



FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 43rd Annual General Meeting of Living and Learning in Retirement was held at Glendon College on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 11:25 a.m. The President, Naomi St. John, called the 43rd AGM to order and welcomed the members present.

Minutes:

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the 42nd AGM held on March 13, 2015, had been approved by the Board and posted on the LLIR website. It was moved by Gary Schlee, seconded by Tsan-Tzu Lee, that the minutes be adopted as approved. Carried.

Report of the President Naomi St. John:

Naomi compared LLIR's 43rd Annual Meeting with Glendon's current 50th Anniversary celebration. "It took only seven years once the college was established, for a small group of retirees to meet with the Principal, plan courses, set up a volunteer board, attract a membership, and never look back."

She recognized the work of the current board of volunteers: Norbert Hartmann, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee; Jane Sims, Vice President and Chair of Long Range Planning; Colin Graham, Finance Chair; Gail Carson, Registrar and Membership Chair; Ruth Brouwer, Program Chair; Gary Schlee, Secretary; Molly Greenwood, Associate Registrar; Mike Antoniadis, Treasurer; Berit Dullerud, Friends of Glendon Co-ordinator; Gaylen Racine, Technical Director and Audio Visual Co-ordinator; Paul Muther; Del Milbrandt; Bob Clapp; Dianne Hare and Brian Thompson. There was a special thank you to Bruce McCallum, Chair of both Communications and Facilities who is leaving the Board.

Also recognized was the committed team of AV volunteers, the lecturers, Glendon College, and the members who have helped in the transition to online technology for registration and communication.

Report of the Friends of Glendon

Jessica Perkins, treasurer of the Friends of Glendon (FoG) gave a heartfelt thanks to the LLIR membership for achieving its goal of raising \$28,000 for the FoG. She said FoG was pleased to provide coffee and treats today as a small thank you. FoG is celebrating its 45th year.

Finance Report:

Colin Graham, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that LLIR revenues came from membership and course and membership fees of \$97,095 and interest of \$1,628. Expenses for 2015-16 totaled \$83,093, creating a surplus on the year of \$15,630. Course development and lecturers accounted for 54% of costs, rent and audio visual 15%, and registration, audit, insurance and miscellaneous 31%.

The financial statements were audited by Jeffrey D. Milgram, CPA, CA. No adverse findings turned up in the audit, and the auditor has given satisfactory assurances on the state of the financial records.

Colin Graham moved, with Mike Antoniadis seconding, that the 2014-2015 audited financial statements be approved. Carried

Colin Graham moved, with Mike Antoniadis seconding, that Jeffrey D. Milgram, CPA, CA be appointed as auditor for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016, at a fee to be approved by the Board. Carried

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Norbert Hartmann, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stressed the importance of volunteering for LLIR, particularly since the turnover on the Board is expected to be substantial in the next few years. However, he also noted that the number of people offering the names for consideration as Board members was impressive and gratifying.

He introduced three members nominated for three-year terms on the Board: accountant Christine Pearce, lawyer Fran Sayers and management consultant Linda Somers. He also introduced a nominee as a Volunteer Member of the Board (as outlined in By-Law 10): IT specialist and teacher Paula McMillan.

It was moved by Norbert Hartmann and seconded by Linda Sparling, that the slate of Board Nominees, Board re-appointments for a second term, and the slate of Board Officers be approved. Carried.

New Board members:

Christine Pearce

Fran Sayers

Linda Somers

Paula McMillan (volunteer capacity)

Officers for 2016-2017:

President – Jane Sims

Past President – Naomi St. John

Vice-President – Bob Clapp

Chair of Finance – Colin Graham

Treasurer – Paul Muther

Secretary – Sheilah Reid

Registrar – Alan Boulton

Associate Registrar – Molly Greenwood

Program Director – Ruth Brouwer

Associate Program Director – Del Milbrandt

Board re: appointments for a second three-year term:

Ruth Brouwer

Molly Greenwood

Norbert also indicated that the Board had appointed the following Directors to specific roles in 2016-2017: Berit Dullerud (Friends of Glendon Co-ordinator), Gaylen Racine (Audio Visual Co-ordinator), Gary Schlee (Communications Director), and Brian Thompson (Facilities Co-ordinator).

Transfer of Chair and the New President's Remarks:

Naomi welcomed Jane Sims, the incoming President. Jane thanked Naomi for guiding LLIR through a challenging year. "You became president in the middle of a strike, you had six new Board members, and you had a fall that resulted in hip surgery. In spite of these challenges you have led us through a busy and successful 43rd year with patience and a bubbly sense of humour." Flowers were presented to Naomi.

Jane welcomed new Board members, Christine Pearce, Fran Sayers and Linda Somers as well as volunteer member Paula McMillan. There was a particular thank you to the program committee that scurried to find a replacement instructor for The Dilemmas of Democracy course following the death last spring of Alan Borovoy. Academic Advisor, Geoffrey Ewan, who helped find Dr. Saeed Raheena to lead the course on short notice.

Recognized for his long association with LLIR was Dr. Michiel Horn who just finished directing the course on Some Extraordinary Canadians, Part 2. In 1976, Michiel, a professor at Glendon College, became the first Academic advisor of LLIR.” Michiel has been at Glendon for nearly 50 years and has been associated with LLIR since its inception. Michiel stood and was received with applause.

Members’ Questions from the Floor:

There were several questions from members that were answered by various Board members. They were –

Question: Who are the retiring directors?

Answer: Bruce McCallum was the only one this year.

Q: What is the difference between a course director & coordinator

A: Course Directors lecture or oversee specific courses. The coordinator is actually a Glendon Faculty Advisor who helps LLIR locate potential course directors. For example, the current advisor helped find a replacement for Alan Borovoy this past year.

Q: How is the shift from attendance takers to greeters going?

A: Jane was concerned about people coming in off the street; but that hasn’t happened. Board continues to monitor the change.

Q: What is the policy about Leave of Absence?

A: The policy is that members can take only one Leave of Absence during their lifetimes. It was acknowledged that this could be made clearer. Members were reminded that opting not to take a course for one term is not considered a leave of absence.

Q: What about people not getting their choice because of lack of seniority?

*A:*As long as Members participate in one program each LLIR term, LOA does not apply. Members were reminded that the Membership Guidelines include information about the seniority and leave of absence policies.

Adjournment:

Jane thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Linda Sparling. Carried.

The time was 12:00 p.m.