

**St. Clair College Retiree Association
Annual General Meeting
May 7, 2025
Griff's Restaurant, Student Centre
12:00-2:00 social time; 2:00 formal meeting
(DRAFT) MINUTES**

Sue McLelland, President, presided over the meeting. Lyn Medler acted as Secretary for the meeting. There were 41 members in attendance.

1. WELCOME

Sue thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She let folks know that this would be her last meeting as President of the RA and that elections would include the next President and Vice-President. Tom Williams has been nominated for the Vice-President position but when the elections come up, more nominations will be taken from the floor should others wish to take on that role. Sue also thanked Elizabeth Barr and Dale Jarrell for their representation of Chatham. Elizabeth had been with the association for 21 years and Dale for 3. They will both be stepping down so the Chatham rep is also vacant and Sue announced that a Chatham Retiree has offered to consider stepping into this position.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

To accept the Agenda

M/S Pat Halahan/Pat Taylor

CARRIED

3. COLLEGE UPDATE

John Fairley thanked the retirees for all of their volunteer work helping with Open Houses and graduations.

John told the group that the college is going to have challenges going forward, with the cut to the number of international students as registrants. He pointed out however, that domestic student enrolment has been very good and last year the college had the highest domestic enrolment since 2018.

John mentioned that losing Dr. Strasser this past year was a blow to those who had worked with him over the years.

Sue thanked John for all of his support for the Retirees' Association over the years.

4. MEMORIALS - Moment of Silence

Ross Langill, VP, asked the attendees to stand and observe a moment of silence for the retirees who had passed away over the last year.

Ross read the names.

5. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2024

M/S Lynne Watts/Naz Binck

CARRIED

6. AGM Report

Sue directed folks to look at the AGM Report which was on each table. Sue thanked the members who contributed their reports and Ross Langill who compiled them into this document. Sue introduced each of the contributors, explained their role, and asked if they had anything to add.

Pat Taylor, Social Committee, reminded folks of the September get together at Paul and Bev Chortos' and to look for details coming out via email in August.

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT completed by Bob Braidford. Bob's letter stated that he had found the books and finances, ending in December 2024, in order and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Retiree Association.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT/BUDGET – Dolph Barsanti

Dolph gave a short report of the financials and the budget.

MOTION:

Accept the Financial Review as presented.

M/S: Florry Foster/Carol Pratt

CARRIED

9. NOMINATION REPORT – Susan McLelland

Sue announced that, as she will be stepping down, nominations for President are open to the floor.

Ross Langill was nominated to the President position. Ross accepted and, as no other nominations came forward, Ross is acclaimed.

Sue asked for nominations for the VP. As no nominations came forward, Tom Williams is acclaimed.

Sue asked if there were any nominations for any of the listed executive positions. None were forthcoming so all of the current executives are acclaimed.

The following slate of Officers was presented:

President: Ross Langill

Vice President: Tom Williams

Secretary: Lyn Medler

Treasurer: Dolph Barsanti

Membership Secretary: Marilyn Portt

Ex-officio

Past President: Sue McLelland

President Emeritus: Bill Totten

MOTION:

Close nominations and accept the slate of officers as presented:

M/S Bill Totten/Kathy Dupuis

CARRIED

The above lists of Officers and Ex-officio will compose part of the Executive, along with the list of Coordinators below.

Committee Coordinators will be accepted and appointed at the next Executive Meeting.

Those standing for Committee Chairs thus far are:

Vacant	Archives
Vacant	Chatham Representative(s)
Pat Taylor	Social
Tony Ellul	Newsletter
Silva Stambouljian	Goodwill
Florry Foster	Board Observer
Ken Garber	Email and Web
Kim Bode	At Large
Brian Hucker	At Large

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Association Bylaws recommended changes

MOTION: In the Bylaws, to add “*and voting*” to the end of the sentence in Article 5, Section B, (i)

Rationale: the current bylaw speaks to the people in attendance during a vote but not the actual action of voting.

M/S Ross Langill/Lyn Medler

CARRIED

MOTION: A retiree is a person who was an employee of St. Clair College for at least ten years.

Rationale: change the current definition to remove criteria and replace with “ten years”. This will ensure staff who have worked part-time and those who did not collect a pension immediately, would be able to become members.

M/S: Ross Langill/Florry Foster

Discussion ensued:

A number of people asked for clarification of aspects of the definition.

Bill Totten asked that the motion be rejected and gave his rationale.

A few others gave rationale for support or rejection of the motion.

M/S Lyn Medler/Carol Pratt - CLOSURE

CLOSURE CARRIED

Vote on the original motion.

DEFEATED

b) Upcoming events - Pat Taylor

Pat told the group that there will be a tour of a glass blowing facility in the fall and details will be forthcoming.

c) Petrolia Playhouse - Marilyn Portt

Marilyn let folks know that there is still room on the bus if anyone is interested.

The next Lunch Bunch will be at Twiggs in Emeryville on June 24th.

11. CLOSING

Ross thanked Sue for her service to the association as president for the last four years.