. We encourage all retirees (and current employees) to join us for next year's event – either as performers or as members of the audience.
 - Through the past year, the LCAR Board has been working with the Foundation to create a bursary fund. It took a while to be made a reality, your generosity surpassed our expectations with LCAR members already donating \$4200. As our donations are matched by the College, we have already accrued \$8400 towards bursaries.

- A straw poll was called to further guide the Board. Members present discussed options for distributing current funds between setting up an award for 2025 or continuing to save until the minimum of \$12,500 was reached to establish an endowment fund. In the end the majority preferred to follow the Board's original recommendation of distributing \$800 to help support students in need. The Foundation advised that it would be a 3-year commitment. This project is in addition to our Grand Gala support for Studio 58 students
 - This year we held several informal summer get-togethers at the Langara Golf Course between May and August. Attendance varied depending on personal plans. Please send us your suggestions if there is any other type of event that would interest you.
 - In October we hosted a mini-gala in the T-Gallery. It took place in the afternoon and registration fees as well as the proceeds of the silent auction were put toward the bursary fund.
 - LCAR hosted a few workshops in conjunction with Cosco and in partnership with the Langara Foundation. These workshops are promoted via our email list. As registration fills quickly, watch your email for offerings of workshops.
 - The LCAR newsletter editorial team published semesterly issues which are primarily distributed via our forum and website. Some print copies are made available at the AGM and other events. We welcome your stories, column ideas, and other contributions such as photos and offers of proof-reading (send to newsletter@lcar.ca)
 - Roy Sinn, continues to ensure our website is current. This year he has transferred our email notices system to integrate better with our website. Alan Cooper has offered to act as Roy's backup and to help spread the work. I invite you to explore our website. We invite you to submit testimonials or add to existing ones on our In Memoriam page.
 - At the June 2024 Convocation ceremony, recent retiree Darrell Kean was awarded Faculty Emeritus, Criminal Justice.
 - The LCAR Board has approved establishing a bank account for LCAR. This is mostly to help expediate income from affiliations. Our operational procedures have already been updated with details and we anticipate a Treasurer appointed from within the LCAR Board.
- B. Thank you to all who have supported LCAR, both administratively and financially:
- Langara College for allocating us our financial operating budget.
 - Our president, Paula Burns for ongoing encouragement and for inviting us to address retirees at the President's Retiree Luncheon.
 - Shannon Eeckhout, Department of People and Culture, with many hours of administrative help.
 - Langara Foundation and their team for all their support in both our events and our fund-raising efforts.
 - All the LCAR board members for their many hours of service. And to the newsletter team, which also includes Judy Boxler who brings her editing expertise to each issue.
 - And especially thank you to Diane Bradley for her patience and leadership. She is stepping off the board this year and will be very much missed.

C. Ratification of Board Membership

According to our "Policies and Procedures" which are located on the LCAR website our Board can consist of up to 10 directors. Terms are for two years.

Currently five of our directors are in continuing positions until 2025.

Martin Gerson Bruce Kennedy Dave Lidstone Roy Sinn Alan Cooper.



The following people have agreed to have their names stand for re-election to another two-year period

- Brian McGibney
- Patricia Cia (vice chair)

One board member is leaving the LCAR Board after years of service.

- Diane Bradley has served as LCAR for several years among other roles. We thank her very warmly for leadership and generosity.

The following were nominated from the floor as new Board members elected for a 2-year term:

- Yue Su (Su)
- Kevin Craib

The four candidates (Brian, Kevin, Patricia, and Su) were elected for a term of office 2025-2027.

The positions of chair, vice chair, and treasurer will be decided by the board of directors at the first meeting following the AGM.

6. New Business

A. Notice of Motion for Bylaw change

The LCAR Board had prepared a motion to change our bylaws regarding membership eligibility but were not able to provide sufficient notice prior to the AGM. An LCAR member proposed a Notice of Motion that the LCAR bylaws be amended by replacing the current Bylaw 2.1 with the wording below. 2.1 (a) is our current definition and the amendment would be adding 2.1(b).

2.1:

(a) Retirees from all Langara College employee groups will become eligible to be members of LCAR effective immediately following their retirement date.

(b) In addition to the preceding, the Board may extend eligibility for membership to specific retired individuals whose retirement was not directly from Langara College, provided that a substantial portion of their career was spent at Langara College, either

- i) as a Langara employee, or
- ii) as an employee of another entity, working closely with Langara employees, in support of the Langara College community.

Motion approved.

B. Schedule of an ordinary general meeting to pass motion

Motion made that LCAR hold a general meeting online after due notice for the Bylaw amendment has been reached.

Motion approved.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

Social - Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed the social

- Musical styling with Dave Lidstone
- Haida Gwaii, a 2018 Langara Continuing Studies Eco and Photography tour with photographs by Patricia Cia