**WURA**

**SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES FOR 2025**

***November 20, 2024***

 The Nominating Committee formulated a Plan to Draft a Slate of Candidates for the WURA 2025 Executive and Committees. Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett sent out an e-mail to all WURA members on October 7th with the “Request for WURA Volunteers for 2025” from the Nominating Committee, with a deadline of October 31st. The next week, a further request was sent out to all current WURA Executive and Committee members asking their interest in continuing their current positions for 2025, with a subsequent mailing to those not replying to that request. The October e-Bulletin also put out a reminder for WURA volunteers.

 Please review the below Slate of Candidates for the WURA 2025 Executive and Committees. We seem to be in good shape for 2025; most Executive positions are returning and only a few Committee members have changed. But, with the President continuing for a 3rd unplanned year, and the Vice-President not continuing, WURA needs better long-term planning for the Senior WURA Executive positions. On the positive side, we have 3 of the 4 new Director-at-Large positions, Dr. Maureen Irish, Dr. Jeffrey Berryman and Dr. Lana Lee, who should discuss in time with the President and/or the Executive their mutually agreeable areas of support.

 For the Pension and Benefits (P & B) Committees, the members are Dr. John Meyer, who is our current WURA representative on the Board of Governors Pension Committee, Dr. Lucia Yiu, whose returning from a family leave situation as our health expert, and Dr. Francis Lemire, who is not only volunteering as a Director on the Executive, but also as a 3rd committee member and mathematician for Pension discussions.

 As a footnote, Dr. Shelagh Towson has also volunteered to assist WURA next year, but the area is undecided (she is on vacation out of town at this time).

 I 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 by online and restricted Canada Post ballots to allow all WURA members to participate in the voting.

**SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2025 WURA EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES:**

**President:** Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett

**Vice-President:** Open

**Secretary:** Dr. Walter (Jake) Soderlund

**Treasurer:** Dr. Norman King

**Past President:** Mr. Roger Lauzon

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

 Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Berryman

 Dr. Francis (Frank) Lemire

 Dr. Maureen Irish

 Dr. Lana Lee

**Webmaster:** Mr. Richard Dumala

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

**Communications Committee**

Open, Chair, Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett, Dr. Karen Roland

Mr. Richard Dumala, Dr. Stuart Selby, Mr. Joe Saso

**Editorial Board (part of the Communications Committee)**

 Open, Mr. Richard Dumala, Dr. Stuart Selby, Mr. Joe Saso

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

**Pension and Benefits Committee:** Dr. John Meyer, Dr. Lucia Yiu, Dr. Francis Lemire

**Social Committee:** Dr. Christina Simmons, Chair, Dr. Walter (Jake) Soderlund, Dr. Diana Mady-Kelly, Dr. Anne Forest

**SPECIAL. COMMITTEES**

**Membership Committee:** Dr. Norman King, Mr. Roger Lauzon, Dr. Walter (Jake) Soderlund

**Research Support Group Committee:** Dr. Walter (Jake) Soderlund, Chair, Open

**Travel Grant Review Committee:** Dr. Geri Salinitri, Chair, Prof. Susan Gold Smith, Dr. Norman King

**WURA REPRESENTATIVES TO WUFA COMMITTEES**

**WUFA Contract Committee:** Dr. Larry Glassford

**WUFA Executive Committee:** Open

**WUFA Faculty Council:** Dr. Larry Glassford

**WUFA Retirement & Benefits Committee:**

Dr. John Meyer, Dr. Lucia Yiu, Dr. Francis Lemire

**WURA REPRESENTATIVES TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

**Joint Consultative Committee (JCC):** Ms. Gwendolyn Ebbett, Dr. Veronika Mogyorody, Open

**Retiree Healthcare Subsidy Committee:**  Open

**Retired Members Pension Committee (D.7):**  Dr. Maureen Irish

**WURA REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Board of Governors Pension Committee:** Dr. John Meyer

**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