
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 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, Denise Pontone

Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of discussion of spring and fall events

Moved by Trish Robinson

Seconded by Bob Cox

Carried

Motion to approve the Minutes as amended – change date of next meeting to June 7, not May 17

Moved by Jennifer Cooke

Seconded by Trish Robinson

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

Bob reviewed the meeting with the President. The President spent a lot of time reviewing the strategic direction of the college. No action was taken on the issues presented at the last meeting including email addresses, acknowledgement of new retirees, what GBCRA can do for the college and students, and accommodations at the book store. These issues will be brought forward to the next meeting. The \$4000 grant was confirmed from the college to GBCRA. The Executive were invited to convocation but due to shortness of notice the Executive were unable to attend. Perhaps next the Executive will be able to attend. Georgia will send a thank you note for this invitation on behalf of the executive. Georgia will lead a project to prepare background information on our requests from the college so the President will have more information. eg.

Email addresses. Both Seneca and Centennial Colleges have college email addresses for retirees. For the next meeting with the President the Executive will prepare an agenda with the GBCRA issues at the beginning of the agenda and the GBC information further down the agenda order. Joan will send a summary of the meeting to the President.

Web-Design – this will be a summer project for Bob.

By-Laws

The issue of advanced voting was discussed and decided that the only time advanced voting is necessary is if there are by-law changes. If the AGM is on zoom there is no need for advanced voting. Joan will draft a note to Sheila McMillan, Pat Goyette and Gayle Takahashi noting the advanced voting issue and ask for their input. If they agree with the above the information about advanced voting, it will be removed from the by-laws.

It was discussed that there should be a change as to the amount of money that can be spent by the Board without consent of the membership. This will be changed from \$500 to \$2500 – Joan ??? Large expenses could be computer equipment, office space, webmaster etc. Joan would like one more meeting of the by-law committee before it is ready to present to the membership.

Retiree Event

Due to the fact that only 3 people have registered for this event it was decided to delay the event and have it joining the AGM. Debbie and Bob will draft a notice to go to the new retirees re this delay. Dianne will notify the President re the delay.

Bob suggested that we have each retiree give a short presentation re their time at GBC and have friends, colleagues and President give a short presentation. This will all be filmed and made into a You Tube video and given to each retiree. This will be unveiled at the AGM.

Idea – have each retiree profiled in the newsletter.

Scholarship sub-committee

After the sub-committee met with the college scholarship committee it was realized that their criteria was different than our criteria for our scholarships and we only want our criteria so this will be clarified with the college scholarship committee, rectified and then the agreement can be signed. Awards will be given only if GBCRA has raised the appropriate funds. Expendable award is given from money raised intentionally for that purpose. The endowment award (bursary) is given from interest from the endowment account, (\$20,000) and by donations from members given to GBCRA for the bursary or donations given to the foundation targeted for our endowment award and surplus scholarship fundraising money.

Spring/Fall events

No further Spring Events

Fall – a private the college Heygo tour (\$200) was suggested

- Circles of Enrichment presentations
- Theatre club may do a joint venture with college theatre program
- Piano concert live performance by Rudin Lengo – suggested to rent a facility (church) and charge admission. It was suggested to have this in conjunction with silent auction. The silent auction would be online and then in person with this piano performance. Bob will explore the church beside Roy Thompson Hall.
- Jennifer suggested that the AGM should be in person. It was noted that it would be difficult to have an in person AGM with a zoom presentation as well
- It was suggested to have online and in person events this fall.

Reports

Co-Chairs – covered throughout the minutes

Membership – Debbie, total membership is 160 including paid members, lifetime members, new retirees and senior members

Treasurer - Joan- \$11300 in our account and expecting \$4000 from college which Joan will request from Emily.

Secretary – no report

Communication – Bob will send out a notice re delaying Retirees event. Bob has requested a newsletter committee and this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. There will be a newsletter in June.

Clubs

Bridge club – all is well

Theatre Club– Chicago is the smash hit at Stratford this year

Classical Music Club- piano concert will be organized by this club

Book Club – Laura will organize list of books for next year.

New Business

Fall Strategic Retreat planning for GBCRA – looking at the week of September 19, perhaps September 20 from 10-2. Dianne and Georgia will organize.

Dianne needs ideas for new board members and leadership roles.

Silent auction will be online by mid- September

Idea of a wine and cheese event and live silent auction mid -October.

Please let Bob know what are able to donate for the silent auction.

Adjournment

Motion made by Barb

Next Meeting Tuesday July 12 12-2 pm