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# George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 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, J. Reynolds, D. Plested

## **Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated**

Moved by G. Quartaro

Seconded by B. Dunlop

Carried

## **Approval of the Feb. 20, 2024 Minutes as circulated, not Jan. 19 as stated**

Moved by P. Hacking

Seconded by G. Quartaro

Carried

## **Business arising from the Feb. 20, meeting**

Marketing – deferred until next month

Credit card – J. Reynolds will speak with DUCA on process for arranging e-transfers for paying GBCRA bills. Two approved board signatories are required.

Electronic Welcome Letter- this needs some review and then it will go to HR. B. Cox will send to Board members after it has been reviewed and before it goes to HR.

Membership survey – this will be done every 2 years by B. Cox and J. Bulmash (late fall or winter)

AGM Minutes – J. Reynolds has edited it and it will be reviewed at the Board meeting in April.

## **Reports**

### **Co-Chairs** – as in Minutes

The College's offered space will be utilized depending on our needs.

G. Quartaro - attended the Mental Health Conference organized by CPLS and Student Services. It focused on International Students and their issues e.g. Loneliness. It was apparent that Canadians are less welcoming to new Canadians due to housing shortages and fewer job market opportunities.

### **Membership**

D. Plested has resigned from the Board but will continue to work on the AGM presentation and the database.

P. Hacking will work with B. Cox to takeover this portfolio. Hopefully it can be automated with minimal interaction with HR. P. Hacking will take over the membership database at the end of May. J. Bulmash and P. Hacking will discuss the relationship with HR.

G. Quartaro and D. Diniz will thank D. Plested for all her work on the board. She was greatly appreciated by all board members.

**Treasurer's Report** – D. Diniz to send out J. Reynolds Treasurer's report and will tend to the DUCA e-transfer issue.

### **Communications – Events J. Bulmash**

Soul Pepper Theatre feedback – Three Sisters performance – highly positive feedback

April - Hot Docs lecture re Hugh Jackman (Bathurst and Bloor) with lunch nearby

May - Stratford – Twelfth Night, tickets will be bought April 22 so please contact B. Cox ASAP

June – AGO – will be able to see the house exhibits and the Women Artist's special exhibit

July – Tall Ships

Fall – wine tour

### **Communications – B. Cox**

A new newsletter will be published this week in a different format. KK Piri has not responded to a request for an interview for Musings and Meanderings.

### **Clubs**

Bridge Club – there will be a brief article published in the newsletter re encouraging new members even if they have not played previously

Book Club – will meet this week

Monthly Lunch Club – this is being combined with monthly events but members are requesting it be done separately so this will be arranged

**New Business**

P. Hacking and B. Cox will meet to discuss membership portfolio.

Another notice will be sent out re the Hot Docs event about Hugh Jackman.

**Adjournment**

Moved by J. Bulmash

Seconded by G. Quartaro

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday April 16 9:30-11:30 am