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# George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

**Present:** Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Barb Dunlop, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan, Paula Hacking, Julie Bulmash

**Regrets:** Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone, Joan Reynolds

## **Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated with the addition of fundraising and Cory Ross to the agenda**

Moved by B. Cox

Seconded by G. Quartaro

Carried

## **Approval of the March 19, 2024 Minutes as circulated**

Moved by G, Quartaro

Seconded by B. Cox

Carried

## **Business arising from the March 19 meeting**

Marketing – deferred until next month

Credit card – deferred until next month

Electronic Welcome Letter- after further revisions by C. Kotow-Sullivan, the letter was sent to Kim Tam in HR. The video letter can now be viewed on <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/gaovRPP/new> .

If there are any other suggestions for this video, contact J. Bulmash and/or K. Kotow-Sullivan. Over 200 people have viewed the video but there have been no contacts as yet. J. Bulmash will be the HR contact with Sylvia Vietas and Kim Tam.

AGM minutes 2023 - these minutes that have been reviewed by J. Reynolds will be distributed to the Board members for review next month.

## **Membership Portfolio**

B. Cox will work with P. Hacking with regards to the database as she will be the Membership director as of the third week of May. J. Bulmash has been attending to the HR area of the Membership portfolio and will work with P. Hacking in this area. The membership portfolio includes HR communication, database, membership fees, AGM and access to email.

## **Reports**

### **Co-Chairs**

G. Quartaro will contact the President of the College to follow up with alternatives to our request for retiree college email. G. Quartaro announced that Board members will probably be invited to convocation.

### **Membership**

Only three employees for 2024 have retired. There is a discount code for first year members for events which will apply for 1 year only. Liz Henriques will be retiring. She has started a scholarship for single mothers in her name. It was mentioned that she would be a good addition to the board. J. Bulmash will write an article to be published in the newsletter about all other scholarships that are given by individuals in the College when they retire.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Apparently the e-transfer feature for our DUCA bank account is working. J. Reynolds will apply for the annual \$4000 GBC College grant.

### **Communications – B. Cox**

A newsletter will be published soon. It was suggested that C. Kotow-Sullivan in her Musings and Meanderings portfolio might write an article on Howard Gerhart who has been teaching at GBC for over 55 years. Luigi Ferrara from Graphic Arts could be consulted on this. There could also be a slide show on the evolution of Howard's teaching at GBC from his first day to his final class. It is possible that College Ontario may be interested in Howard's career as well.

It was suggested that H. Gerhart be given an honorary membership in GBCRA. D. Diniz and G. Quartaro will send an invitation to Howard Gerhart. B. Cox will contact K. Kowtow-Sullivan with regards to these projects.

Michael Cooke and Anne Mackenzie are both potential interview subjects to consider regarding their careers at GBC. These profiles would be published in the newsletter and kept on the GBCRA website.

## **Events – J. Bulmash and B. Cox**

April – Curious Mind Lecture – story of Hugh Jackman; 18 attended with great feedback

May – Twelfth Night- Stratford

June – AGO, J. Bulmash will check on this as AGO employees are currently on strike

July – Tall Ships

October – Stratford, Les Cages aux Folles

The event survey will go out in the fall for events for 2025

Comment – each event is attracting different people which indicates that a good variety of events is being offered

## **Clubs**

Bridge – potentially 1 new member. B. Cox wrote a great article for the newsletter. Thank you.

Book Club – going well

Theatre- Stratford May and October. J. Bulmash will look into a local Toronto theatre offering for later this year.

## **New Business**

It was suggested that Cory Ross be given a GBCRA membership as he is leaving the College. GBCRA membership information will be sent to him.

**Fundraising** – There was a discussion on alternative ways to do fundraising; e.g. donations, in-person games night, bowling in the dark, gun shooting, cards night, wine and cheese event, book swap.

There was an issue regarding one of the silent auction items with a member which has been sorted out.

Scholarships – G. Quartaro will contact Gabriella Goutam, GBC Foundation to inquire as to who were the students who received the GBCRA scholarships.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by J. Bulmash

Seconded by B. Cox

Carried

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m