

The Simon Fraser University Seniors Lifelong Learners Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre Room # 7000

October 16, 2018

1. Welcome

President Linda Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, and warmly welcomed all the society members and special guests

2. Speaker

Linda introduced Christopher Gaze, Founding Artistic Director of Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. He spoke entertainingly about his life in theatre and the history of Bard on the Beach—one of the largest Shakespeare festivals in the world. He introduced a lively question and answer session. Linda thanked the speaker.

3. Report from the Director of the Liberal Arts and 55+ Program

Linda introduced Roz Kaplan who reported that The Liberal Arts & 55+ Program formerly known as the Seniors Program began in 1975 just 10 years after the founding of SFU. By 1996 the program had 8 courses and 266 registrations. In 2011 it grew to 55 courses and 2,143 registrations. Today the 55+ Program has expanded to 110 courses and 5,300 registrations with 750 students on waiting lists for the year 2017-18.

Currently the 55+ Program has 2,092 unique students, 22% are male and the average age of the students is 71.

4. President's Report

Linda expressed her appreciation and thanks to past president Scott Ricker and to Liberal Arts and 55+ Program staff Roz Kaplan, Mark Smith and Holly O'Carra, and Nadia Chivilo. She thanked the board members for their service and acknowledged the contribution of three members who were not returning: Herb Wood, Lorna Court and Sue Robinson.

The highlights of the year included partnering with SFU on the End of Life Expo, to which the society gave a grant of 3,500 and the Saturday Forums for which the society pays the speakers. In addition the society, with the support of SFU, presented six Flashpoints—two of which were fully subscribed.

5. Financial Report

Angela Steininger presented

6. Election of Directors

Hugh Lindsay presented the nominations for directors of the Society: Continuing members: Linda Johnston, Penny Sinclair, Tricia Sirrs, Babs Perowne, Robin Montcalm, Angela Steininger, Ray Edney and James Fletcher. New Members: Geraldine Tillson and Lynn Graham.

There being no further nominations, the directors were declared elected by acclamation.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm following which many of those present moved on to Al Porto Ristorante in Gastown for a highly enjoyable group lunch.

The President's full report and the Treasurer's report are att a

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017-18

I would like to start my report by thanking my predecessor Scott Ricker and my fellow Board members for their advice and support over my first year as President of SLLS. As a team we had a very active and productive year on behalf of our members. I would also like to thank Roz, Mark, Holly and Nadia for their ongoing collaboration and assistance as we work together on behalf of the SFU 55+ students.

Highlights and achievements for the year fall into two categories both equally important, but one probably of more interest to members than the other.

The interesting highlights were the events. In some cases we contributed substantial funds to the SFU Program initiatives. In particular, as the End of Life Expo where we contributed \$3,500 as well as the 6 regular Free Saturday Forums. We also organized this year, as per in the past, the Certificate Ceremony for those 55+ students who have successfully been granted their academic certificates. It was very well attended this year by the recipients, their families and friends.

These activities contribute to our mandate to serve all SFU 55+ students.

Flashpoint lectures remain of great interest to both our members and the larger 55+ cadre of students. We had five of them over this past year and two of these were fully subscribed with the other three very well attended.

In addition to financial contributions to these events, our members at large contribute many hours of volunteer time supporting these activities as well as the Welcome Tables for the first week of each semester. A special thank you to all of our volunteers.

Our member centered events included our now "traditional" Christmas lunch and a highly successful July outing to Fort Langley, lunch at a Pub followed by a visit to a winery. We were all grateful to have bus transportation so we could all make the most of the day.

We also added something very new for us, a special workshop called the "Essential Binder" as a follow up to the end of Life Expo. It was free for our members with a few seats remaining for others at a fee. It was very well received and we are looking into future initiatives where appropriate.

Of less general interest

Given all of these activities, we also added the position of volunteer coordinator to our list of Board Member responsibilities.

As I said at the start, none of this could have been done without a great team.

Scott Ricker helped me on Presidential issues and also by being the best finder of Xmas lunch

16th October 2018

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Financial Year ending 31st August 2018

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