



**Alumni Association
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 11, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams Video Conference**

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ken Alexander, President; Gordon Orr, President Elect; Settimo Vilardi, Treasurer; Sara Alhasan, Jennie Atkins, Chris Baillargeon, John Cappucci, Jasleen Dayal, Julie Fraser, Trevor Georgie, Robert Gordon, Patti Lauzon, Dorothy Leung, Carole Obeid, Amanda Orr, Rukshini Ponniah-Goulin, Brian Porter, Jake Rondot, Amin Safaei, Geri Salinitri, Gisele Seguin, Andrew Ward, Sue Williams, alumni, and guests.

REGRETS: Beth Ann Prince, Past-President

START TIME: 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING REMARKS

Ken Alexander, President, Alumni Association welcomed board members, alumni, and guests to the virtual meeting. He called the virtual meeting to order. He acknowledged that the University of Windsor sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations and recognized the significance of Remembrance Day with a moment of silence. He noted that all requirements had been met to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). He reminded members of their voting privileges as set out on the agenda and introduced the current Board of Directors.

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

Dr. Robert Gordon brought greetings from the University. He thanked the Alumni Association Board of Directors for their leadership, expertise, and energy that support alumni, students, and the campus community. He recognized the generous gifts to the Lancer Sport Centre and Transforming Law Renovation Project. Congratulations were extended to all the alumni award winners as well as appreciation for their year-round support to the University of Windsor. We are Windsor Proud!

MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

S. Vilardi/S. Alhasan
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Ken Alexander highlighted the following:

- A new Public Service Announcement (PSA) was presented. It will be used for social media, community sponsored events and at Lancer athletic games.
- Launched a new volunteer program "Alumni Cares" which kicked-off our first blood drive in January 2021.
- In recognition of Black History Month in February held a virtual event that highlighted the Black student experience, hosted by alumna, Dwania Peele. The panelists included Tamara Lopez, Brian Danso and Osi Nriagu.
- Offered virtual mental wellness webinars in partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association Windsor Chapter and the University of Windsor Human Resource Office.
- Our affinity partner, TD Meloche Monnex offered financial literacy programs by providing access to tools and programs that can increase financial skills and knowledge in the digital age.
- The new initiatives included alumni-owned small business promotion program, new podcast episodes, and a bookmark contest in the partnership with the School of Visual Arts and Leddy Library.
- Successful programming continued for the Alumni Book Club and Ten Thousand Coffees.
- In July, the sold-out Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament raised over \$24K for student scholarships.
- The financial support of capital projects will enhance the lives of our university students, campus, and community now and in the future.
- The 2021 Spring and Fall convocations were held virtually. The graduate commemorative boxes included an alumni pin, a UWindsor shield stick and Windsor Proud window cling.
- The new Strategic Plan outlines key priorities including offering alumni career and networking support, reaching alumni across the globe, and building UWindsor pride.

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

G. Orr/D. Leung
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 fiscal year-end. He reviewed the statement of cash position for the 12 months ended April 30, 2021, the budget for the current fiscal year May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022, and actual

budget ending September 30, 2021.

He reported the following:

Fiscal Year End April 30, 2021:

- The opening balance is \$416,699.
- The revenue collected is \$509,657.
- The expenditures totaled \$460,216.
- The fiscal year ending (\$49,442)
- It was noted that the deficit resulted from low-revenue due to continue to work virtually.

Budget May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022:

- The opening balance is \$466,141
- The estimated revenue is \$458,800.
- The estimated expenditures are \$623,283.
- The fiscal year ending \$166,283.

Actual Year Ending September 30, 2021:

- The opening balance is \$416,141
- The revenue collected is \$238,793.
- The expenditures totaled \$231,670
- The cash balance is \$473,265.
- Current surplus of \$7,124.
- It was noted that the revenue includes the affinity partners, 2021 golf revenue, online sales diploma frames. Expenditures largely due to capital expenses and committee strategic priorities.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budgeted Revenues:

- Affinity partners, TD Insurance, MBNA Mastercard, Manulife Insurance responsible for 92% of the board revenue.
- Board activities such as diploma frame, golf revenue, 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. It was noted that the 2021 golf revenue will support student scholarships.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budgeted Expenses:

- FAHSS and Athletic Agreements annual funding agreement allocation is 4%.
- Capital Project Lancer Sport Centre, Law Renovation Project, and Odette Data Analytics lab allocations are 34%.
- Committee strategic priorities expenditures total 62%.

In summary, the Board is well positioned to meet its financial requirements for the remainder of the fiscal budget and look 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/D. Leung
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Chair, Beth Ann Prince, Nominating Committee, Gordon Orr reported the following:

- This year, there are two director positions to fill as two members are completing their terms.
- The committee recommends the following directors: Terry Roman BComm '91, BEd '92, MBA '97; Martha Young BA '74.

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

D. Leung/S. Vilardi
CARRIED

- The Committee recommends the following names for re-election to the second (two-year) term:
Geri Salintri BSC '77, BEd '77 '92, MEd '98, PhD '04.
- The Committee recommends the following name for re-election to the third (two-year) term:
Brian Porter BComm '04, BEd '12.

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

A. Orr/J. Atkins
CARRIED

- Welcome to the new Faculty Representative on the Board: Dr. Jennifer Johrendt PhD '05.
- Heartfelt thanks were extended to retiring members of the Board: Sara Alhasan, Trevor Georgie and Andrew Ward for their dedication, time and commitment to the University of Windsor.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Nominating Committee as presented.

C. Obeid/S. Vilardi
CARRIED

ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS OVERVIEW

Jennie Atkins announced the 2021 Alumni Award Recipients as follows:

Odyssey Award Recipients:

- Katharen Bortolin BA'13, MBA'14
- Dr. Phil De Luna BSc'13
- Wesley Foster BA'16, MBA'19
- Amanda Iarusso JD'17

Ambassador Award Recipients:

- Dr. Jessalyn Frederick BHK'05,
- Dwania McLarty Peele BSc'11

Alumni Award of Merit Recipients:

- Kevin Laforet BComm'73
- Don Mavinic BAsC'69, MASc'71, PhD'73

Excellence in Mentoring Recipient:

- Dr. Sally Bick, School of Creative Arts (Music)
- Dr. Todd Loughead, School of Human Kinetics (Kinesiology)

Bill Eansor Award:

- Abbie Drouillard, Faculty of Nursing

J. Atkins extended congratulations to all the award recipients. She thanked the committed volunteers who spend time reviewing all award nominations. The Sports Hall of Fame Inductees will also be commemorated through a video presentation due out this month.

ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS ROUNDTABLE

V. Georgie moderated a celebration and discussion with the 2022 Alumni Award recipients. A meaningful video was shared with past award recipients offering congratulations and best wishes. After in-depth introductions of the Award recipients, Katharen Bortolin, Dr. Phil De Luna, Wesley Foster, Amanda Iarusso, Dr. Jessalyn Frederick, Dwania McLarty Peele and Kevin Laforet, V. Georgie engaged participants in an open discussion about their relationship to the University of Windsor and the impact that these awards meant to them. While their accomplishments differ, the recipients have a common thread of making significant contributions in the stages of their careers. The recognition received renewed confidence and reinforced that they must have done, something right. All recipients reiterated that the University of Windsor supported teaching, mentorship and guidance needed to be a successful student as well in their chosen careers.

CLOSING WORDS AND ADJOURNMENT

K. Alexander concluded the 2021 Annual General Meeting with a special thank you to the dedicated Alumni Association Board of Directors and Alumni Relations team who through their commitment continue to engage, educate, and empower our alumni.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

G. Orr/s. Vilardi
CARRIED