

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
College Avenue Campus, CB 139, University of Regina
MINUTES

Present: Ahmed Aboudheir, Donna Ake-Farden, Catherine Badgley, Scott Carson, Scott Cheston, Leslie Ciz, Monica Deters, Tianhu Fan, Keith Foster, Garth Fredrickson, David Keene, Gwen Keith, Holger Kreek, Orville Larmer, Carmen Lien, Stuart Mason, Chris Mbah, Darla McWilliams, Karen Merz, Lisa Mitchell, Edward Morris, Karen Morris, Diane Mullan, John Murney, Jennifer Murray, Lucille Nawrocki, Orest Nawrocki, Scott Nicholson, Christine Niemczyk, Angela O'Byrne, Patrick O'Byrne, Brenda Oliver, Hiedi Pearson, Craig Perrault, Heather Renshaw, Con Rosenfeld, Joyce Rosenfeld, Harriet (Susie) Ross, Olagoke Rufai, Terry Shalley, Moeed Shamim, Patricia Sinclair, Sharon Spott, Breandan Spruyt, Mark Stefan, Kerrie Strathy, Jill Thomson, Patricia Thomson, Vianne Timmons, Pamela Victor-Halliday, Rachel Werrett, Cary Wessel, Karen Woolley, Bert Yakichuk, Elaine Yeomans

Call to order for the 2018-2019 AGM at 6:17 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: "To adopt the agenda as presented with the change of Bert Yakichuk to Monica Deters on item #6."
S. Nicholson/J. Graham
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: "To adopt the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting as presented this evening."
S. Nicholson/S. Cheston
CARRIED

3. Alumni Association Annual Report 2018-2019

Presented by Bert Yakichuk

- Supported the Alumni Engagement Office programs including:
 - Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards
 - 3 mature alumni sessions (Water and Climate Change, Fake News, 60's Scoop)
 - Technology Changes Everything young alumni event using the Pechakucha format of 20 slides in 6 minutes
 - Alumni events in Edmonton, Calgary and Saskatoon
- We are taking time to explore other university alumni association models to keep up with the times
- Thank you to our departing board members Joy Jaya, Kaytlyn Barber and Joel Graham

MOTION: "To adopt the Alumni Association Annual Report 2018-2019 as presented this evening."
G. Fredrickson/K. Woolley
CARRIED

4. Financial Report

Presented by Joel Graham

- Bookkeeping services provided by Bev Betteridge from The Corner Office.
- Relatively stable year
- \$5,000 in excess revenue over expenses
- 2018/19 was the first of our five year contribution to Darke Hall restoration and our President's Scholarship gift
- Frame sales were lower. We will be looking at ways to increase sales in the fall.
- The alumni board invested in professional development to learn about other alumni boards across North America
- 2019/20 we will be seeking out and setting new agreements with two Affinity partners and enhancing promotion of our sponsorship dollars to promote events that build alumni pride

Approval of Audited Financial Statements 2018-2019

MOTION: "To approve the Audited Financial Statements for 2018-2019 as circulated"
C. Lien/S. Cheston
CARRIED

Appointment of 2019-2020 Auditor

MOTION: "That the board appoint Virtus Group LLP as the auditor for the fiscal year 2019-2020."
D. Keene/ C. Lien

CARRIED

5. New Business

- a) **MOTION:** "To award alumni status to graduates of the Organizational Innovation Certificate, a new non-credit professional certificate offered through the Centre for Continuing Education that fulfills the criteria of a minimum of (90) classroom hours."

G. Fredrickson/S. Cheston

CARRIED

6. Election of Officers for 2019-2020

Presented by Monica Deters

The following current Directors were appointed to two year terms on June 30, 2018 and as a result their terms will expire on June 30, 2020. No election required.

Scott Carson, BSc'04

Monica Deters, BHJ'04, MPA'09

The following current Directors were appointed to one year term on June 30, 2018 and have agreed to let their names stand for two year terms which will expire on June 30, 2021.

Sandra Kitts

Jennifer Murray

Scott Nicholson

Christine Niemczyk

Patricia Thomson

Note: Bert Yakichuk moves to Past President

MOTION: "Can I have a motion to elect Sandra Kitts, Jennifer Murray, Scott Nicholson, Christine Niemczyk and Patricia Thomson for two year terms which will expire June 30, 2021?"

J. Graham/ G. Keith

CARRIED

The following Directors will retire from the board on June 30, 2019:

Joel Graham

Joy Jaja

Kaytlyn Barber

The URAA has four vacant positions on the board. These positions will be for a one year term ending June 30, 2020. To date, the Board has received and accepted eight nominations for these positions.

The following individuals have put their names forward:

Carmen Lien

Chris Mbah

Roxanne Olynick (not present, sent a written application)

Olagoke Rufai

Talitha Smadu McCloskey (video)

Pamela Victor-Halliday

Cary Wessel

Bill Zeng (not present, sent a written application)

Each of the eight nominees were invited to speak for two minutes regarding their membership information and why they should be a successful candidate for the board. Talitha Smadu McCloskey sent in video applications. The vote for the four positions was taken by ballot with Diane Mullan acting as scrutineer.

Monica Deters thanked the departing board members Joel Graham, Joy Jaja and Kaytlyn Barber to allow for time to count the ballots. Door prizes were drawn and the winners were Leslie Ciz, Lucille Nawrocki and Garth Fredrickson.

Gwen Keith and Lynda Browning will serve as U of R and U of S Senate representatives respectively. In addition, Victor Oriola, the President of the University of Regina Students' Union, will sit on the board as an ex-officio member. Craig Perrault will continue to serve in ex-officio capacity as the Director of Alumni and Community Engagement.

The following individuals have agreed to let their names stand for Executive positions:

President – Monica Deters
Vice President – Christine Niemczyk
Past President – Bert Yakichuk
MOTION: “To elect the Executive Officers as presented.”
G. Keith/D. Keene
CARRIED

After the votes had been counted, the resulting four new board members were: Carmen Lien, Roxanne Olynick, Talitha Smadu McCloskey and Cary Wessel.

MOTION: “To elect Carmen Lien, Roxanne Olynick, Talitha Smadu McCloskey and Cary Wessel to the Board for a one year term that would expire on June 30, 2020.”
S. Nicholson/C. Niemczyk
CARRIED

MOTION: “That the ballots be destroyed.”
G. Fredrickson/C. Lien
CARRIED

7. Adjournment

MOTION: “To adjourn the 2018-2019 Annual General Meeting.”
K. Strathy
CARRIED

2018-2019 AGM adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by Breandan Spruyt.