



Third Age Learning Burlington

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Annual Report

Fiscal Year May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

November 3, 2022 Virtual Meeting

Opening Remarks - Mary-Ellen Heiman

Welcome Everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Third Age Learning Burlington.

As registrants for the series, you are part of the membership of this organization and are welcome to attend its AGM.

In past years, Third Age Learning Burlington's Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been held in March at the end of the Winter Series. Last spring the Board of Directors reviewed this annual timing and made the decision to move the AGM to the Fall Series. This allows us to include the previous year's financials.

Moving forward, the AGM for 3ALB will be held within the Fall Series annually.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors' members for all of their hard work throughout this past year. On behalf of the Board, I offer many thanks to the Program Committee for their research and hard work in coordinating this year's series. Special thanks also go out to our Webmasters – Marjorie Dieterman and Nancy Hubbard for their work in keeping our site and programs updated.

For the Fall 2022 Series, the Board of Directors decided to try a hybrid session – with virtual speakers presenting directly into our homes – but also projected to the Art Gallery of Burlington for those members wishing to attend the lectures with friends. This was a trial run; although we had some attendees at the AGB, it is not sustainable for future series. This will be further explained in today's board members' reports. We did have the funds to cover this trial but we will return to virtual only.

Our organization is associated with Third Age Network (TAN) provincially and meets with fellow Third Age Learning Associations. We discovered that some associations did not survive the pandemic years; others flourished (like ourselves) with virtual presentations.

All Board and Program Committee members share their talents and knowledge to allow this organization to meet its goals – a true team effort.

We thank our members for their enthusiasm of the series presented and for being interactive during question period, as well as promoting 3ALB to friends and community.

Finance Report - Marjorie Dieterman

Cash/Investment Position, Beginning of Year		\$50,964
Revenues:		
Registrations	24,320	
Investment Income	<u>69</u>	
Total Revenues		24,389
Expenditures:		
Donations	12,000	
Speaker Honoraria	6,511	
Technical Services	4,407	
Other	<u>4,279</u>	
Total Expenditures		27,197
Cash/Investment Position, End of Year		\$48,156

Membership Report - Nancy Hubbard

When you subscribe to a Third Age Learning Burlington series by registering online, you automatically become a member in good standing for 1 year from the date of your most recent payment.

As of October 14, 2022 there were 387 members eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting scheduled for November 3, 2022.

Website Report - Nancy Hubbard

Several board members were extra busy this summer making changes to the website to allow for 2 registration types this Fall. Although we continued with the webinar model, we offered subscribers a choice: Watch the live stream presentation in person at the Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB) or remotely from home. As it turned out, only a very few attended at the AGB to view the webinar.

For the general public and potential new members, the website has an archives section with details of previous series themes and individual presentations. The *About Us* section offers information about the organization. Members are automatically added to the mailing list but non-members can join our mailing list anytime.

The website is the place to go if you want to register and pay for an upcoming series but don't forget to visit our website 3alb.org to find out who next week's presenter will be. Not only do we list the titles of all the presentations, we also post biographies provided by our presenters along with longer versions of the topic descriptions. Be sure to click on photos, headings, and titles to open new pages to go deeper into our website. There is more there than first meets the eye.

Program Report - Doug Fraser

As we head deeper into the Fall of 2022, many of the restrictions surrounding large gatherings in indoor spaces to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted. However, during this transition period we will be continuing to present our upcoming Series 23 in a virtual format using ZOOM webinar technology. This format has the added benefit of allowing us to seek out speakers for our lectures without concern as to where they may be located.

At our last Annual General Meeting on March 2, 2022, we had just completed Series 21, our first Variety Pack of Different Topics. This Series provided a unique and interesting group of speakers covering a smorgasbord of information. Topics for our eight sessions included Forensics in Crime Solving and The Healthy Brain; Making Brains Last a Lifetime.

Our Series 22, O Canada! Our Home and Native Land will wrap up on November 3. Topics include Reconciliation and the Way Forward, How Advances in Manufacturing are Shaping the Canadian Economy and Canada in the World; Past, Present and Future.

Our Series 23, Winter 2023 Program will be our second Variety Pack of Different Topics. This series will run from January 12 to March 2, 2023. The schedule of topics contains So You Think You Don't Have a Bias—Think Again and Astronomy—The James Webb Telescope.

Our Program Committee is made up of 9 individuals who bring a variety of skills, experiences and interests to our planning, development and presentation of each lecture series. We thank all of our loyal members who continue to support each series.

TAN Report - Marjorie Dieterman

The Third Age Network (TAN) is a network of Third Age Learning groups in Ontario. Third Age Learning Burlington is one of approximately 30 such groups. TAN's mission is to foster Third Age Learning and share issues and solutions to common organizational challenges.

TAN has recently introduced idea exchange groups. This allows the board and committee members of the various groups to discuss subjects such as volunteers, speakers, and hybrid systems for program delivery.

Marketing & Promotion Report - Jane Ann Newson

Starting in April 2022, planning sessions began with Art Gallery Burlington and Joe Apps Technology Support Inc re the possibility of HYBRID meetings going forward into the Fall 2022 at AGB.

A Trial Run was held on September 8, 2022 to ensure that this new technology was working so our first Fall Series 2022 'In Person' registrants presentation would run perfectly when combined with our Webinar Registrants with all our speakers delivering virtually.

In mid-August 2022, letters of invitation were sent out to 12 Burlington Retirement Homes thus giving the Retirement Home residents an opportunity to hear our 8 Webinar presentations in the comfort of their Retirement Home.

"In person" presentations held at AGB, are limited to 150 persons during Fall Series 2022 with protocols in place to ensure everyone remains safe.

2022 Board of Directors (AGM November 3, 2022 forward)

Chair Marjorie Dieterman

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Closing Remarks Motion to close our 2022 Annual Meeting