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# George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Monday, August 29, 2022

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

**Present:** Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Barb Dunlop, Jennifer Cooke, Joan Reynolds

**Regrets:** Denise Pontone, Debbie Plested, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson, Trish Robertson

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

Moved by G. Quartaro

Seconded by J. Reynolds

Carried

## **Motion to approve the Minutes of July 12/22 as circulated**

Each month Minutes from the month before will be amended by B. Dunlop after the Board meeting and sent to B. Cox for posting

Moved by L. Lothian-Bryant

Seconded by J. Cooke

Carried

## **Business arising from the Minutes**

The revised bylaws are finalized and have been distributed to all Board members. Noted that this was a job well done by the bylaw committee. (J. Reynolds, D. Plested, J. Cooke, B. Cox)

**Motion:** The revision of the GBCRA bylaws will be presented at the fall AGM with a couple of typing errors being corrected by Joan

Moved by G. Quartaro

Seconded by B. Cox

Carried

## **Scholarship Committee**

The revised agreement from the Foundation has been received and signed by G. Quartaro, D. Diniz and the Foundation reps. We are waiting for the final copy which will put on the website scholarship page and sent to B. Dunlop.

The amount of \$876 has been raised for the Foundation. Previously there was \$411.00 sent to the Foundation to reach the targeted \$20,000 for the Endowment fund. Scholarships are distributed in the spring. Most of the money for scholarships comes from the silent auction and private donations.

## **Silent Auction and Other Events**

The auction will start Sept 1 and end Sept. 29. It will be online only.

There are approximately 30 items with a total value of \$3000. Cash donations will be accepted on the auction site. Bob will send the list of auction items to Board members.

The Sept. 6 Cider House Meet and Greet is sold out with 20 people attending.

Special Meeting of Board – to be organized for Sept 21 by Executive members of the Board. The agenda will include topics such as defining the future goals and initiatives of the organization taking into account the final results of the membership survey. Please send further suggestions to G. Quartaro.

AGM – this will include a celebration for new retirees. One suggestion is to have peers and associates provide a few words for a video presentation. It appears that new retirees are being celebrated by their department in person and on Zoom. GBCRA's primary role is to welcome new retirees to the Association.

The Heygo presentation on Oct. 4 may be cancelled. D. Diniz will look into planning another event possibly tying it to the close of the silent auction (without further bidding) and also welcoming and celebrating new retirees. There was discussion as to the cost to new retirees – whether they should be charged admission and/or be given a free drink ticket.

## **Survey**

So far nine members have responded to the survey but it is thought that 50 responses are needed for validity. Initial responses indicate that members continue to enjoy the events and giving and getting help to members transitioning to retirement.

## **Reports**

### **Treasurer's report – J. Reynolds**

The current Duca balance is \$11,584 and there is the \$4,000 College annual grant forthcoming.

Co-Chairs – as in Minutes

Membership – nothing new this month but the Sept. event is sold out to welcome new retirees is sold out.

Book Club – PT GBCers who have now retired are eligible to join clubs

### **Communications - B. Cox**

The Silent Auction begins Sept. 1

There will be a September newsletter issue published.

### **Clubs**

Bridge – was held every week all summer. L Lothian-Bryant will remain as the convener even though she is leaving the Board.

Book Club- the list of the books for this year is on the website. The next meeting will be in person.

Cinema/ Movie Club – the James Dean presentation is being organized. Circle of Enrichment is involved with this offering.

Theatre Club – no Stratford tour this season is being planned at this point.

Classical Music Club – A piano concert is being organized for Nov. 18 at St. Andrew's Church across from Roy Thompson Hall.

### **New Business**

B. Cox has spoken with some department Chairs who have volunteered to distribute GBCRA information to new retirees.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by G. Quartaro

Next Board meeting: Wed. Sept. 21 12:30 – 4:30 pm on Zoom