

WURA

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES FOR 2026

December 4, 2025

Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett sent out an e-mail to all WURA members in October with the "Request for WURA Volunteers for 2026" from the WURA Nominating Committee. Following that, e-mails were sent out to all current WURA Executive and Committee members, asking their interest in continuing their current or new positions for 2026, from the Chair of the Nominating Committee, on behalf of the Committee. Subsequent to that, e-mails were sent to other WURA members, who may be interested in positions on the WURA Executive or Committees for 2026.

Please review the below Slate of Candidates for the WURA 2026 Executive and Committees. We seem to be in good shape for 2026! The President (Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett) is thankfully continuing for a 4th year, and we will now have a Vice-President and (President-Elect) position (Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman), which allows WURA's long-term planning at the Senior WURA Executive position. Most WURA Executive and Committee positions are returning from last year, except one Director-at-Large and the Secretary positions on the Executive. Special thanks to (Dr. Walter (Jake) Soderlund), who spent many years assisting with WURA activities.

With much sadness this past year, two people from the Executive and Committees have passed away (Mr. Richard Dumala and Dr. John Meyer), but other WURA members (Mr. Nick Keren and Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman) have gracefully taken on their responsibilities, during the year.

On the positive side, we have two new Director-at-Large positions on the WURA Executive, (Dr. Shelagh Towson), who also is volunteering on the WURA Communications Committee and (Dr. Kai Hildebrandt), who is a late, welcome addition. (Ms. Rose Zanutto) has also agreed to volunteer for the WURA Communications Committee next year. The Social Committee has an addition with (Dr. Susan McKee) joining, assisting planning for the Stratford Festival.

For the Pension and Benefits (P & B) Committees, the members will be (Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman), who is the Chair and our current WURA representative on the Board of Governors Pension Committee, (Dr. Maureen Irish), who is moving over from the Director-at-Large position on the Executive, and (Dr. Michelle Freeman), who will be our Nursing Rep and our Health expert on the Committees.

We would like to thank all members who are no longer serving on the WURA Executive or Committees next year, but especially those who are continuing to serve, and those members who are serving for the first time. We would like to offer a big thank you to all who assisted our

Nominating Committee in compiling this Slate of Candidates, especially all WURA members who names appear below.

Voting will take place online, to allow all WURA members to participate in the voting.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2026 WURA EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES:

President: Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett

Vice-President (President-Elect): Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Dr. Norman King

Past President: Mr. Roger Lauzon

Directors-at-Large: Dr. Christina (Tina) Simmons

Dr. Lana Lee

Dr. Shelagh Towson

Dr. Kai Hildebrandt

Webmaster (Administrator): Mr. Nick Keren

STANDING COMMITTEES

Scholarship Committee: Dr. Ron Barron, Chair, Dr. Gary Rankin, Dr. Lorna de Witt

Communications Committee

Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett, Chair, Dr. Karen Roland, Dr. Shelagh Towson

Mr. Nick Keren, Dr. Stuart Selby, Dr. Karl Jirgens, Ms. Rose Zanuttto

Editorial Board (part of the Communications Committee)

Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett, Mr. Nick Keren (Chief Editor), Dr. Stuart Selby, Dr. Karl Jirgens (Editor)

Nominating Committee: Mr. Roger Lauzon, Chair, Dr. Barbara Thomas, Dr. Norman King, Dr. Geri Salinitri

Pension and Benefits Committee: Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman, Chair, Dr. Maureen Irish, Dr. Michelle Freeman

Social Committee: Dr. Christina (Tina) Simmons, Chair, Dr. Diana Mady-Kelly, Ms. Mary-Ann Rennie, Dr. Anne Forest, Dr. Susan McKee, Open

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Membership Committee: Dr. Norman King, Mr. Roger Lauzon, Open

Research Support Group Committee: Open, Chair, Open

WURA REPRESENTATIVES TO WUFA COMMITTEES

WUFA Contract Committee: Open

WUFA Executive Committee: Open

WUFA Faculty Council: Dr. Larry Glassford

WUFA Retirement & Benefits Committee:

Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman, Dr. Maureen Irish, Dr. Michelle Freeman

WURA REPRESENTATIVES TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Joint Consultative Committee (JCC): Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett, Dr. Veronika Mogyorody, Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman

Retiree Healthcare Subsidy Committee: Dr. Dan Britten

Retired Members Pension Committee (D.7): Dr. Maureen Irish, Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman

WURA REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Board of Governors Pension Committee: Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC):

Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett or Delegate

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season to all WURA Members and their Families

Mr. Roger Lauzon, Chair, Nominating Committee

Dr. Norman King

Dr. Barbara Thomas

Dr. Geri Salinitri

