



George Brown College Retirees' Association

**Annual General Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2020
George Brown Retirees' Association**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Georgia Quartaro. Instructions regarding Zoom and voting given by Debbie Plested.

Present: Bob Cox, Kirk Van De Kraats, Christina Mountstevan, Debbie Plested, Barb Dunlop, Michael Cooke, Georgia Quartaro, Alfred Carr, Leo Spindel, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Anne Mackenzie-Thompson, Diane Turner, Patricia Robinson, Lorie Shekter-Wolfson, Bob Struthers, Marilou Martin, Gail Pahwa, Marion Goltz, Anne Bosy, Dianne Diniz, Denise Pontone, Sally Layton-Roy, Joan Reynolds, Jane Rotering, Gayle Takahashi, Bill Ferguson, Lois Athanasiu

Proxy Members: Frank Sorochinsky, Nick Taurozzi, Lorie Nave, Olga Zamora, Tim Klassen, John Price, Susan Quadeer, Betty Jean Reid, Gayle Takahashi, Kathi Lees, Mary Edwards, Rosalind Gilbert, Quita Stewart, Ita Grant, Paula Hastings, Bill Reid, Michael McKenna. Betty Magelessen, Anita Leung

Motion: That the Agenda be accepted

Motion proposed by: Trish Robinson

Motion Seconded by: Laura Lothian-Bryant

Carried Unanimously

Adoption of the November 15, 2019 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the November 15, 2019 minutes were reviewed. No changes were suggested.

Motion: That the Minutes of November 15, 2019 be accepted as presented

Motion Proposed by: Barb Dunlop

Motion Seconded by: AnneMacKenzie-Thompson
Carried Unanimously.

Reports

Co-chair Report – first half of the report hosted by Georgia Quartaro; second half hosted by Diane Diniz.

Georgia announced Anne Sado's retirement as of June 2021. She discussed the events presented by the GCRA in 2020 including the wine and cheese party. Event Planning students attended to learn how to plan a wine and cheese event for their class project.. The event included a successful silent and including money donated by winners of the bingo event, \$1554 was raised for the scholarship fund. Theatre events and a wine tasting event scheduled for 2020 were cancelled due to COVID-19. The bursary and nursing student field placement with GBCRA were discussed including the health and well-being articles the students posted for for our members. Outstanding GBCRA objectives include gaining GBC discounts for our membership, library access, a GBC email accounts, informing new or forthcoming retirees of eligibility for GBCRA membership.

Appreciation for the GBC Foundation's ongoing support was expressed. The GBC Seniors Association is dormant but post-COVID, we look forward to the renewing our relationship with them. The book and bridge clubs are active and new members are always welcome.

Communications Report – B. Cox reported high activity in this area with 30 communication pieces being sent to each member. This amounts to 5000 communications sent out with 3600 of these being opened. There was even out -of-county interest in our website.

Scholarship Report – A. Mackenzie-Thompson reported that a new anonymous donor this year will contribute one thousand dollars each year. A good relationship with the Foundation keeps the scholarship fund on track. Twenty thousand dollars is needed keep this fund in perpetuity and we have twelve thousand dollars so far. This money comes from events specifically targeted to raise money for scholarships and not from our annual fee revenue.

Membership Report – J. Cooke reported current stable membership at 266 members. It has been difficult to attract new members as we are not given notice as to who is retiring.

Motion: The Co-Chairs, Communications, Scholarship, and Membership reports be accepted as presented.

Motion Proposed by: Barbara Dunlop

Motion Seconded by: Sally Roy

Unanimously Carried.

Treasurer Report – J. Reynolds reported below budget results both for revenue and expenditures but scholarship funds exceeded the projected budget target.

Motion: The 2021 budget be accepted as presented

Proposed by: Marilou Martin

Motion Seconded by: Jane Rotering

Carried Unanimously.

Motion: That the membership fee will remain at \$15 per year for 2021 including the option of a lifetime membership fee.

Motion Proposed by: Alfred Carr

Motion Seconded by: Trish Robinson

Carried Unanimously.

Motion: The Board of Directors be authorized to provide financial support up to \$100.00 per year for each GBCRA club to cover expenses.

Motion Proposed by: Sally Roy

Motion Seconded by: Alfred Carr

Carried Unanimously.

Election of Officers

Bob Cox introduced the proposed slate of officers for 2021: He presented the 2020 slate for Board of Directors

Co-Chairs: Dianne Diniz and Georgia Quartaro

Secretary: Barb Dunlop

Treasurer: Joan Reynolds

Membership: Debbie Plested

Communications: Bob Cox

Directors at Large: Laura Lothian-Bryant, Jennifer Cooke, Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone

Scholarship Convenor: Anne MacKenzie-Thompson

Motion: That the slate of Directors be accepted as presented for 2021:

Motion proposed by: Alfred Carr

Motion Seconded by: Gail Pahwa

Carried Unanimously.

Retiring Board Members – Anne Mackenzie-Thompson- she was an original board member of GBCRA and will become the convenor of scholarships

Ron Sluser resigned following 2 years of service. Charitable donations of their choices were given in their names as a thank you for service to the Board.

Support from Anne Sado was mentioned. Co-chairs thanked Board members. Co-chairs thanked Debbie Plested for the technology for the meeting. Bob Cox was thanked for the communication work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

Recorded by: Barbara Dunlop

Date Approved: