



Collegiate Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 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: Joshua Hood (Chair), Patricia Nosal (Development Officer, UWF); Eliana Yonas Gebreselassie; Loza Mesfin Belay; Bob Stuebing; Steve Bagel (Recorder, UWF)

By Zoom: Quinn Cove; Stacey Katz; Adam Pollock; Javier Schwersensky; Devyansh Sharma; Osaed Khan

Regrets: Brandon Murdock; Ayla Embury-Hyatt

1. Procedural

- a. Notice and Quorum

Quorum established; meeting called to order at 5:37 pm.

- b. Approval of agenda

MOTION: Approval of July 9, 2025 Agenda

Moved – A. Pollock / Seconded – D. Sharma

VOTE / ALL IN FAVOUR / CARRIED

2. Approval of April 3 Minutes

MOTION: Approval of April 3, 2025 Minutes

Moved – D. Sharma / Seconded – A. Pollock

VOTE / ALL IN FAVOUR / CARRIED

3. Board of Directors

- a. Three directors up for re-election: Josh, Quinn and Dev. Josh and Quinn have expressed interest in another term. However, Dev will not seek reelection because he is living in Toronto, resulting in one vacant position Sarah Harris has expressed interest in serving on the board. A formal notice will be placed in the AGM notice, and alumni will have a two-week period to nominate anyone. Sarah Harris is favoured because of her interest, with her RWB connections seen as an asset. Javier will be stepping down as treasurer, with preference for an alumni successor.

Action: Quinn will approach Sarah Harris about serving on the board.

(Quinn indicated she had already reached out to Sarah).

4. Quarterly Communications

- a. Quarterly meetings will be held on the second week of September, second week of January, second week of March, and last week of June. Patricia can send out a survey for availability of days; e.g. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
- b. Wesley Times: the open rate is 54%, and three people unsubscribed. The newsletter will be published in September, January, March and June. December was suggested, but board prefers January so photos from the seasonal reception can be included.
- c. Newsletter content will include *Message from The Chair*, *Deans Corner*, *Alumni Spotlight* (Patricia interviewed Hunter Loewen), *Giving Back* (Bryce Douglas), *Celebrating Faculty* (Rossana de McCormack who's celebrating 20 years), *Alumni News*, *Upcoming Events & Announcements* (AGM notice) and *From the Archives*. Discussed two ideas: one, include a column on the Model School to raise awareness; second, build a list of class representatives.

5. Annual General Meeting

- a. The AGM will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm. Josh will be unavailable so Quinn will have to chair. The bylaws say that 45 days' preliminary notice must be given and then 28 days' notice. It was suggested that faculty be invited as a welcome back gesture.

MOTION: Approval of Date for AGM, with preliminary notice and notice to be given with the bylaw.

Moved – A. Pollock / Seconded - Q. Cove

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6. Financial Statements

- a. Discussed reunions and whether it should be for one class only or multiple classes; for example, years ending in 00 and 05. There was concern regarding the limitation of a reunion to one class in the budget, suggesting the Association should take a broader view. Event location was another consideration. A quote was received from a location restaurant, but if multiple classes are included, this space won't be large enough. Other possible locations are Convocation Hall, Tony's Canteen and the University Club.

MOTION: Approval of Financial Statement to March 31, 2025 as amended

Moved – A. Pollock / Seconded – D. Sharma

VOTE / ALL IN FAVOUR / CARRIED

7. Webpages

- a. Additions have been made to the website. 2025 Financial Statements and the 2026 Budget will be posted.

8. Collegiate Activities

- a. Vice Chair Quinn Cove represented the Alumni Association at Convocation and Safe Grad. Strategies were discussed to grow engagement with the Graduating class. One possibility is to provide a QR code that teachers can post on their classroom boards which would be directed at Grade 12's. Another suggestion is for representatives from the Association to visit classrooms and introduce the students to the Association.
- b. The statistics are not as successful for 2025 as 2024. The Association had 53 responses compared to 110 last year. This was because in 2024 the information requested was included on the gown survey form, which was not the case this year. The Board discussed the possibility of returning to this strategy.

9. Membership

- a. The card mailout was sent to 830 recipients, and 10 people scanned the QR code

10. Annual General Meeting

- a. The date is Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

11. Other Business

- a. The seasonal reception will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the University Club. A committee was formed of the following individuals: Quinn, Stacy, Loza and Eliana.
- b. Discussed the need to be more involved in Safe Grad. Possibility of hosting a mocktail party and opening it to future alumni. At September meeting, a Safe Grad committee will be established, which should include Josh or Quinn. A possible lunch for November 5 to welcome Class of 2026 into the Alumni Association was discussed.

Dev wants to still be involved with the Association, so the board discussed creating a Toronto chapter of the Association. He would need a list of names of alumni, and it was suggested that Javier could put him in touch with contacts. Also discussed the possibility of gaining access as full members to the University Club. Currently, Collegiate alumni can be associate members.

The board discussed the benefits of closer contact with the UW Alumni Association. A member of the-board sits in board meetings of the UW Alumni Association, but not vice versa.

- c. The class reunion was discussed again, and it was noted the Class of 2005-might be less interested if it encompasses other classes.

A group consisting of Patricia, Julie, Stacy, Adam and Josh will discuss this in the next couple of weeks.

12. Summary of Priorities

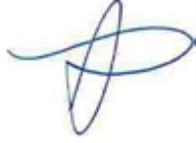
Priorities include the following: discussing the seasonal reception; Safe Grad; Dev's work on behalf of the Association in Toronto; AGM; Quinn reaching out to Sarah Harris; Class Reunion.

13. Termination

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Submitted by:

A. Pollock
(Secretary)

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