



MINUTES OF THE CCRA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Baker	Director
Lucia Bidwell	Director (Webmaster)
Pat Brown	Director (Membership)
Gail Derrington	Director (Events)
Rick Foren	Director (Vice President)
Moreen Jones Weekes	Director (Treasurer)
Marilyn Scott	Director (President)
Sean Squires	Director
Jim McVittie	Guest

1.0 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- M. Scott called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.
- Sean Squires was welcomed as a member of the CCRA Board.
- M. Scott introduced and welcomed Jim McVittie as a guest.

2.0 REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY 14, 2025 AGENDA

Motioned by: S. Squires

Seconded by: C. Baker

Moved: All in favour

3.0 REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 12, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Motioned by: R. Foren

Seconded by: P. Brown

Moved: All in favour

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

- Recent ongoing organizational changes taking place at Centennial, will have an impact on CCRA going forward. The Board may need to review how new members are encouraged to join the CCRA. It is also known as to what financial impact the recent college budget cuts will have on the CCRA.



- ton moving into the Events role, the Vice President's role is vacant. R. Foren agreed to take on the role of Vice President.
- We received notification from Office of Development that Fional Gosh-Bedlington has left the college. Fiona's assistance was greatly appreciated and she will be missed.
- We no longer have a college admin support to provide assistance with our Board Minutes.

ACTION: We will need a Board member to do the Minutes.

5.0 OFFICERS' UPDATES

P. Brown: Membership

- There are now 80 members (includes 1 new member)
- Suggestions from Board members to recruit new members included piggybacking on CAAT Retirement Information session to create awareness of CCRA to those interested in retiring and inviting A. Cartier to attend one of our Board meetings.

G. Derrington: Events and CCRA Newsletter

- Spring Fling was a success! Received great feedback from surveys that day.
- 42 registered (36 guests + 6 members, including guest speaker)
- 38 in attendance on day of (33 members + 4 guests, including guest speaker); 1 no show due to being caught in traffic
- Handed out surveys; 25 surveys received (78% response rate)
- Overall event ratings: 60% Excellent/36% Very Good/4% Good
- 3 common themes; 88% Enjoyed Presentation, 36% Liked the food, 32% Meeting up with colleagues
- A few negative comments on food (ie. too spicy).

ACTION: On future event invitations, add a clause to let us know if any Food Allergies.

- CCRA newsletter was sent out to all members on May 1st.
- Suggested to keep with the once a year newsletter.
- Request for any other Board member to do the newsletter next year? S. Squires mentioned he could assist.

M. Jones Weekes: Treasurer's Report

- No new cheques have been deposited.
- Marie Chen is our college contact who forwards any cheques to the Treasurer for CCRA account.
- Spring Fling luncheon was paid in full to the Event Centre.

L. Bidwell: Webmaster's Report



- CCRA Connections newsletter is available on our CCRA website.
- L. Bidwell asked if anyone would be interested to assist with updating CCRA website, when's she's on vacation and for future, when she steps down from the role.
- S. Squires suggested adding a link from Centennial College website that promotes college events/activities to our CCRA site.
ACTION: Luzia to check Centennial College site for any college link promotion to include on CCRA site.
- S. Squires volunteered to look at web content, but would not able to make the actual changes on the website.
ACTION: Still need someone who can assist in making actual changes to CCRA website

6.0 New Business

a) CCRA's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Confirming Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at the Event Centre
- S. Squires suggested spending some money from CCRA reserved funds on the AGM to encourage membership (i.e. use money for an exciting speaker, no cost to the members, etc.).
- G. Derrington mentioned feedback from survey, included a Security talk
- R. Foren recommend to check with Centennial's Police Foundations program on a potential speaker.
ACTION: G. Derrington to find out from Centennial about guest speaker from Police Foundations. Format for AGM to be also discussed at June Board meeting.

b). M. Scott

- J. McVittie noted he wanted to join the CCRA Board.
- M. Scott asked for a vote from the Board. J. McVittie was approved as a Board Member.
- M. Scott announced she is stepping down as President of the CCRA Board. The Board thanked her for her considerable input to the ongoing success of the CCRA.
ACTION: Discussion on filling interim President role at June meeting.

7.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motioned by: L. Bidwell

Seconded by: M. Jones-Weekes



Moved: All in favour

Minutes recorded by R. Foren

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.