
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

Friday, Dec. 2, 2022

AGM

Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order

D. Diniz and G. Quartaro – Welcomed all members to the AGM for 2022

Present: Jane Bertrand, Anne Bosy, Julie Bulmash, Alfred Carr, Michael Cooke, Bob Cox, Jennifer Cooke, Kenneth Crooke, Dianne Diniz, Barbara Dunlop, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan, Monique LeDrew, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Anne MacKenzie-Thompson, Sheila MacMillan, Sandy Mason, Doug McGimpsey, Michael McKenna, Marilyn McNeil-Morin, Lisa Medaglia, Christine Mounstevan, Jim Neilson, Debbie Plested, Denise Pontone, Georgia Quartaro, Joan Reynolds, Jane Rotering, Ron Sluser, Gayle Takahashi, Lorraine Trotter

Regrets: Dawn Chandelier, Johanne Clare, Terri Dixon, Heather Donovan, Edward Galezowski, Rose Jansen, Joyce Kraay, Anita Leung, Judy Lindop, Andrew McNamara, Paul Miskin, Regina Park, Dilip Shroff, Norm Skolnick, Yvonne Snider, Diane Turner, Lan Qiang Yu

Land Acknowledgement by Dianne Diniz

Congratulations to our new retirees – PowerPoint presentation prepared by Bob Cox recognized our new GBC retirees

Shazad Amin, Anne Bernardo, Lily Bracic Ronalds, Julie Bulmash, Syng Ray Cho, Dawn Chandelier, Maria Crampini, Brigitte Couture, Robert Crawford, Wayne Gatt, Bel Gelman, John Higgins, Nelson Hillier, Susan Karakas, Elizabeth Kelly, Yu Lan, Denise Laurin, Alice Lee, Monique LeDrew, Susan Lewis, Jay Liu, Ruth Malayang, Paula Mastrilli, Marilyn McNeil-Morin, Lina Medaglia, Jim Neilson, Roderick O'Connor, Lidia Perraglia, Maria Quian, Maximineo Ramirez, Anne Sado, Val Sonstegard, Dezrene Seaton, Bozena Tomczak, Lorraine Trotter, Lily Wang, Ying Wan, Charene Wood, Anoucha Villavarayan, Lan Qiang Yu

Motion: to approve the Agenda for the AGM 2022

Moved by Laura Lothian-Bryant

Seconded by Joan Reynolds

Carried

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the 2021 AGM as presented

Moved by Sheila MacMillan

Seconded by Debbie Plested

Carried

Reports

Co-Chairs

G. Quartaro and D. Diniz presented a summary of the events and projects of the last year.

All but two meetings of our 10 were on Zoom including a variety of topics such as music, art, crossword puzzles, word games and travel with an average of 25 attending each meeting. The in-person events included a social event at the Brickworks and a piano recital including lunch. Future events will be planned to include both online and in person events. There is no cost for a members to attend these events.

\$3400 was raised for the scholarship fund from the silent auction and private donations. The scholarships are the endowment bursary and the annual award.

The executive attended 2 meetings with GBC President Fearone reviewing the College's strategic planning and discussing GBCRA issues.

The GBCRA By-Laws were revised and updated.

There was a membership survey distributed to determine the priorities of the members. The survey results informed a strategic planning session with Board members.

The Bridge and Book clubs continue to thrive.

Membership report – D. Plested

Membership includes 163 voting members, 96 annual members, 26 lifetime members, 42 complementary voting members, 34 new retirees, eight 85+ members, 137 nonvoting members, and 22 honorary members.

Challenges include connecting with potentially new retirees before they leave the College. Volunteer engagement is needed to implement initiatives members have proposed.

A reminder was issued reminding members to pay their 2023 membership fees.

Communications – B. Cox

There were eight Newsletters posted this year on the website. Member interviews were conducted as a video and as a written presentation and this will continue.

The website receives approximately 100-150 hits per month. Surveys were conducted on events, strategic direction. There were 18 announcements sent out to the membership.

There is a new YouTube presentation on the GBCRA website called Music and Meanderings and it is hosted by Crystal Kotow- Sullivan.

Going forward, the events will be hybrid where the event can be in-person and available on Zoom to accommodate out of town members.

An events committee has been established.

Please add GBCRA to you contact lists. Use memberservices@gbcra.ca

Motion: The Co-chairs, Membership and Communications reports be accepted as presented

Moved by Laura Lothian-Bryant

Seconded by Marilyn McNeil-Morin

Carried

Treasurers Report – J. Reynolds

Current bank balance is \$14,154. An outside organization has conducted an independent audit and established that our finances are in order.

Motion: to accept the 2023 budget and financial report as presented by J. Reynolds

Motion made by J. Rotering

Seconded by G. Takahashi

Carried

Bylaw Revisions

A committee of J. Reynolds, D. Plested and J. Cooke revised, updated and reorganized the GBCRA Bylaws with input from members. J. Reynolds and D. Plested presented the updated version noting significant changes. The original and revised versions of the bylaws are posted on the GBCRA website.

Motion: that the revised Bylaws be accepted as presented

Moved by A. Carr

Seconded by G. Quartaro

Carried

Slate of Board of Directors for 2023 presented by Bob Cox

Dianne Diniz

Georgia Quartaro

Bob Cox

Joan Reynolds

Barb Dunlop

Debbie Plested

Trish Robinson

Denise Pontone

Julie Bulmash – new Board member

Crystal Kowtow-Sullivan – new Board member

3 Conveners – (new initiative)

Jennifer Cooke – theatre

Laura Lothian-Bryant – bridge

Anne Mackenzie-Thompson – scholarships

Motion - to accept the slate of the Board of Directors for 2023 as presented

Moved by Alfred Carr

Seconded by Marilyn McNeil-Morin

Dianne thanked the 2022 Board of Directors for their work on the Board and thanked the members leaving the Board which include Laura Lothian-Bryant and Jennifer Cooke.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment made by J. Reynolds

Seconded by B. Dunlop

Carried

Entertainment followed – Presentation on the music of Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby