



**Alumni Association
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 09, 2023
University of Windsor**

Stephen and Vicki Adams Welcome Centre-Lobby

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gordon Orr, President, Ken Alexander, Past-President, Dorothy Leung, President-Elect, Settimo Vilardi, Treasurer, Jennie Atkins, Robert Gordon, Jennifer Johrendt, Patti Lauzon, Carole Obeid, Amanda Orr, Brian Porter, Beth Ann Prince, Terry Roman, Jake Rondot, Geri Salinitri, Bruce Tucker, Sue Williams, alumni, and guests.

Absent: Chris Baillargeon, Sahar Dawi, Julie Fraser, Amin Safaei

REGRETS: Danielle Breault Stuebing, John Cappucci, Kelly Gosselin, Marian Gayed, Dwania McLarty-Peele, Gisele Seguin, Martha Young

START TIME: 5:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING REMARKS

Gordon Orr, President, Alumni Association welcomed board members, alumni, and guests to the meeting. G. Orr 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, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. He noted that all requirements had been met to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), reminded members of their voting privileges, and introduced the current Board of Directors.

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

Dr. Gordon offered a warm welcome and expressed sincere appreciation to the board of directors and alumni. The Alumni Association plays a vital role in helping the University strive for success, embody the mission to drive positive changes and provide connections and resources to help realize our goals and objectives. As collaborators and ambassadors, alumni's collective effort to the realization of the Aspire: Together for Tomorrow is critical to the plan's foundational commitments and strategic priorities that are full of promise, rooted in the rich history of transforming lives and creating legacies. Congratulations were extended to P. Lauzon and well-wishes in her new role at the Windsor Symphony Orchestra. In closing, he shared optimism about the future of the institution and the significance that the Alumni Association fosters among students, faculty, staff, and the community.

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

S. Vilardi/D. Leung
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Gordon Orr presented the Alumni Association's activities over the past year that focused on the three strategic priorities:

To provide meaningful connections to current and future alumni for career support, mentorship, and networking:

- The Hire UWindsor program launched last March and offered businesses free membership into the program along with professional development opportunities to network with other businesses, alumni, and students.
- Dr. Anita Nowak, author spoke about the importance of positive mental health on the job, practicing empathy in our everyday lives.
- Alumni Board members volunteered at the Spring and Fall Convocation to welcome new graduates by speaking from the stage or giving out the alumni pin.

To provide innovative opportunities for alumni to remain connected and engaged with UWindsor, embracing any geographical location:

- The Affinity partner TD offered virtual webinars on financial matters, the Alumni Cares Blood Drive and Alumni Meet-up at the River Bookshop in Amherstburg offered alumni new and exciting ways to connect with fellow UWindsor graduates, faculty, staff, and the community.

To cultivate pride in UWindsor, inspire and recognize alumni:

- The Alumni Awards Program and the Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony provide the community with the opportunity to share the excellence and achievement of our UWindsor graduates.
- Alumni Week and the inaugural Black Alumni Week strengthen our reputation.

Lastly, we look forward to playing an important role in the new institutional strategic plan, Aspire: Together for Tomorrow, led by Dr. Gordon and his leadership team. Thank you to all members for your continued support and we look forward to sharing information with you in the year ahead.

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

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, 2023.

Fiscal Year End April 30, 2023:

- The opening balance is \$329,294.
- The fiscal revenue collected is \$499,293.
- The fiscal expenditure is \$544,337.
- The fiscal cash balance ending April 30, 2023, is \$284,250.
- The fiscal year deficit is \$45,055.

Budget May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024:

- The opening balance is \$284,250.
- The estimated revenue is \$461,000.
- The estimated expenditure is 615,100.
- The estimated cash balance ending April 30, 2024, is \$130,150.
- The estimated fiscal year ending deficit is \$154,100.

Actual Budget Ending September 30, 2023:

- The opening balance is \$284,250.
- The revenue collected is \$278,306.
- The expenditure is \$275,952.
- The cash balance ending September 30, 2023, is \$286,604.
- The current surplus is \$2,353.
- It was noted that the collected revenue included golf activities, in-person diploma frames sales and the affinity partners. The expenditure is largely due to capital expense.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budgeted Revenues:

- Affinity Partners are responsible for 92% of the board revenue.
- The Board activities such as diploma framing, rose sales, 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 2023-2024 Budgeted Expenses:

- The FAHSS and Athletic Agreements annual funding agreement represents 5% of the budgeted expenses.
- Capital Projects: Toldo Lancer Centre, and Transforming Windsor Law, represents 30% of the budgeted expenses.
- The Committee's strategic priorities represent 65% of the budgeted expenses.

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/D. Leung
CARRIED

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ken Alexander, Chair Nominating Committee, reported that in compliance with the Alumni Association's Constitution & Bylaws the committee is charged with making recommendations for the position of Director. This year there is one vacant position due to Brian Porter completing his term as a director. B. Porter was presented with a token of appreciation for his term as a director.

The Committee recommends that one alumna for election to the first of three (two-year) terms:

- Novelette Gordon BA '06, BEd '12

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

K. Alexander/T. Roman
CARRIED

The Committee recommends re-election of the following Directors 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 Committee recommends re-election of the following Directors to a second (two-year) term:

- Jennie Atkins BA '99, MA '01, MBA '03; Amanda Orr BA '10; Gisele Seguin BSW '85, MBA '08.

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.

K. Alexander/A. Orr

The retiring board members Gordon Drake (Canterbury) and Alanna Olteanu (UWSA) were thanked for their commitment and dedication to the University and to the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS OVERVIEW

Jennie Atkins announced that the awards presentation on March 13, 2024, will solely focus on the accomplishments of the award recipients and extended congratulations to all award recipients. She thanked the committed volunteers who spent countless hours reviewing the award nominations.

The 2023 Alumni Award Recipients are as follows:

Odyssey Award Recipient:

- Trevor Fairlie CLP, CPA BA '15

Ambassador Award Recipient:

- Beth Ann Prince BA '91

Alumni Award of Merit Recipient:

- Jennifer Jones BA '91

Excellence in Mentoring Award:

- Dr. Krista Chandler BA '91, Faculty of Human Kinetics, Department of Kinesiology.

In closing, J. Atkins acknowledged the significance of presenting the Excellence of Mentoring Award at the AGM. Dr. Chandler was recognized for her outstanding leadership and commitment to supporting students through mentoring relationships and was presented with the 2023 Excellence in Mentoring Award.

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

S. Vilardi/C. Obeid
CARRIED

CLOSING WORDS AND ADJOURNMENT

G. Orr welcomed Kelly Gosselin, Acting Director, Alumni Affairs and wished Patti Lauzon all the best in her new career and all the opportunities that come with it. A heartfelt thanks was extended to P. Lauzon and the Alumni Team for all their creativity, collaboration and always bringing great ideas to the table. The work done by the administration is important and so appreciated. To all members of the alumni association your involvement provides an engaging community and connection for our alumni, Thank you!

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

T. Roman /J. Atkins
CARRIED