
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, Nov.9, 2021

Call to order: Diane Diniz called the meeting to order

Present: Diane Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Debbie Plested, Barb Dunlop, Trish Robinson, Jennifer Cooke,

Joan Reynolds

Regrets: Denise Pontone, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson

Purpose of meeting – to review plans for the AGM Nov. 30

Review of Silent Auction

Bob is in charge of delivering silent auction items. Georgia will send out thank you emails to silent auction donors.

Treasurer – Approximately \$3400 has been raised in scholarship funds; \$1500 will be reserved for the GBCRA scholarship fund and the remainder will go to the GBC Endowment fund.

Winter Events- Bob will research Heygo tours and Circle of Enrichment. Laura will research a virtual comedy performance.

Membership – Debbie reminded board members to encourage members to pay their annual membership. Bob and will organize membership invoices to be emailed to all members.

AGM

The agenda with timing parameters has been sent to all board members and states who will be speaking and when considering time restraints.

Diane is the MC and Georgia will manage the speaker and the reports.

Zoom will open at 11:30 – 2:30 and the meeting will start at 11:45 with a Welcome to the 6th AGM by Dianne and she will include the territorial acknowledgement.

There will be one slide during the opening with a list of the board members and a power point presentation with the GBCRA history. Dr. Fearon will receive this before the meeting so he has some background of GBCRA

Bob and Debbie are in charge of the directions and rules for the AGM dress rehearsal which is on Wed. Nov. 24, 12-2 pm

Georgia will introduce Dr. Fearon who will speak from 12:00 – 12:30 and take questions from the members as well as thank the speaker. Georgia will also keep an eye on the time allotted for this presentation.

A volunteer is needed who will ask a question after Dr. Fearon has delivered his presentation.

A motion will need to be made for the adoption of the agenda of the AGM and another motion to adopt the minutes of last year as posted. Debbie has sent the agenda from last year to board members.

The report presentations will be introduced by Georgia. These include Membership (Debbie) with a motion to accept the same \$15 annual dues as last year, and ask for a seconder, Treasurer (Joan) with a motion to approve the budget and ask for a seconder, Communications (Bob) and Co-chairs (Georgia) Those giving reports are asked to send power point reports to Bob

During closing remarks Georgia will ask for leadership and board participation from the members as well as any questions from the members.

Proxy vote = our advanced vote – If a member has voted by proxy they are unable to vote at the AGM. The proxy vote format that we use is actually an advanced vote as a proxy vote is appointing another member to cast your vote.

The slide with the board members names on it is actually the slate of officers put forth by the board last year as this is the list of officers who will be continuing into their 2nd year of their mandate. The Board needs to discuss succession of board members at an upcoming board meeting. Since a slate of officers can be for 2 years the slate of officers will need to be voted upon at the 2022 AGM.

Speaker – Jo Sorchinsky - Georgia will introduce and thank her. Jo will discuss the process of writing and publishing her book including clips from the book, but not actually the book as she will discuss her book at the April book club meeting. Her presentation will be approximately 30-40 minutes. We will certainly plug her book and perhaps members will attend the book club that month.

Closing remarks by Georgia– encourage engagement and participation of our members in GBCRA

Diane will distribute a revised agenda to all board members for our review.

DRESS REHEARSAL – Wed. Nov 24 12-2 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING – WED. DEC. 8 12-2 PM

ADJOURNMENT – moved by Bob