
George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2023

Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order

Present: Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Barb Dunlop, Julie Bulmash, Debbie Plested, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan

Regrets: Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone, Joan Reynolds

Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated but omit GBC website

Moved by B. Dunlop

Seconded by J. Bulmash

Carried

Approval of the July 14 minutes as amended below

Membership report- we do not have our own access to retirees contact information due to loss of access to GBC Directory therefore even more depends on help from college/HR

Moved by G. Quartaro

Seconded by D. Plested

Carried

Business arising from the July 14 meeting

3rd A Network – deferred again until the next meeting

Scholarships – deferred again until the next meeting

Auction – there does not appear to be enough energy for the online auction so perhaps an in person auction is a better idea

Idea -in mid-November a live auction may be held at Heliconian Club in Yorkville. This is an artistic venue and in order to rent/reserve it there must be some sort of artistic performance included in the event. Rudin, Bob's piano teacher has agreed to perform providing background

music for the auction and an approximately 40 minute concert. The cost would be \$300-\$400. The facility seats up to 100 people. The plan would be to have it catered with wine, cheese and orderves. Throughout the event a silent auction would take place. There would be a \$20 admission charge per person. This would be considered as our holiday party and a special event to honor our new members. Artistic members of GBC would be invited to display and sell their crafts/wares. The Board suggested people who are photographers, painters, jewelry and card makers. If this is a go it was suggested that the AGM meeting in Dec. be an online event. We still need items for this silent auction.

Reports

Co-Chairs - items for this report are throughout the minutes

G. Quartaro send the GBC President a note congratulating him on his 2 year anniversary as the GBC president and on his article in the Toronto Star dealing with diversity and inclusiveness in colleges, especially at GBC. He gratefully acknowledged the email sent by G. Quartaro.

Membership – D. Plested

Currently we have the highest voting membership ever.

D. Pontone agreed to be the buddy for a new support staff retiree.

D. Plested and G. Quartaro will look at the Strategic Direction report to analyze the appropriateness of some ideas at this point in time.

An idea was suggested to have 1 member of the Board request access to the GBC Directory. This person would need to have a contractor number ie. The designated person would need to have a contract GBC number with the college – need to have a contract position at the college and therefore this person would have access to the GBC Directory. Currently the Directory is behind a “firewall”

An email access discussion was held again and suggestions were made as to how retirees could continue to have their GBC emails. One suggestion was to ask for it for 1 year and throughout that year the retirees could set up other emails and inform their contacts of this measure. Another suggestion is to have the retiree put on the non FT list as PT and/or casual employee. B. Cox will ask that on the GBC website under contact for GBCRA contact/membership will be included.

Events – J. Bulmash and B. Cox

Tall Ship tour is ready to go.

Wed. Oct. 4 Food Bank event 12:30-3:30 has been booked. J. Bulamsh will pursue inviting the GBC President to attend this event. This would be a great marketing event for GBC and GBCRA.

This event will be registered on line??? Georgia – with GBCRA or the Food bank?

AGM date – TBD after auction event organized

Auction Items

Ideas – rental of Air B and B, tickets to a concert, chocolatier or another online cooking course or any online course by a GBC or GBCRA member – eg. Cooking, art, cookies (John Higgins and how to make Buckingham Palace shortbread cookies). Pairing whisky and chocolate

Treasurer's Report – no report this month

Communications – B. Cox

C. Kotow-Sullivan conducted an interview with D. Pontone which will come out soon.

Motion: moved by C. Kotow-Sullivan that the contract with Constant Contact be renewed for another year at a cost of \$600

Seconded: D. Plested

Carried

Clubs

Bridge – has been held weekly on Mon. during the summer months from 10-12 noon

Book – Sept. book is Lessons in Chemistry

Theatre – Stratford trip has been organized and there may be theatre event at GBC

New Business

New Club – Lunch club – a lunch will be organized at a restaurant and members and guests will be invited to come and each person will reserve and pay individually. This will start in September.

Adjournment

Moved by B. Dunlop

Next Meeting

Tuesday Sept. 12 11:30-1:30 pm