



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG  
**Collegiate**

**The University of Winnipeg Collegiate Alumni Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
In Person & Zoom**

**Members in Attendance (In-Person):** Adam Pollock (2005), Bob Stuebing (1964), Quinn Cove (2014), Patricia Nosal (2014), Adam Shapiro (2024), Stacy Katz (2005); Sarah Harris (2013), Ayla Embury-Hyatt (2025), Eliana Yonas Gebreselassie (Incoming Grade 12 Future Alumni Representative), Loza Mesfin (Incoming Grade 11 Future Alumni Representative).

**Members in Attendance (Zoom):** Dr. Brenna Shearer (1981), Zenash Woldeyes, Joshua Hood (2017).

**Guests (In-Person):** Osaed Khan (Dean of The Collegiate); Javier Schwersensky (President, The University of Winnipeg Foundation/Treasurer of the Collegiate Alumni Association), Steve Bagel (The University of Winnipeg Foundation/Recorder).

**Absent:** Brandon Murdock (2012), Dev Sharma (2020).

**Guests (Zoom):** N/A

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**Procedural**

As notice was given and a quorum was present, Q. Cove, board member of the University of Winnipeg Collegiate Alumni Association, declared the meeting to be properly constituted for the conduct of business and called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. CDT.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Association held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

The Members had no comments on the minutes of the Alumni Association nor the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

**Approval was moved by A. Pollock and seconded by Q. Cove. The Members unanimously approved the minutes.**

## **Financial Statements for year ended March 31, 2025**

Mr. Stuebing presented the financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2025, which were previously approved by the Board of Directors.

We don't have any entries on the balance sheet because at year-end, we're still operating on support from the University of Winnipeg Foundation. We don't have any accounts receivable, payables or equity. He reported that the Association has \$907.00 from the endowment fund. We have \$308,000.00 in contributing capital, which is what we earn on; we do not earn on investment income. The investment income is a cushion. Our closing balance of \$50,000.00 is market appreciations, and if the market were to go down it would be absorbed there. Periodically, the University of Winnipeg Foundation (UWF) will consider transferring some of the investment surplus to the capital account, at the Foundation's discretion. We had \$187,000.00 at the end of 2024 and we got \$120,000.00 halfway through 2025, but we don't show any income on it.

In year ending March 31, 2026, we will get the return on the balance we had at the end of 2024 and halfway through 2025. We get 4.5% on the year-end balance but it's paid 15 months later. Next year we will show revenue of \$10,514.00, and we will have another \$13,000.00 coming in in July 2026. If we are not self-sufficient this year, we certainly will be next year. An anomaly is that the balance sheet doesn't show any entries and we don't show income in the current year even though it was earned; we're accounting for it on a cash basis when we receive it. We will have a balance sheet starting next year.

Question: do we have money in interest bearing accounts to gain additional funds.

Answer: the Foundation is our banker, and we don't want to be running a bank account. The Foundation changed its policy in consideration of AA because we added \$120,000.00 to our capital account in July 2024. Under the old policy, that would not have earned any income commencing on April 1, 2025. The Foundation changed this so we could start accruing a distribution on that at the six-month interval.

The Alumni Association has a budget for the current year that shows we're only spending \$10,780.00 with an actual number of \$11,504.00. We will have a small surplus this year.

Starting in fiscal year 2025 (April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027), we will have more money than operating costs. We want to build up our cash reserve to \$15,000.00 on the balance sheet, and we would not need financing from the Foundation. We would have our own cash as of April 1. Looking ahead two years, we could have a \$5000.00 surplus over and above \$15,000.00 at some point, we would have to consider how we want to spend the money. At the board level, we could dedicate it to a scholarship fund with the association as a donor.

The Members had no comments on the financial report.

### **Election of three Voting Directors for terms of two years**

The Collegiate Alumni Association Board of Directors has three vacancies. D. Sharma is stepping down. However, J. Hood and Q. Cove are standing for re-election. Sarah Harris has agreed to stand for election to the remaining board position. Biographical sketches of all three individuals were included in the meeting materials. As there were no other nominees, the board declared re-election of J. Hood and Q. Cove, and election of S. Harris by acclamation.

### **Report on the Activities of the Collegiate Alumni Association since the 2024 AGM**

The Collegiate had a successful holiday reception in December. The committee for the reception was S. Katz, A. Embury-Hyatt, E. Yonas Gebreselassie, P. Nosal and Q. Cove. J. Hood was emcee and we had student entertainers. We saw a growth in attendance from the previous year. It was held at the University Club, and we will announce this year's reception date in *The Wesley Times*.

The Alumni Association had a presence at the 2025 graduation ceremony. We had held an event at The Collegiate at the beginning of last year and we are interested in doing the same this year. Q. Cove volunteered to attend.

We sent out a newsletter in October, with the aim of four per year. We also sent them out in January, April, and June, which was our graduation issue. September is the next date for distribution.

We are currently developing a strategy for to engage students at a younger age, from grades 9 through 11, so they will have a recognition and awareness of the Alumni Association. Potentially, if they are more familiar with us, they will attend more events and participate in Alumni Association's affairs.

The Alumni Association was also a sponsor for the Safe Grad event. Q. Cove spoke on behalf of the association at this event and at convocation. P. Nosal also attended these events.

### **Membership Update**

The Alumni Association has 102 new members from the Class of 2025. We have 2200 valid emails which we intend to use for more engagement. Our April mailout was sent to 830 people, and 10 scanned the QR code. It is undecided whether we'll revisit physical mailouts.

Mr. Stuebing remarked in the future, we should have discussions between the Foundation and Collegiate alumni about initiating a capital campaign to support bursaries for students to attend the Collegiate, in addition to the Dean's bursary fund. Discussions are happening outside of the Alumni Association, but in time we expect the association to become part of these and we would act as a primary proposer for the campaign. He re-iterated that it is incumbent on alumni to

support the Collegiate, and individual class representatives should oversee contacting their classmates to create support.

B. Shearer added to Mr. Stuebing's point, saying she would like to have imagery to share with people through social media to tell people to become affiliated with the association. A social media advertisement would be helpful.

Mr. Stuebing informed the meeting that the association will be seeking class representatives for each year; a former Dean will play a role in identifying key people in each class to fill this role. These representatives would follow-up and contact t their classmates.

It was noted we have not been overly successful in contacting graduates of older classes., so class representatives would be helpful. Part of this initiative would be securing valid email addresses. These emails would be useful not only for fundraising but also to expand attendance at the seasonal reception.

### **Termination**

There being no further comments or questions, Q. Cove declared the Annual General Meeting of the University of Winnipeg Collegiate Alumni Association adjourned at 6:09 p.m. CDT.