



# MINUTES OF THE CCRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 12, 2021

Via Zoom Conference Call

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

## PRESENT:

CCRA Board Members:

Ellen Bull	President
Marilyn Scott	Vice President
Chuck Baker	Director
Luzia Bidwell	Director (Web)
Pat Brown	Director (Membership)
Michael Gauthier	Director
Pat Lee	Director (Events)
Anne Longman	Director
Eva Zehethofer	Director (Telecommunications)
Stephanie Carrillo	College Resource (Minute Taker)
Fiona Gosh-Bedlington	College Resource

In addition to members of the Centennial College Retirees' Association

### 1.0 WELCOME

Ellen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

### 2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL & REVIEW OF 2018 AGM MINUTES

Tentative approval of 2018 AGM Minutes: the document will need to be sent to the members again as some were not able to access it.

Motioned by: Cheryl Butler  
Seconded by: Michael Gauthier  
Moved: All in Favour

Approval of the AGM Meeting Agenda:

Motioned by: Luzia Bidwell  
Seconded by: Pat Brown  
Moved: All in Favour

### **3.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **a) President's and Vice President's Report – Presented by Ellen Bull**

- The CCRA website has been revitalized and is updated frequently
  - The CCRA Board Role Descriptions have been updated and finalized
  - The CCRA membership brochure has also been updated; a dedicated subcommittee worked with Andrew Cartier (Pension Consultant, Centennial College) on this activity
  - The CCRA funded student scholarship continues to be supported; this past year, the scholarship celebration event was held virtually
  - Sustainability webinars have taken place this year; Michael Gauthier expressed interested in starting a sustainability group; Cheryl Butler asked if there is any event in beekeeping on the horizon; Michael will look into it
  - Debbie Cameron asked if she could access recordings of past webinars; Michael noted that he will inquire; Lucy can add a link to such recordings to the CCRA website as well as an archive
  - The decision on the Holiday Luncheon
  - This past year, two families in financial need were assisted through CCRA donations and the Centennial College student emergency fund was supported by the CCRA as well
  - The CCRA will host a baking tutorial/virtual event on June 2, 2021, called “Baking with Mr. Baker”
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- Ellen presented the financial statements

Approval of the Financial Statements:

Motioned by: Rick Foren  
Seconded by: Mary Clare Fyfe  
Moved: All in Favour

b) Membership Report – Led by Pat Brown

- Pat asked attendees who require to update their contact info to do so on the CCRA website or by emailing her at [ccra.membership@gmail.com](mailto:ccra.membership@gmail.com)
- Pat asked attendees to encourage others to join the CCRA, and reminded all that they can join and listen in on CCRA Board meetings; next one is taking place on June 9, 2021
- Pat noted that the CCRA did not collect membership fees this year because of decreased activity as a result of the COVID pandemic and resulting restrictions; existing retiree members who wish to renew with the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA) must do so through OCRA
- All CCRA meeting minutes are posted on the website and available for all to see

c) Webmaster Report led by Luzia Bidwell

- Board meeting minutes to be added to the CCRA website continuously
- All CCRA event info will also be continuously added and updated on the CCRA website
- A photo gallery section will soon be added to the CCRA website
- Results from the CCRA Member survey recently sent out will help guide what else can be added to the website

**CCRA Member Survey Findings Highlights, led by Pat Lee**

- 70% of respondents are in support of a bursary for life-long learning for members
- Lack of website awareness noted by some respondents and suggestion for inclusion of member updates/ "what have we been up" section etc.
- Luncheons seem to be what members most look forward to post pandemic
- Book club/gardening classes also high on list of Member wishes

## **Elections and Director Confirmations, led by Ellen Bull**

- Ellen encouraged members to consider joining the CCRA Board and invited all who are interested to attend an upcoming CCRA Board meeting to get a better sense of Board matters
- Attendees approved Michael Gauthier as a CCRA Board Member

Motion for Luzia Bidwell, Marilyn Scott, and Pat Brown to continue on as Board Members past 2021:

Motioned by: Chuck Baker  
Seconded by: Val Smith  
Moved: All in Favour

Motion to end meeting at noon (pre-Guest Speaker video):

Motioned by: Luzia Bidwell  
Seconded by: Sylvia Orrico  
Moved: All in Favour

### **Draw Winners**

Natalie Downer  
Mary Clare Fyfe  
Debbie Cameron