
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order

Present: Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Trish Robinson, Barb Dunlop, Jennifer Cooke, Joan Reynolds, Debbie Plested, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson

Regrets: Denise Pontone

Motion to approve the Agenda

Moved by Jennifer Cooke

Seconded by Georgia Quartaro

Carried

Motion to approve the Minutes as amended

Amendment: Georgia will send the background information to the President regarding our repeated requests for retirees to have a GBC email account; not all our requests to President Fearon will require background information.

Moved by Jennifer Cooke

Seconded by Trish Robinson

Carried

Motion: increase the limit to \$2500 before an expenditure needs to be approved by the members at the AGM. This increase could be again increased at a future AGM.

Moved by Debbie Plested

Seconded by Bob Cox

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

The proposed by-laws were discussed and finalized in preparation for presentation to the membership at the December 2022 AGM where the major changes will be reviewed with the membership. The new by-laws will also be sent to the membership in advance of the AGM highlighting the significant changes.

Executive Directors of the Board will include at a minimum, 1 chair or co-chairs plus the treasurer and other positions as appointed by the Board.

Motion: to accept the current revision of the by-laws which will go the Dec. AGM for approval.

Moved by Trish Robinson

Seconded by Barb Dunlop

Carried

Treasurer's Report – Joan Reynolds

The current bank account is \$11,384.00. Joan will send a letter to Emily Bain (President's Office) with regards to the \$4,000.00 grant from the College to GBCRA.

Co-Chair Report

There is a new GBC director of Advancement and Alumni Engagement – Krisztina Arany - who will be a helpful contact for our Association.

Dianne and Georgia will remain as co-chairs for GBCRA for next year but will recruit for the following year.

Membership Report

There are 17 out of 30 new retirees who appear to be interested in joining GBCRA. There was 1 new member this month.

Communications Report

Bob reviewed the Government and Meeting page on the website. It was decided that Minutes would remain on the website.

Scholarship Committee

The Board is waiting for the less restrictive scholarship criteria to be sent from the Foundation. This will then be approved by the GBCRA board.

Fall events

Bob has posted a new events page as part of the website.

Sept. 8 – Meet and Greet on a Danforth patio - book early as space is limited

Sept. 22- Mahalia Jackson online presentation

October ? – (pre - Thanksgiving) tour of Brighton UK

Nov. 8 – Treaty of Versailles presentation

Nov. 8 – live piano concert at St. Andrews Church

Dec. 2 – AGM at noon and chat afterwards. There will be a Welcome to Retirees video unveiled.

Dec. 19 – Cinema Club – James Dean

Silent Auction – bidding is often stronger for experiences than for tangible items

Barb to contact Kathleen Abbott re GBC spa gift card

Laura to contact Meagan Carter, Support staff Union President re a donation, reestablish contact with the Richmond Station Restaurant, and organize her homemade notecards as auction items.

Diane to contact beer companies

Bob to contact Chefs' House

Georgia will contact Foundation and faculty union

Debbie will contact bookstore

Ideas – free whitening from dental hygiene, meal prepared by Augmented Education students

Please contact Bob re these items ASAP

Clubs

Book club – does not meet during the summer months. The first face-to-face meeting will be in September but the Zoom line will still be open. The books to review, dates and who lead the discussion has been decided.

Bridge club – meets every Monday even during the summer. Laura commented that dates should be on the monthly GBCRA website calendar. Laura has been having difficulty using the GBCRA Zoom link so was given 2 other passwords to try.

Theatre club – there will not be an organized trip this year.

Classical music club – this club will organize the piano concert this fall.

Special Meeting for GBCRA board – September 20, 10:00 am-2:00 pm; to be organized by chairs Dianne and Georgia

Adjournment

Motion made by Trish Robinson

Next Board meeting: Monday, August 29, 10:00 am-12:00 pm