

**St. Clair College Retiree Association
Annual General Meeting
May 5 2021
Via Zoom
2:30 social time
3:00 formal meeting
MINUTES
(DRAFT – Subject to Approval at 2022 AGM)**

Kathy Dupuis, President, presided over the meeting. Lyn Medler acted as secretary for the meeting. There were 31 members in attendance.

1. WELCOME

Kathy thanked everyone for attending the meeting and specifically thanked John Fairley and President Patti, for joining us and noted that they will have to leave us during the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Bill Totten

Seconded: Bob Braidford

CARRIED

3. COLLEGE UPDATE

President Patti gave a report which included PowerPoint slides:
Following are highlights.

Enrolment Fall 2020

	Domestic Full time	International Full time	TOTAL full time
Windsor/Chatham intake	4255	1068	5323
Windsor/Chatham returning	2918	2708	5626
Windsor/Chatham total	7173	3776	10949
Acumen intake	0	870	870
Acumen returning	0	1758	1758
Acumen total	0	2628	2628
SCC Total enrolment	7173	6404	13577

How covid has impacted the college:

- The college was expecting 1500 international students but only 280 enrolled.
- Spring semester will be starting a little later than usual because of the province-wide shut down.
- The fall start-up is unknown as it will be based on how the pandemic and vaccinations impact the province. The college will make a decision after the May lockdown. At the very minimal the hope is that it is hybrid and at least one face-to-face module for all programs. Students have communicated that they miss the in-person experience.
- International students were picked up at the airport, were quarantined for 14 days and were tested. The college supplied food and laundry services to ensure students were able to quarantine sufficiently. Only 4% were covid positive and they were made to isolate until they showed negative results.
- Some international students may not be able to get to Canada because flights have been suspended based on the increase in covid numbers in India.
- PSW program will have 250 enrolled in April and June. The provincial incentives have helped bring this number up. The province is paying their tuition and paying for their placements. The college offered bursaries for fall 2020 students for PSW students.
- The college has offered to have vaccination sites in Chatham and Windsor on campus.
- The college will go into the fall with a \$39 million surplus which is the highest in the province.
- Convocations have been done virtually. The June convocation will be over 6000 graduates.

Construction:

- SportsPark has been completed.
- Zekelman Center of Business and Information Technology will be ready for December and should be running there by January 2022.

- New Residence – hoping that students will be in the facility for fall 2021 and some occupancy in the summer.
- Overall, residences will likely be 50% occupancy as they have been this year. No sharing of rooms.

Community engagement:

- SportsPlex was used as a field hospital and now being used to give vaccines, until the end of August. The hope is that it will return to its original use in September.
- Chatham’s HealthPlex was also used for a few months.
- Partnered with WIFF for some events.
- Suicide prevention and Awareness month.
- Orange shirt day – recognizing Indigenous students
- Patti was guest speaker at the Rotary Club and Keynote speaker in China, virtually – theme was “The Pursuit of Education Knows No Boundaries”
- The S’aints concert was done virtually and matched the same dollar amount from prior years.
- There was a drive through Christmas parade for the community, through the college property.
- Patti and Ken Blanchette have been involved in the Windsor-Essex vaccination roll out
- Polar Plunge - \$361,000 raised in Windsor and Chatham.
- Patti (virtual) keynote speaker for International Women’s Day with Women’s Enterprise Skills Training
- Alumni of Distinction was presented and posted on the college website
- A lot of staff training especially in teaching and how to engage students in this new learning environment.
- A lot of time and effort has gone into diversity and inclusion.

St Clair Day will proceed virtually on June 25th with Kathy reading retiree names who have passed away over the last year.

The president concluded with thanks to the RA for their participation and assistance as well as the college staff and students who have been patient and supportive, throughout the pandemic.

Bill Totten told Patti that he wished to thank Mike Sorrell and John Fairley for their help in getting the Newsletters out, including Mike delivering them right to Bill’s house.

Sue McLelland thanked Patti and John for taking the time out of their days to let us know what is happening at the college. Kathy told Patti that what she does “makes us proud”.

At this point Patti and John excused themselves from the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2020

Moved: Sue McLelland

Seconded: Marilyn Portt

CARRIED

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Kathy updated the group on what has been happening in the association over the last year. She shared that, because of covid, there have not been any in-person meetings but they have continued monthly via Zoom.

The social committee created a number of contests that we were able to implement through email and members seemed to enjoy these. We received positive responses on these contests.

We have continued to create and distribute a quality Newsletter.

Kathy thanked the dedicated Retiree Association executive for their continuous hard work and creativity through this difficult year. She also thanked President Patti and John Fairley for their continued support.

Our members mean a lot to us and we will continue to support them and keep them engaged until we can meet again, in person.

6. MEMORIALS

Susan McLelland read the names of the retirees who had passed away over the last year and a moment of silence was observed in their memory.

JUNE 2019 to JUNE 2020

Ivan Bastien	April 22, 2020
Keith Brown	June 24, 2020
JoAn Dale	May 20 th 2020
Roy Giroux	March 14, 2020
George Hawley	October 29 th , 2019.
Virginia Janisse	December 11, 2019

Justin Kazakevicius	November 22, 2020
Anna Marie Lennie	March 26, 2020
Rita Loewen	October 24, 2020
Rick Lumb	February 28, 2020
Bernice Luqui	June 2, 2019
Eris MacIntosh	May 13, 2020
Mary McEachran	November 21, 2019
Frances Murphy	March 22, 2020
Jeanne Ransome	June 25, 2019
Donald Roberts	April 1, 2020
Carol Ann Smith	September 23, 2019
Douglas Warford	December 16, 2019

JUNE 2020 to JUNE 2021

James Allen	March 26, 2021
Irving Barat	March 29, 2021
Joyce Bremner	November 28, 2020
Suzanne Bruce	October 23, 2020
Patrick Casella	June 29, 2020
Ted Collins	March 11, 2021
Margaret Dore	October 21, 2020
Rainer Kunau	March 10, 2021
Patricia Michie	September 28, 2020
Frank Mocerri	September 3, 2020
Rick Muldoon	March 8, 2021
Sydney Nishizaki	August 11, 2020
David Robinson	January 11, 2021
Elena Saffran	December 31, 2020
Joseph Timko	December 17, 2020
George Troniano	August 20, 2020
Helen Trotter	January 29, 2021
Parma Varma	February 8, 2021
Arthur Wass	February 17, 2021

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT completed by Bob Braidford. Bob let the group know that he had found the books and finances, ending in December 2020, in excellent order and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Retiree Association.

Accept the Financial Review as presented.

Moved: Ross Langill

Seconded: Shirley Freeman

CARRIED

8. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Chambers

Jim started by thanking Bob Braidford for his financial reviews over the last few years.

Jim had previously emailed the financials to the attendees

- total paid memberships for 2020 was 312 which is down 53 from what had been budgeted
- the net income is \$4148 in excess because there was no Christmas party
- on the balance sheet it indicates fundraising which was \$920 for the food bank donations from members and \$600 from the association
- the liability insurance cost is \$1,940.76
- there is a balance of \$18,822 in the bank

Moved: Jim Chambers

Seconded: Pat Hallahan

CARRIED

9. BYLAW REVISIONS – Bill Totten

i) Bill reported that he has taken the by-laws as they existed and reorganized them to put them into a more logical order.

That the Annual Meeting approve the bylaw revisions as presented reordering the articles.

Moved: Bill Totten

Seconded: Pat Hallahan
CARRIED

ii) Bill advised the group that there had been revisions to the by-law section on meetings in order to address Zoom meetings. Added two brief statements to address these.

That the Annual Meeting support the following amendment to the bylaws, adding the virtual meeting provision, for presentation to the AGM:

vii The Executive will be permitted to employ virtual meetings as required in lieu of in person meetings described herein;

viii In the event the virtual meetings become necessary, all bylaws will apply;

Moved: Bill Totten

Seconded: Susan McLelland

CARRIED

10. COORDINATOR REPORTS

Reports had been emailed to members previous to the meeting. Kathy asked participants if they had any questions about the reports. No questions were put forward.

11. NOMINATION REPORT – Susan McLelland

Sue asked if there were any nominations for any of the executive positions. No nominations were offered.

Nominations closed

The following slate of Officers was presented:

President: Susan McLelland

Vice President: Kelly Bevan

Secretary: Lyn Medler

Treasurer: Dolph Barsanti

Membership Secretary: Marilyn Portt

Ex-officio

Past President: Kathy Dupuis

President Emeritus: Bill Totten

Accept the slate of officers as presented:

Moved: Tony Ellul

Seconded: Jack Zhao

CARRIED

The above list will be the Executive for the Association for the next year.

Committee Chairs will be appointed at the next Executive Meeting.

Those standing for Committee Chairs are:

Lea Garber	Archives
Elizabeth Barr	Thames Representative
Ginny Russel	Thames Representative
Pat Taylor	Social
Mimi McPhedran	Social
Jim Chambers	Fundraising
Tony Ellul	Newsletter
Lori Caba	Goodwill
Bill Jones	Board Observer
Jim Martin	OCRA Representative

12. NEW BUSINESS

Budget 2021:

The budget was created based on previous years' expenditures.

- 335 new dues projected
- Christmas party, and other social activities, are included for 2021
- If all goes as planned over the year, there will be a deficit of \$355

Move that the budget for 2021 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Jim Chambers

Seconded: Lyn Medler

CARRIED

12. UPCOMING EVENTS – Mimi McPhedran / Pat Taylor

There are no social events coming up because of the pandemic but they are trying to come up with more online events.

Once we are able to meet physically, there will be a get together to celebrate the end of isolation.

13. PRESENTATION

Bill Totten spoke to the fact that Pat Hallahan will be leaving the executive after serving president, education events coordinator and communications coordinator over the last 20 years.

Bill told of the inventory of the art in the college that was done by the association. Pat took all of the art and physically went through it to organize it

Developed 14 to 15 videos of interviews with past staff re the history of the college that are currently on our website.

Bill thanked Pat for all of his initiatives and his time. Bill also thanked Elsi for supporting Pat and the association helping behind the scenes.

The RA presented Pat with a gift card to "On the Green".

Jay Ertel thanked Pat for all of the years working together while he was on the RA and thanked Kathy as well.

Sue let everyone know that Kathy is no longer the president and thanked Kathy for all of her hard work and everything she's done.

Kathy was presented with a large planter from the association.

14. CLOSING

Kathy asked everyone to join her in welcoming the new executive. A special welcome to Sue as the president, Dolph Barsanti as the Treasurer and Kelly Bevan as Vice President.

Cindy Bissonnette will be stepping down as past president.

She thanked Jim Chambers for his years as Treasurer, Pat Hallahan for all of his support over the years and Bill Totten for his tireless support and guidance over the years.

She said she is looking forward to working with Sue McLelland as the new president.

End of formal meeting. Social time continued via Zoom.