

CRTA Newsletter

President's Report



Welcome to 2021! We hope that this year will eventually allow us to safely gather in person. We miss you! Best wishes to everyone for good health as we move forward.

We are required each year to have an AGM. However, COVID safety concerns and Public Health orders prohibited our usual in person event in June 2020. The traditional main purposes of the AGM are to review the Financial Statement prepared by our

Treasurer and to elect an Executive Committee to conduct the business of the Association. Additionally, we approve minutes of the previous year's AGM and enjoy presentations and free lunches at our meeting along with the camaraderie that results when members gather. For now, we must adopt a different approach.

We looked into hosting an on line AGM but it is costly to pay an event provider to stage an AGM that could potentially include over six hundred participants. Also, we have over a hundred members who would be excluded because they do not use computers. We have decided to conduct essential AGM 2020 business via our newsletter, email and telephone. This is prudent management of Branch monies and enables everyone to take part at this time. Please participate in the rescheduled 2020 CRTA AGM. Your Executive Committee always appreciates your support!

Caroline

Rescheduled CRTA AGM 2020

1. Please review the **Financial Statement** on page 2 of this newsletter. If you have questions or comments about the document, please contact CRTA Treasurer Howard Spence at *hwspence@gmail.com* or at 604-936-8320. (*NOTE: Ignore the asterisks before and after the email address – they prevent spam emails*)
2. Please review the **Minutes** of the AGM held on June 5, 2019 on page 3 of this newsletter. Please direct questions or comments about the minutes to CRTA President Caroline Malm at *caroline@malm.ca* or at 604-461-0008

Pending resolution of any concerns regarding the financial statements or minutes that are brought to the executive's attention, the meeting will declare on February 8, 2021 that the financial statements and minutes have been accepted as presented.

3. Pursuant to CRTA Policies and Procedures, Elections Chairperson Audrey Anthony called for nominations to the 2020-21 Executive Committee. COVID 19 regulations prevented in person nominations from the floor. The following Table Officers and Directors are acclaimed: **President:** Caroline Malm, **Vice-President:** Teresa Grandinetti, **Secretary:** Lynne Sowerby, **Treasurer:** Howard Spence **Directors:** Audrey Anthony, Jennifer Blenkinsop, Dale Linton, Fran Mitchell, Lynda Parsons, John Pope, Maria Santone, Jeannine Silvestrone, Vicki Stacey, Henry Thiessen, Margrete Wylie.
4. **Presentations:**
 - a. Enjoy the music and inspirational intergenerational programs featured in this video presentation: The 2020 Golden Star Awards video online at <https://bcrt.ca/golden-star-awards-bcrt-conference-2020/>
 - b. Be informed about universal Pharmacare in this lively video presentation by Dr. Steve Morgan: <https://bcrt.ca/pharmacare-2020-conference-presentation-by-steve-morgan/>

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Treasurer's Report – submitted by Howard Spence

FINANCIAL REPORT of the COQUITLAM BRANCH of the BCRTA for the period July 1 2019 to Jun 30 2020. This report was submitted to the BCRTA for the 2019-2020 financial year, which ended June 30, 2020.

Receipts for the year:

Membership Fees (\$5.00 per member)	3,830.00	
Sep Lunch Revenue	2,380.00	
Dec Lunch Revenue	2,798.00	
AGM Lunch Revenue	-	
Interest	-	
BCRTA Grant	95.00	
Other Income	-	
Total Receipts	=====	9,103.00

Disbursements for the year:

Sep Lunch Expenses	2,736.33	
Dec Lunch Expenses	3,369.15	
AGM Lunch Expenses	-	
Bank Service Charges	59.40	
Holiday Cheer	-	
Door Prizes	369.09	
Gifts	75.00	
Honoraria	184.67	
Newsletters	475.99	
Office Expenses	-	
Refreshments	141.92	
Sunshine	80.64	
Total Disbursements	=====	7,492.19

Statement of financial position as at end of fiscal period:

Chequing Account	4,504.32	
Petty Cash	69.69	
Prepaid Expenses	1,050.00	
Accounts Receivable	-	
Total Assets	=====	5,624.01

Notes:

1. Prepaid expenses of \$1050 are deposits for our Sept brunch and Christmas lunch. They are not listed as expenses, but as an asset, because they are for activities in this present financial year. We have received a refund from Burnaby for the September brunch (officially cancelled), and it's now in the bank, but it arrived in July, so does not appear in the year-end report.
2. We started the year with \$4013.20 in assets, and with total year-end assets of \$5624.01, we have a surplus of \$1610.81. These funds will give us lots of flexibility to provide member benefits (e.g. lunch/brunch subsidies, high-profile guest speakers) once the virus crisis has passed, and we can once again enjoy getting together.

Update: This year, with no meetings or lunches possible, our expenses have so far been very light. As of December 31, 2020 we had \$8630 in the bank. Major expenses have been \$307 for newsletter postage and \$377 for holiday cheer, consisting of postage for cards sent to members on our newsletter mailing list, plus modest gift certificates for our life members. We expect expenses to continue to be minimal for at least this financial year, which ends on June 30, 2021. We are hopeful that with a successful vaccination program, we will be back to our regular activities in the fall, and you will be able to participate in real live meetings (Coffee! Cookies! Interesting and entertaining presentations!) and get together with retired colleagues at our sponsored lunches.

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

Call to Order: 10:00 AM Caroline

1. Adoption of agenda as circulated (Caroline Malm)

- Moved Jennifer Blenkinsop/seconded Audrey Anthony/carried

2. Introduction of Dogwood Songsters, director Margaret, and "Razzle Dazzle" (Fran Mitchell)

- Fran expressed our appreciation and presented an honorarium after the one-hour performance

3. Adoption of minutes of general meeting June 6, 2018, one copy per table (Caroline)

- Moved Maria Santone/seconded Gwen Raycroft/carried

4. President's report (Caroline)

- 75 people attended interesting, entertaining and useful COSCO "Stay on the Road" presentation May 24, 2019 in Gallery Room, Winslow Centre
- Members given opportunity to sign petition asking federal government to institute publically-funded Pharmacare program for all Canadians (as advocated for a number of years); Canada the only country with National Medicare but no national Pharmacare; petition to be given to Fin Donnelly and, if enough signatures, to Ron McKinnon as well

Thanks given by name to each Executive Committee member including his/her task(s), to Bridge Club and particular E.C. members for their help putting on luncheon to follow; to CTA for free executive meeting space and paper (only postage charged for); to Coquitlam School District for free use of Gallery Room; to BCRTA for their services, with members directed to on-line survey eliciting suggestions on how to best to continue to serve us (a number of prizes for participating)

5. Executive committee elections (Howard Spence)

Howard mentioned that *Policies and Procedures* has been updated; past president is now advisory position for one year after which he/she can stand for any position

By acclamation as table officers: Caroline Malm, president; Teresa Grandinetti, vice-president; Lynne Sowerby, secretary; Howard, treasurer

By acclamation as directors: Audrey Anthony, Jennifer Blenkinsop, Dale Linton, Fran Mitchell, Lynda Parsons, John Pope, Maria Santone, Vicki Stacey, Henry Thiessen, Margrete Wylie, Jeannine Silvestrone

6. BCRTA AGM delegate elections (Howard)

Delegates to BCRTA Annual Meeting (four delegates and two alternates, latter of whom are welcome to attend Saturday session with lunch not covered): Audrey Anthony, Jennifer Blenkinsop, John Pope, Howard Spence voted in as delegates by secret ballot; Jeannine, Henry as alternates; scrutineers: Sharon Gray, Bob Atchison, Gary Bennett (moved Caroline/seconded Vicki/carried that ballots be destroyed)

Audrey expressed thanks to Caroline for her excellent leadership

7. Back to school brunch (Caroline)

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Burnaby Mountain Golf Club

Lots of fun/members encouraged to invite new retirees

8. Next general meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 (Caroline)

- Fran announced that wills, and what your executor needs to know, will be the feature

9. Door prizes (Vicki), with thanks to Margrete for purchasing them.

Winners: Pat Tanaka, John Pope, Audrey Lactin, Sandy Sainiuk, and Dale Linton

10. Adjournment at 11:55 to enjoy an excellent lunch and good conversation

Moved Ethel Sears

Recorded by Lynne Sowerby, Secretary

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Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

Editor's note: Wanted – Editor for CRTA Newsletter. Volunteer will work with the President and co-editors to produce five scheduled four-page issues per twelve month period. Excellent ability to use Word and text box format is essential. Please contact Caroline Malm for more information. ***We need you!***

Teachers' Pension Increase for 2021



The recent announcement of the cost of living allowance (COLA) increase for 2021 left all of us, I'm sure, underwhelmed. What will I do with the extra cash each month? A Starbucks designer coffee? A Domino's medium pizza? A couple of pairs of socks? A half of a percent won't go far, but I decided to put this year's modest percentage into the context of the increase in my pension since 1998. I discovered that, as with any investment, time can be a valuable friend. Every \$1,000 of lifetime pension in 1998, after ten years, had grown to \$1,232.30; after twenty years, to \$1,440.80; after 22 years (2020), to \$1,500.50. So, I won't grumble; I'll toast the pension plan Board of Trustees and our BCRTA Pensions & Benefits Committee, *with a rum and COLA!*

John Pope, Director

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine coordinator Dale Linton sends get well and sympathy cards to members who are ill and to families suffering a bereavement. Please keep her updated by calling 604-937-5113.

Member Contact Updates

Please let **John Pope** know if you have a new email address, home address or telephone number. We want to stay in touch!

Can you help us reconnect with *Ken Fiddes* and *Victoria Johansson*?

Mark Your Calendar!

Wed. March 10, 2021:	CRTA Newsletter Issue 4
Wed. May 12, 2021:	CRTA Newsletter Issue 5
Wed. June 2, 2021:	Possible CRTA AGM

In Memoriam



The CRTA regrets to announce the passing of the following District 43 colleagues. We extend heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



Flora Applewhite: November 15, 2020: Flora taught at Millside, Mundy Road, Hillcrest and Parkland elementary schools. She is survived by her daughters Gwen and Beth (James), grandson Graeme and many family members and friends.

Sandi Carter: December 28, 2020: Sandi taught for many years in the district and retired in 2014 from Mary Hill Elementary School. She is survived by her husband John, daughter Lauren (Dana), grandson Andrew, family members and many friends.

Sharon Gray: December 27, 2020: Sharon taught for many years at Irvine Elementary School. She is survived by her niece Hannah, her brother Richard Kirk (Mary) and many cousins and friends.

Hilary Checkly: January 3, 2021

Don Forsyth: December 28, 2020

Jim McNamee: November 6, 2020