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# **George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

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## **Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order**

**Present:** Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Barb Dunlop, Joan Reynolds, Krista Christou, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated with the addition of the Auction as a separate item.

Moved by Krista Christou

Seconded by Dianne Diniz

Carried

## **Approval of Minutes of Sept. 16, 2025**

Motion to accept minutes as distributed made by Bob Cox

Seconded by Dianne Diniz

Carried

## **Business Arising from the minutes**

### **AI idea**

It was suggested that the minutes were to be taken by Barb Dunlop as usual. The summary of the Board meeting will be transcribed by AI. The minutes after being edited will be sent to each Board member and compared to the transcription to ensure that all pertinent information is noted in the minutes. We need a top[do list in the minutes which will be included in the body of the minutes.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer opportunities will be discussed after the planning meeting and member survey results are finalized.

The Art Club discussion will also take place when the member survey results are received.

## **Nov. 13 - Hot House New Members Night**

Dianne Diniz is still waiting for a catering quote from Arif at The Hot House and confirmation of use of 2-3 tables. We will have use of the internet at The Hot House. The new retirees will be complementary at this event. Krista Christou will send a personal email invitation to each of the new retirees. Final attendance of 40 people is anticipated. A list of new retirees will be sent to all Board members. Name tags will be available for all attendees at the registration desk and a special notation for the new retirees plus a pen. Bob Cox has organized videos and pictures to be taken at The Hot House. Bob Cox has sent an email requesting payment to be made by e-transfer for this event. The entertainment for this afternoon which was to be "The Christmas Carol" presented by John Houston, has been cancelled due to the configuration of the venue and the need to allow the members time to mingle with each other. Bob Cox will arrange for raffle tickets. The Nov. 13 event is now on the website.

There will be an online and a live silent auction. A raffle will be done by choosing items and putting the raffle tickets in the bag associated with the raffle prize. Crystal Kotow-Sullivan will arrange for the bags for the raffle tickets. Guests should bring cash for the raffle tickets and auction items. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Raffle tickets will be available at the registration table for purchase. The raffle ticket and auction money goes to the scholarship fund and the admission revenue is for the venue, food and wine. Dianne Diniz will arrange for the money at the registration desk. Everyone will receive a wine ticket made by Dianne Diniz at the registration but the new members will receive a no-charge wine ticket.

Joan Reynolds will arrange general donations to be taken at the registration desk for this event and noted on the computer. This is also set up with the Foundation who will keep the lists of donations and give it to Joan Reynolds who will follow this with Jane Kunovic of the GBC Foundation.

It has been suggested that Liz Henriques, a new member, keep the auction and raffle prize draws moving and she has agreed to do this as well as pulling the door prize ticket winner.

Krista Christou has volunteered to help distribute auction prizes to attendees who are not at the event.

## **Update on Board Planning**

A survey will be produced by Georgia Quartaro and Crystal Kotow-Sullivan and Bob Cox will tabulate the results. The goal is to increase the number of members at events with a variety of members at each event. We want to get a sense of what our members are up to. We need a profile of each member. It was suggested to involve ourselves with AI to help with this. We also want to involve more people on the Board.

## **Reports**

**Co-Chairs** – as in the minutes

**Membership** – 2 new members have joined this month

**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Reynolds reported that there is \$20,205 in our account.

**Communications** – Bob Cox

Minutes and Newsletters have been updated on the website. Constant Contact has been updated as well.

Crystal Kotow-Sullivan will be interviewing both Krista Christou and Howard Gerhard for Musings and Meanderings. A spring event is being planned with Howard Gerhard.

**Clubs**

Both Bridge and Book clubs are doing well.

**New Business**

It was suggested to send a card to a member who is not well. Crystal Kotow -Sullivan will contact Laura Lothian -Bryant re the cards.

**Next Meeting**

Goal - to plan AGM as is should be done 30 days in advance so it will be held in January 2026.

Tuesday, Nov 18 at 10:15-12:15 pm

**Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn made by Crystal Kotow-Sullivan

**NOTE – A COPY OF THE AI MINUTES HAS BEEN ALREADY SENT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER. A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE SENT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER WHEN EDITED. BEFORE THE NEXT BOARD MEMBER IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EACH BOARD MEMBER COMPARE THE AI MINUTES AND THE REGULAR MINUTES TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION IN THE AI MINUTES IS IN THE REGULAR MINUTES. THANK YOU.**