
Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2019

George Brown Retirees' Association

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Association President Dianne Diniz at approximately 12:20 PM

Present: Anne Bosy, Alfred Carr, Jennifer Cooke, Bob Cox, Ken Crooke, Dianne Diniz, Terri Dixon, Barb Dunlop, Bill Ferguson, Marion Goltz, Grace Graham, Marilyn Grant, Gillian Johnston, Sally Layton-Roy, Shirley Lesch, Archie MacDonald, Anne MacKenzie-Thompson, Sheila MacMillan, Betty Magelssen, Christine Mountsteven, Gail Pahwa, Georgia Quartaro, Barbara Reville, Joan Reynolds, Trish Robinson, Jane Rotering, Bruce Schumacher, Cal Shaw, Lorie Shekter-Woolfson, Ron Sluser, Rosalie Starkie, Bob Struthers, Gail Takahashi,

Regrets: Denise Pontone, John Pettit, Debbie Plested, Colleen Thomas

Guests: David Graham, Leslie Takahashi, Michelle Takch, Carmel Drumgoole

Carmel Drumgoole representing the George Brown Foundation, addressed the meeting and stressed the importance of the work GBCRA has been doing in terms of raising funds for scholarships. She also stressed the importance of working collaboratively and thanked us for our efforts.

Adoption of the Agenda

Dianne Diniz asked for additions to the Agenda.

Motion: That the Agenda be Accepted

Motion proposed by: Sally Roy Layton

Motion Seconded by: Trish Robinson

Carried Unanimously

Adoption of the October 18, 2018 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 minutes were reviewed. There were no changes suggested.

Motion: That the Minutes June 4, 2019 be accepted as presented

Motion Proposed by: Lorie Shekter-Woolfson

Motion Seconded by: Trish Robinson

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Treasurer: Bob Struthers presented the Income and Expense Report and the Proposed 2019-2020 budget. (See Attached)

Motion: That the Income and Expense Statement and the Proposed budget be accepted as presented

Motion Proposed by: Trish Robinson

Motion Seconded by: Alfred Carr

Carried Unanimously

Motion: That the \$15 membership fee continue for the calendar year 2020

Motion Proposed by: Gillian Johnston

Motion Seconded by: Alfred Carr

Carried Unanimously

Membership Report: Jennifer Cooke reported that the membership has remained stable over the past year. She emphasized the importance of keeping us informed of changes in address etc.

Communications Report: Bob Cox discussed the new email management tool and web site management tool. He asked for feedback regarding the number and quality of our communications.

Scholarship Report: Anne MacKenzie-Thompson reported that our scholarship fund continues to grow. We awarded our annual third scholarship this year, and we about half way to meeting our goal of \$20,000 to create an endowed scholarship.

Club Reports: Sally Layton-Roy reported that the Bridge Club is continuing to grow. Georgia Quattaro reported that the Book Club is growing, Jennifer Cooke reported that the Theatre Club is having more events,, Bob Cox reported that the Music Club will reconvene in January and there is a 3 month program in place.

Presidents Report: Dianne Diniz summarized the activities GBCRA in the past year focusing on the communications improvements, the success of the Clubs, the Spring, Fall and Winter events including tours, our efforts to raise funds for the scholarship fund, our continuing close association with the GBC Foundation, and our new partnership with the GBC Seniors Association. She mentioned that three Board members (Sally Layton-Roy, Bob Struthers, and John Price) are retiring form the Board this year and thanked them for their contributions.

UPDATES TO THE GBCRA BY-LAWS

Georgia Quartaro walked the group through the by-law changes highlighting the change in membership categories to reflect the recent implementation of the membership fee. In addition she highlighted the change in the Governance model with the move to Co-chairs and the removal of the roles of President and Vice President. The membership applauded the work of the by-law committee.

Motion: That the Proposed by-laws be accepted as presented

Motion Proposed by: Christine Mountsteven

Motion Seconded by: Marilyn Grant

Carried Unanimously

Election of Officers

Bob Cox introduced three potential Board members: Barbara Dunlop as a Director at Large, Debbie Plested as a Director at Large, and Joan Reynolds as Treasurer.

He presented the 2020 slate for Board of Directors:

Co-Chairs: Dianne Diniz and Georgia Quartaro

Past President: Bob Cox

Treasurer: Joan Reynolds

Membership: Laura Lothian-Bryant and Jennifer Cooke

Communications: Bob Cox and Anne MacKenzie-Thompson

Scholarship: Anne MacKenzieThompson

Directors at Large: Barb Dunlop, Debbie Plested, Trish Robinson, Ron Sluser

Motion: That the Slate of Directors be accepted as presented:

Motion proposed by: Alfred Carr

Motion Seconded by: Jane Rotering

Carried Unanimously

Retiring Board Members

Co-chairs Dianne Diniz and Georgia Quartaro thanked Sally Layton-Roy, Bob Struthers, and John Price for their numerous contributions to our Association and presented them each with token of our appreciation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Recorded by: Bob Cox Communications Director

Date Approved: