



**Alumni Association
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022
Leddy Library
Via Microsoft Teams Video Conference**

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ken Alexander, President; Gordon Orr, President Elect; Settimo Vilardi, Treasurer; Jennie Atkins, Chris Baillargeon, John Cappucci (virtual), Julie Fraser, Jennifer Johrendt (virtual), Dorothy Leung (virtual), Patti Lauzon, Carole Obeid, Amanda Orr, Past-President; Beth Ann Prince, Brian Porter, Terry Roman (virtual), Jake Rondot, Amin Safaei (virtual), Geri Salinitri, Gisele Seguin (virtual), Martha Young, Vincent Georgie, alumni (virtual), and guests (virtual).

Absent: Sahar Dawi, Gordon Drake, Alana Olteanu, Adam Pillon

REGRETS: Robert Gordon, Rukshini Ponniah-Goulin, Sue Williams

START TIME: 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING REMARKS

Ken Alexander, President, Alumni Association welcomed board members, alumni, and guests to the in-person and virtual meeting. He called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the University of Windsor sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations. He recognized the significance of Remembrance Day with a moment of silence. Thanked Leddy Library for hosting the AGM in the Student Collaboratory Space that features Indigenous artwork specially chosen to reflect our local area.

K. Alexander noted that all requirements had been met to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), reminded members of their voting privileges in-person/virtually, and introduced the current Board of Directors. He continued that the Annual Awards Presentation for the 2022-23 alumni award recipients will be held in March 2023.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR, University of Windsor

On behalf of Dr. Robert Gordon, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Acting Associate Vice-President, External provided a detailed overview of the institution's priorities, goals, health and safety guidelines, indigeneity initiatives, sustainability plans, Aspire Strategic Plan consultations, community engagement opportunities, and the capital master plan. K. Alexander thanked V. Georgie for the report on behalf of the President.

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

S. Vilardi/B. Porter
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Ken Alexander commended the great work being done for our alumni and campus community that included the return to campus events for students, faculty and staff, campus, community engagement initiatives such as the 2022 Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament and the Volunteer Blood Drive, the commitment to a new Strategic Plan, enhancing programs for career support and networking, offering innovative ways to connect with our alumni, and building UWindsor pride.

MOTION: To accept the report of the President as presented.

B. Wright/P. Neubauer
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Settimo Vilardi, Chair, Financial and Alumni Services Committee, reported that the Alumni Association's annual budgets are prepared for the period from May 1 – April 30 of each year to coincide with the University of Windsor's financial year-end. He reviewed the statement of cash position for the 12 months ended April 30, 2022, the budget for the current fiscal year May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023, and actual budget ending September 30, 2022.

Fiscal Year End April 30, 2022:

- The opening balance is \$466,141.
- The revenue collected is \$423,809.
- The expenditures totaled \$560,347.
- The fiscal year ending (\$136,849).

Budget May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023:

- The opening balance is \$329,294.
- The estimated revenue is \$457,000.

- The estimated expenditure is \$618,910.
- The estimated fiscal year ending \$161,910.

Actual Budget Ending September 30, 2022:

- The opening balance is \$329,294.
- The revenue collected is \$271,978.
- The expenditure is \$265,799.
- The cash balance is \$335,474.
- The current deficit is (\$6,180).
- It was noted that the budget revenue includes the affinity partners, board activities such as chapter ticketed events, and online diploma frames sales. Expenditures are largely due to capital expenses and the committee's strategic priorities.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budgeted Revenues:

- The Affinity Partners, TD Insurance, and Manulife Insurance are responsible for 92% of the board revenue.
- The Board activities such as diploma framing, golf revenue, and chapter activities represent 8% of the board revenue.
- It was noted that the revenue allows the Alumni Association to fund various special projects that benefit the University, its students, faculty, and our alumni in addition to our contributions to university capital projects.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budgeted Expenses:

- The FAHSS and Athletic Agreements annual funding agreement represents 4% of the board's expenditures.
- Capital Projects: Toldo Lancer Centre, and Transforming Windsor Law, represents 34% of the board's expenditures.
- The Committee's strategic priorities represent 62% of the board's expenditure.

In summary, the Board is well positioned to meet its financial requirements for the remainder of the fiscal budget and looks forward to opportunities that will strengthen our ability to add value to students, alumni, and the community.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Treasurer as presented.

B. Porter/M. Chantler
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Beth Ann Prince, Chair Nominating Committee, reported that in compliance with the Alumni Association Constitution & Bylaws the Committee recommends the following:

- The election to the first of three (two-year) terms, Danielle Breault Stuebing BA '92 and Dwania Peele BA '11, BSc '11.
- It was noted that D. Leung has completed her term as director and will join the Executive as the President-Elect.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of two new directors as presented.

A. Orr/M. Young
CARRIED

- The re-election to a third (two-year) term, Sahar Dawi BA '14, MBA '18; Julie Fraser BSc '98; Rukshini Ponniah-Gouin BComm '98; Carole Obeid BComm '98 BA '06; Amin Safaei PhD '18.
- The re-election to the second (two-year) term, Jennie Atkins BA '99, MA '01, MBA '03; Amanda Orr BA '10; Gisele Seguin BSW '85, MBA '08.
- Adam Pillon, Ex-Officio, President, Graduate Student Society was thanked for this dedication to students and alumni.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the re-election of five directors to a third (two-year) term and three directors to a second (two-year) term as presented.

S. Vilardi/G. Orr
CARRIED

On behalf of the Board, G. Orr acknowledged K. Alexander for his longstanding dedication, time, and support throughout his term. He thanked him for his expertise and leadership during the past eight years. As this is K. Alexander's last AGM as President, he thanked the Board, Alumni, and guests for allowing him the privilege to lead the Alumni Association.

ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS OVERVIEW

Jennie Atkins announced that the awards presentation on March 15, 2023, will solely focus on the award recipients. The 2022 Alumni Award Recipients are as follows:

Odyssey Award Recipients:

- Amirali Amirsoleimani PhD '18
- Sabrina Cicconi BA '09, BEd '10
- Dillon Richardson MHK '15
- Antonio Verbora BA '10, MA '12

Alumni Award of Merit Recipients:

- Dr. Jan Matte-Gasparovic BHK '79, BEd '83, MHK '89, PhD '95
- Dr. Jim Weese BHK '80, MHK '83

J. Atkins extended congratulations to all the award recipients and thanked the committed volunteers who spent time reviewing all award nominations.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee as presented.

G. Salinitri/L. Walsh
CARRIED

CLOSING WORDS AND ADJOURNMENT

K. Alexander reflected on his two years as President of the Alumni Association even though he started his term during uncertain times he stated that the association is built on a strong foundation with great leadership. He expressed gratitude to the Board of Directors and Alumni Relations team who are committed to connecting, inspiring, and educating students, alumni, and friends across the globe. He continued that he is proud to be an alumnus and will continue to be an ambassador to the University of Windsor. He extended best wishes to G. Orr the incoming President of the Alumni Association. He thanked those in attendance and online and concluded with "Be Proud and Make a Difference.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

B. Prince/C. Obeid
CARRIED