



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG  
**Collegiate**

**Collegiate Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

**Start: 5:30 p.m. CDT/6:30 p.m. EDT**

**Location: Zoom & In Person (901 – 491 Portage Ave, UW Foundation Boardroom)**

**In Person:** Patricia Nosal (Development Officer, UWF); Eliana Yonas Gebreselassie; Loza Mesfin Belay; Steve Bagel (Recorder, UWF)

**By Zoom:** Quinn Cove; Stacey Katz; Adam Pollock; Joshua Hood (Chair), Sarah Harris

**Regrets:** Osaed Khan (Dean of The Collegiate); Bob Stuebing (Treasurer); Brandon Murdock;

**1. Procedural**

a. Notice and Quorum

Quorum established: meeting called to order at 5:33 pm.

b. Approval of agenda

**MOTION: Approval of October 8, 2025 Agenda**

**Moved—S. Harris/Seconded—J. Hood**

**VOTE/ALL IN FAVOUR/CARRIED**

**2. Approval of July 9, 2025 Minutes**

**MOTION: Approval of July 9, 2025 Minutes**

**Moved—J. Hood/Seconded—Q. Cove**

**VOTE/ALL IN FAVOUR/CARRIED**

**3. Quarterly Communications**

a. The next board meeting will be held the second week of February 2026. P. Nosal will send out an availability poll. Board positions were also confirmed as follows: J. Hood as Chair, Q. Cove as Vice-Chair, A. Pollock as Secretary, and B. Stuebing as Treasurer.

b. Wesley Times: The next issue will be distributed at the end of January so photographs from December's seasonal reception can be included. P. Nosal is planning for two smaller write-ups on alumni rather than a long one.

**4. Financial Statements**

a. The difference between the budget versus actual figures is due to the money spent on the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a total of \$448, which includes thank you gifts. The most up to date financial report was not available due to bereavement leave. At the upcoming February 2026 meeting, the Board will have a more in-depth conversation about the Alumni Associations. The seasonal reception planning committee, including

Eliana, Loza, Quinn, Stacey, Patricia, and Joshua are meeting next Wednesday, October 15, 2025, to discuss more details about the reception.

## **5. Class of 2005 Reunion**

- a. Concern was re-iterated about holding an event for one graduating class only, but it was decided that the Alumni Association is so far into the planning process, including the establishment of a planning committee. The University of Winnipeg Foundation will pay for most of the event, and the Alumni Association will contribute \$1000, with a total cost of approximately \$3000. Some faculty expressed an interest in attending, and J. Schwersensky would also attend. One suggestion was for people to have the option of bringing someone with them.

MOTION: Amend budget to donate \$1000 to Class of 2005 Reunion

**Motion for Alumni Association to amend the budget to donate \$1000 to Class of 2005 reunion**

**Motion: J. Hood/Seconded—Q. Cove**

**VOTE/CARRIED**

The Board discussed initiating an action plan to identify and designate class representatives. P. Nosal reported that she had spoken with N. Pankiw (Class of 2015) following her Conversations with Alumni event, during which several members of the 2015 graduating class expressed interest in organizing a reunion. P. Nosal noted that she can provide Non-Disclosure Agreements to N. Pankiw to facilitate this process.

One option considered was to invite the Class of 2015 to the upcoming seasonal reception rather than hosting a separate 10-year reunion. It was also suggested that individuals who have attended past seasonal receptions may be suitable candidates to serve as class representatives. To identify additional potential representatives, P. Nosal will review past student council members from The Collegiate, as they may have an interest in taking on this role.

## **6. Collegiate Activities**

- a. Alumni Come Home—Nadya Pankiw  
Nadya spoke to an audience of 58 students as part of the Conversations with Alumni.

## **7. Other Business**

- a. Seasonal reception: The planning committee is meeting on October 15 to discuss their plans. Money has been allocated for the reception (\$3500). In previous years, current students performed, and P. Nosal spoke with the music teacher, M. Styles, about doing so again. Q. Cove requested the seasonal reception report prior to the committee meeting. P. Nosal will provide the report.
- b. Class of 2026: P. Nosal reported that, following discussions with the Dean of The Collegiate, the Class of 2026 will receive their yearbooks in August to include photographs from the graduation ceremony. This represents a significant change, as yearbooks have traditionally been distributed in April. The Board discussed the possibility of organizing an event to coincide with the yearbook distribution, with the aim of strengthening graduates' connection to the Alumni Association and marking their first official alumni engagement. It was noted that similar events held in the past two years to introduce Grade 12 students to alumni have seen limited attendance. S. Katz suggested that scheduling an event around Labour Day might improve faculty participation; however, it was acknowledged that many students may have already departed for university by

that time. It was proposed that the week of August 10th may offer a more suitable opportunity to host the event. The Board agreed that the Alumni Association should take the lead in organizing the event, though questions remain regarding the source of funding.

- c. New Business: Q. Cove attended a guest lecture at the University of Manitoba and learned they implement mental health programs in school, trying to reach out and engage students so they feel like they're being supported. She wondered if the Collegiate would be interested in something like this. Contacts for this initiative could be through The Collegiate guidance counselor, and physical education teacher.

## **8. Summary of Priorities**

- a. The current priorities are as follows:
  - I. Class of 2005 Reunion reception.
  - II. Finding class representatives for the seasonal reception.
  - III. Seasonal reception planning committee
  - IV. January 2025 Wesley Times
  - V. Plan an event for the Class of 2026 / Yearbook handout.

## **9. Termination**

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Submitted by:

Adam Pollock  
(Secretary)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, overlapping loop that forms a shape resembling a cursive 'A' or a similar abstract mark.