



**LANGARA COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES (LCAR)
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

10:00 – 11:00 am, via Zoom

Attendees:

Patricia Cia

Martin Gerson

Dave Lidstone

Roy Sinn

Alan Cooper

Brian McGibney -regrets

Bruce Kennedy

Kevin Craib

Yue Su (Su) -regrets

1. Any additions to the agenda

- Considering proposal to work with TCDC
- New Board member recruitment

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved with additions.

3. Approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2024, meeting and the December 4, 2024, SGM

- Approved. SGM minutes approved for posting to website as draft and will also require member approval at next AGM.

4. Business

4.1. Old Business updates

- 2024 Grand Gala Revenue

Following up with the Foundation, the revenue and donations generated via the 2024 Grand Gala are:

Ticket Revenue: \$1795.00

Other donations: \$3590.00

Total including matched funds **\$9764.00**

Amount went through the Foundation to Studio 58's General Fund

- Bylaw amendment filed - Patricia

Shannon filed BC Society annual report for LCAR on Dec 6 with BC Registries. And She filed on December 9, 2024 our bylaw amendment as approved at the SGM.

Previously only Shannon and Martin had login information to BC Registries database.

- Board approved that LCAR Executive will receive the login information.

- Bank Account status- Martin

VanCity has changed how they set up accounts. After an initial online meeting on Dec 9th there was a delay until Martin receive the requisite forms. He now has forms and



hope to hear back before end of January on next steps. Patricia and Alan may need to arrange for signatures.

The affinity cheque from CURAC will be sent to Martin. Our first deposit.

4.2. Executive Assistant support role – Patricia, All

- On January 7th LCAR was advised that our primary liaison with Langara was no longer an employee. Patricia had sent an email to VP P&C outlining scope of the role and key support made to LCAR. The information was shared with LCAR board.
- Last year there was discussion around a Memorandum of Understanding which would be initiated from Risk Management. Martin, Diane, and Brian were at the meeting with the President (Paula). Paula seemed supportive of idea of continuing the relationship and supporting LCAR.
- LCAR was established with a \$5000 budget. Our costs have generally been low, and we never really come close to using the total and we have not had a separate cost centre or budget account. LCAR expenses and reimbursements tracked on ExAsst spreadsheet.
- Currently, LCAR's closest relationship to the College is through the Foundation.
 - Patricia to talk also with Simone if/as necessary to receive administrative support. Yvonne used to arrange things for the workshops in the past and that went to Shannon.
- Lunch, meeting and/or Gift to thank Shannon – In person lunch – Dublin Crossing Pub room by Marine Drive on Canada Line). Patricia to email invitation to Shannon and cc Dave make the arrangements, contact Dawn Palmer, Moira G (VCC), Diane B., Gail B.
- Board wanting to contribute towards a gift for Shannon (Roy and Dave to plan)

4.3. Bursary fund update – Patricia

- The payment advice indicated it should go to the bursary, but I will allocate the gift to R038. Fund balances per Foundation as of January 14, 2025.
 - A411 (Student Bursary)
 - \$2,400** (to fund student bursary for three years of \$800 per year)
 - R038 (General fund growing toward endowment)
 - \$11,400** (\$7,400 + the \$4,000 from VanCity per Roger Holdstock)

4.4. Workshops and upcoming events – Roy, Dave

- Jan 21 – Workshop support for (Frauds & Scams). Shannon arranged for a room (C408) and was going to plan for catering, internet access, parking, etc. Currently eight (8) attendees, need 10 attendees to run.
 - Roy will send out a reminder today
- Feb 20 – Technology and Aging – 7 registered, need minimum 10
- March 4 – Estate Planning - co-hosted by Foundation who will make the arrangements
- Gala-April 7, 2025 – positive response from Studio58 co-production.

- Dave and Bruce meeting Feb 15th with them.
- Easiest part is putting together onstage program. Getting at least three acts from current employees – Dance class to do something.
- Focus on the **social and entertainment** aspect, not fundraising.
- Ticketing process from last time is great but may need to distinguish ticket price of \$20 from any further donations. Issues about tax receipts will made be clearer.
- Will be a no-alcohol beverage event.
- Janet Douglas brought forward an idea to allow retirees to attend TCDC (Teaching & Curriculum Development Centre) events. Shawna, TCDC Dept Chair is in favour of having those discussions. <https://iweb.langara.ca/tcdc/>
 - Roy would be interested in discussions.
 - Any connection we can have to existing structures is good. Promotes concept of 10 principals of including elders in conversations.
 - It is also way to recruit LCAR potentials, or at least make them aware of us.

4.5. LCAR Website update – Roy, Alan

- Roy looking for how to do in-service for LCAR Board so they can send out broadcast messages on the forum without it having come from Alan or Roy.

4.6. Update from Newsletter team – Dave, Martin, Patricia

- Martin working on intro to Ted Langley and John Howard Gibbon reprint.
- Memorial services? – Dave attended both Abbey Schwartz and Dave Mitton memorials. Feedback to Dave is that it would be nice to have an article.
- Hoping for fall issue shortly, and spring issue published by May 15th

4.7. Liaison with College Pension Plan Retirees ([CPPR](#)) update – Alan

- Will pass on a brief written report. Nothing pressing on the agenda

4.8 Liaison with [COSCO](#) update – Kevin

- Kevin is the delegate/rep for COSCO. Attended first Zoom meeting on Dec 13th. Eye opener for number of people they represent. All retiree associations in BC (over 20 reports delivered in 2-hour session). Lots of issues from transportation to senior's rights globally. Events and workshops too. Roy signed up as member in his involvement with Health & Wellness group. 75th anniversary in 2025.
- Meetings in direct conflict with other activities that Kevin is involved with. They record delegates meeting and is seeing if he can access recording for asynchronous viewing.
- COSCO has issues of interest to seniors everywhere. Encourage if someone is interested to attend the meeting.

4.9 Liaison with [CURAC](#) update – Dave

- Affinity payments are out. CURAC is sending the cheque (approx. \$56) to Dave.
- Help to share the CURAC newsletter with members – will talk with Roy
- CURAC [newsletter](#) came out towards end of November. LCAR stories did not make it as they want just links to our stories. We are conspicuous by our absence.
- Martin asks if we should provide links to our stories.
- Dave with consult with Roy and Alan re: options

4.10. Recruit more members for Board – Dave

- Discussion on recruiting more retirees for the LCAR Board.
- Patricia to put note in the newsletter: Reaching out to people and put an article in the newsletter – just because you missed the opportunity at the AGM, you can still join the board. Looking for one more.
- Others to circle back to recent retirees who “weren’t quite ready” last year.

5. Next Meeting

- February 20, 2025, at 10am