



CONSTITUTION

This page covers issues of the Association's Constitution that have been presented and approved at the Annual General Meetings

Approved at the Annual General Meeting October 18, 2004

Amended – October 2, 2014 and October 5, 2022 Annual General Meeting

Article 1 - Name

1.01

This organization shall be known as the Centennial College Retirees' Association (CCRA), hereinafter referred to as CCRA.

Article 2 – Purpose/Mission of the Centennial College Retirees' Association

2.01

The Centennial College Retirees' Association is an organization whose purpose is to promote the interest of Centennial College retirees.

It provides members with fellowship, pertinent information and response to their concerns. It acts to -

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promote continuing contact and dialogue among retired members of the Centennial College community through:

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social and recreational events such as luncheons, excursions, speakers, tours, clubs.

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formal communication such as through the CCRA website, newsletters and mailings

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advocate for Centennial College retirees.

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liaise with retiree groups such as other community college retirees' associations and the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association (OCRA).

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promote the interests of Centennial College and its programs within the community.

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maintain a formal relationship with the college at the Presidential level to ensure the continuity and independence of CCRA.

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perform an active role where appropriate, with respect to wider social issues within the community.

Article 3 – Membership

3.01

Membership is open to all retired employees of Centennial College. Spouses and/partners of deceased Centennial College employees and retirees of other community colleges may become Associate (non-voting) members.

3.02

An Honorary Membership may be given (at the recommendation of the Board) to someone who has performed outstanding service to CCRA

Article 4 – Governance

4.01 - Executive

The Board of the CCRA shall be composed of 13 Directors, 11 of whom who will be elected by the voting members of the CCRA at the annual general meeting. Two Centennial employees will be appointed by the Board to serve at the discretion of the Board.

These 13 Directors shall then elect the Executive Officers from amongst themselves and the Officers will be known as the Executive committee of CCRA.

4.02 - Vacancies on the Board

In the event of any vacancy occurring on the Board, however caused, such vacancy may be filled from among the Directors of CCRA. Otherwise the position will be filled at the next annual general meeting of members.

Any Officer appointed or elected to fill any such vacancy will hold office for the unexpired term of the Officer who ceased to be an Officer and who caused such vacancy. If an Officer or Director is absent for 3 consecutive Board meetings, the Board may declare the position vacant.

4.03 - Officers

The Executive officers of the association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Co-ordinator, Communications Co-ordinator, Webmaster, Social Co-ordinator and they shall be collectively responsible for the operation of the CCRA.

4.04 - Quorum

A quorum for a Board meeting will be a minimum of six (6) voting Directors. A quorum for an annual general meeting, will be a minimum of fifteen (23) paid-up members plus four (4) Officers.

4.05 - Board meetings

The committee will meet no less than quarterly. Additional meetings shall be held at the call of the Chair.

4.06 – Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board.

Article 5 – Content and Enactment of By-laws

By-laws may be enacted for the purpose of conducting and regulating the business and affairs of the CCRA, or for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and mandates of the CCRA.

5.01 By-laws may be enacted or amended:

- (a) If passed by the Directors at a Board meeting and confirmed by a majority of voting members present at an annual general meeting or at a meeting called especially for the purpose.

- b) by simple majority vote of the voting members of the CCRA at an annual general meeting.

Article 6 – Amendment of the Constitution

6.01

This constitution may be amended at the annual general meeting, providing that a notice of the wording and the proposed amendment is included in the notice of the annual general meeting agenda.

Amendments to the constitution will require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast in favour of each of the respective resolutions at the annual general meeting.