

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Ann Prince, President; Jean Wright, Past President; Settimo Vilardi, Treasurer; Sara Alhasan, Chris Baillargeon, Jeremiah Bowers, Sahar Dawi, Julie Fraser, Robert Gordon, Clara Howitt, Patti Lauzon, Mark Lefebvre, Dorothy Leung, Gordon Orr, Rukshini Ponniah-Goulin, Brian Porter, Jake Rondot, Amin Safaei, Andrew Ward, Sue Williams, William Wright, alumni and guests.

REGRETS: Ken Alexander, President Elect; John Cappucci, Tanja Collett-Najem, Philip (P.J.) Dupuis, Gordon Drake, Trevor Georgie, Lynette Kivisto, Carole Obeid.

START TIME: 6.00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING REMARKS

Beth Ann Prince called the meeting to order and introduced the Board of Directors. She reminded members of their voting privileges as set out in the agenda. She welcomed and thanked Bruce Weaver, Relationship Manager of the Affinity Market Group, TD Insurance Meloche Monnex for their generosity and sponsorship. She asked that all in attendance join her in showing appreciation for the musicians, "Border City Collective". She noted that all requirements have been met to hold an AGM.

MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Vilardi/Rondot
CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION: To accept the proposed by-law amendment to Article 1, Section 5 of the Bylaws

J.Wright/Orr
CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Beth Ann Prince reported on the following:

- This year, we welcomed Dr. Robert Gordon as the seventh President and Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Mary Jo Haddad as the first female Chancellor at the University of Windsor.
- This year, the Board funded a variety of student initiatives through the newly named Communications and Engagement Committee.
- The Board sponsored a wide variety of alumni, community focused and local environmental projects.
- The Board is focusing on the development of a new Strategic Plan to ensure positive impact on students, alumni, and the community.

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

J.Wright/Vilardi
CARRIED

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

Dr. Robert Gordon brought greetings from the University and congratulated all the award recipients. He thanked the Alumni Association Board of Directors and all the alumni present for their continued commitment to the University of Windsor campus and Windsor-Essex.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Settimo Vilardi 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, 2019, the budget for the current fiscal year and budget ending September 30, 2019.

He noted the following:

- The cash position as at September 30, 2019 is \$640,951 with a surplus of \$92,136.
- The Board revenue is generated from affinity partners and board activities.
- The Board is well positioned to meet the requirements of the budget planned for the fiscal year.

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

Porter/Leung
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jean Wright, Chair, Nominating Committee, reported the following:

- This year, there is one director position to fill as one member, Clara Howitt, is completing her term.
- Appointment of a new director, Geri Salinitri, BSc '77, BEd '78, Med '98, PhD '04.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the appointment of one new director as presented.

Orr/Leung
CARRIED

- The Committee recommended the following names for re-election to the second (two-year) terms: Sara Alhasan BSc '15; Brian Porter BComm '04, BEd '12.
- The Committee recommended the re-election of Trevor Georgie MBA '11; Andrew Ward BScN '04, MScN '19 third (two-year) term.

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

Ponniah-Goulin/Howitt
CARRIED

J. Wright extended a heartfelt thank you to outgoing board member Clara Howitt for her dedication, time, and commitment to the University of Windsor. She also recognized Dr. Edward King for his years of service and dedication representing the Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS) for over 20 years.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mark Lefebvre noted that many of our award recipients were recognized during special events and receptions throughout the year. A list of recipients can be found on the alumni website. Congratulations was extended to all recipients.

The following awards were presented:

2018 Bill Eansor Award presented by Brian Porter

The award is now valued at \$10,000, the largest award sponsored by the Eansor family and the Alumni Association.

Massimo Chiodo, Faculty of Engineering, Mechanical stream. Unable to attend.

Odyssey Award – Presented by Jake Rondot and Sara Alhasan

Awarded to alumni in the early years of their career for significant or innovative achievement in their professional or personal life.

Marla Coffin BA '09

Stacey Robert-Tobin BA '06, BEd '13, MEd '14

Jennifer Seedu BComm '13

Alumni Ambassador Award – Presented by Gordon Orr

Awarded to alumni in mid-career for significant or innovative achievement in their professional or personal life and/or community.

Laurie Tannous BA '99, JD '02

Excellence in Mentoring Award – Presented by Andrew Ward

Award recognizes faculty who demonstrate excellence by offering personal, academic, and/or professional guidance to students, and make a significant contribution to their development up to and following graduation.

Dr. Johanna Frank – Professor, Department of English and Creative Writing

Alumni Award of Merit

Most prestigious award presented to a graduate for distinguished accomplishments which bring honour to the University of Windsor.

Helen Vasilic BSc '75, BEd '76 – presented by Audrey Thibert

Elaine Whitmore BScN '88 – presented by Allan Cohen

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Beth Ann Prince thanked members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Alumni Affairs and Donor Communications staff, the staff of Public Affairs and Food Services, all the volunteer committee members, and especially thanked all those in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.