
George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Friday, Dec. 1, 2023

AGM

Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order

D. Diniz and G. Quartaro – Welcomed all members to the 2023 AGM.

Present: Ann Bernardo, Julie Bulmash, Alfred Carr, Jennifer Cooke, Robert Cox, Dianne Diniz, Terri Dixon, Barbara Dunlop, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson, Doug McGimpsey, Lina Medaglia, Earle Oxford, Gail Pahwa, Debbie Plested, Denise Pontone, John Patric Price, Georgia Quartaro, Joan Reynolds, Jane Rotering, Sally Roy, Ron Sluser, Elizabeth Speers, Margery Taylor, Lorraine Trotter, Diane Turner, Elaine Winick

Regrets: Dawn Chandelier, Anita Leung, Beth O'Brien, KK Puri, Lisa Rogers, Grizella Schanderi, Lily Wang

Land Acknowledgement read by Georgia Quartaro.

Opening remarks were made by D. Plested, including Techniquette and noting that the meeting would be recorded.

Congratulations to our new retirees – PowerPoint presentation prepared by Bob Cox recognizing our new GBC retirees.

List of new retirees:

Lorraine Betts, Chandra Budhu, Luisa Charepe, Jaqueline Cook, Lynne Dalvise, Annie Engson, Julie Gaudet, Joyce Gee, Andrew Gordon, Zeenat Janmohamed, Suzette Jones, Pradeep Kalsi, Shirin Khosravaneh, Jeff Klawitter, Fouad Krichel, Marylou Lamont, Ted Lewis, Rachele Maciel, Diana McIntyre, Linda McKay, Al McOrmond, Jill Mulholland, Carl Nowack, Rodolfo Porco, John Porter, Maximino Ramirez, Lisa Rogers, John Severino, Elizabeth Speers, Gulay Turkvan, Lisa Vieira, Lily Wang, Anna Willats, Elaine Winick, Lorraine Wright

Motion: to approve the Agenda for the AGM 2023 as presented

Moved by J. Bulmash

Seconded by D. Plested

Carried

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the 2022 AGM as presented

Moved by A. Carr

Seconded by D. Diniz

Carried

Reports

Co-Chairs-presented by G. Quartaro and D. Diniz

G. Quartaro and D. Diniz presented a summary of the events and projects of the last year:

There was a continued mix of online and face -to- face activities

Members volunteered at the daily Bread Food Bank in April and October.

There were more lunches, as part of an activity or an event in itself

The Bridge and Book clubs continue to thrive.

Membership report – D. Plested

Total membership 302

Voting members 165

Annual Memberships 91

Lifetime Memberships 30

Complementary Memberships: 44 including 85+, and new retirees 34

Non- voting members: 137 including keep-in-touch (unpaid) 111 and honorary 26

Note that there has been an increased return to face-to-face events

There has been no increase in fees

There is information for retirees on the GBC website main page

Buddy System – J. Bulmash

This new system encourages new retirees to join events by having current members become buddies who contact their buddy (new retiree) throughout the year encouraging them to attend events and to become involved in the association. New retirees are assigned a buddy according to their division in the College or someone they know. You can contact J. Bulmash to volunteer as a buddy.

See the GBCRA website for a detailed membership report.

Communications Report – B. Cox and C. Kotow-Sullivan

Three newsletters have been published this year along with many short time-sensitive event and activity notices

Events –B. Cox and J. Bulmash

There is a new ‘Out to Lunch’ club

There have been 12 events this year with 4 being online and 8 face-to-face events.

Legacy Project- C. Kotow-Sullivan

This project involves an informal history of GBC including Musings and Meanderings which presents the journeys and careers of our members. These interviews are posted in the newsletter and our website.

See the GBCRA website for a detailed communications report. Event videos are posted on the website.

Motion: The Co-chairs, Membership and Communications reports be accepted as presented

Moved by J. Rotering

Seconded by A. Carr

Carried

Treasurers Report – J. Reynolds

J. Reynolds reviewed the budgeted and actual 2023 financial statement and outlined the proposed budget for 2024

Motion: to accept the 2024 budget and financial report as presented by J. Reynolds

Motion made by G. Quartaro

Seconded by J. Bulmash

Carried

See the detailed Treasurer’s report and scholarship Report on the GBCRA website

Scholarship Report - J. Reynolds

Endowment fund – \$23, 308.00

Scholarship fund – \$665.00

Slate of Board of Directors for 2024

Dianne Diniz – Co-chair

Georgia Quartaro – Co-chair

Bob Cox - Communications

Joan Reynolds - Treasurer

Barb Dunlop - Secretary

Debbie Plested - Membership

Trish Robinson – Member-at-large

Denise Pontone - Member-at-large

C. Kotow-Sullivan - Communications

J. Bulmash - Events

The current Board will remain in their positions until the end of 2024 and may continue on the Board if elected by the membership for another term. It was noted that if a member stays on the Board for more than 1-2 terms a suggestion to change their position may be considered. Note that GBCRA members elect the Board members and the Board members determine the roles of the Board members. If there is a vacancy on the Board, a replacement can be appointed until the next election.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by C. Kotow-Sullivan

Seconded by D. Plested

Special thank you to B. Cox, D. Plested, J. Bulmash for their organization of this AGM

Entertainment follows – How Hollywood Changed the Holidays