



**Minutes of the 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
June 16, 2016, 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and  
Western University Campus, Faculty of Music, Paul Davenport Theatre**

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Alumni Association President, John Eberhard, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed everyone to The Alumni Association's Annual Meeting, noting that the meeting is an opportunity to formally record and celebrate the achievements of the past year and to thank Alumni Association volunteers.

Mr. Eberhard announced that a notice of the meeting was published 45 days prior to the meeting date and that a quorum was present allowing business to be undertaken. Donna Swanson, Administrative Assistant in Alumni Relations, was asked to serve as Secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Eberhard informed the attendees, that following the business portion of the meeting, guests were invited to attend the Walrus Talks Destiny and a reception following the talks. Mr. Eberhard acknowledged past Presidents and past Board Members.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members received the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of members, dated June 13, 2015. Since there were no amendments or changes to the minutes, the President asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.

**Moved:** Jim Etherington

**Seconded:** Elena Murgoci

**Carried**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ACTS OF THE DIRECTORS**

Mr. Eberhard advised the Board members that approval of all the decisions made and actions taken by the directors and officers of the Association since the last Annual Meeting is sought and that a list of these motions were circulated at the meeting. The President asked for a motion to approve the Acts of the Directors.

**Moved:** Carol-Lynn Chambers

**Seconded:** David Simmonds

**Carried**

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Eberhard advised that The Alumni Association has been the primary voice and organizational structure formally serving graduates since 1949. The Board invites all Alumni to share a lifelong commitment, pride and passion for Western. The President noted that the Association has been dedicated to this Mission and commended all for what all Alumni present to Create Awareness of our Brand and Action Taken to implement the work of Western Alumni in the world.

Mr. Eberhard directed audience members to review the 2016 Western Alumni Progress Report that was circulated at the meeting. Some highlight's from the report:

- Western's Strategic Plan is leading the way to the Western Alumni Association's initiative to plan afresh with a new strategic plan of action.

- Input from the Alumni roundtables was instrumental in the vision of our Strategic Plan. Discussions were heard across the county from Vancouver to Ottawa and internationally in Australia, the UK and Hong Kong.
- Launch of the Ten Thousand Coffees initiative, an online hub, which allows for Western alumni and students to have the opportunity connect and to invite one another to joining them for a coffee conversation. Together, they can discuss their careers, ask questions about the latest technologies or seek entry ways to new volunteer experiences.
- The new Western Alumni Social Media offerings launched this week. We now have Twitter and Instagram presence completely devoted to Western Alumni. Alumni around the world are now better equipped to hear about our programs and join the conversation.

On a personal note Mr. Eberhard thanked all the Association members for their purple passion and commitment to the Alumni Association and its programs.

## **5. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Eberhard reported that the Nominating Committee met several times over the course of the last year, to discuss candidates for The Alumni Association Board of Directors, which includes Alumni Association representatives on the Board of Governors and appointments to other University bodies, including the University Senate and its Honorary Degree Committee.

Mr. Eberhard introduced the proposed Slate of Officers of The Alumni Association Board of Directors for 2016-2017:

Warren Bongard, Mark Brown, Sharon Cowin, Fiona Cuddy, John Eberhard, Mark Millar, John Moore, Erika Mozes, Elena Murgoci, Natalie Raffoul, Ashley Rowe, Promod Sharma, Eric Saarvala, David Simmonds, Nick Staubitz, Sunny Uppal.

Mr. Eberhard also introduced and welcomed the newest Directors:

- Trisha Beusaert, BA'11
- Susy Martins, MBA '08, BA'03, HBA'01

Mr. Eberhard introduced the representatives to other governance Boards and Committees:

### **The University Board of Governors**

Jeremy Adams, Keith Gibbons, Hanny Hassan (Chair), Paul Jenkins

### **The University Senate**

Carol-Lynn Chambers, Robert Collins

### **The Honorary Degree Committee**

Sharon Cowin, Gary West

The President called for a motion to elect the slate in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution:

**MOTION:** To move the acceptance of the Slate of Officers for 2016-2017.

**Moved:** David Simmonds

**Seconded:** Carolyn Young

**Carried**

## **6. AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS**

John Eberhard advised that for the past three years, the Governance Review Task Force has undertaken the role of overhauling the Alumni Association's Constitution and creating a new set of By-Laws that would govern the Board of Directors. Mr. Eberhard noted that at a Special Meeting held in December 2013, the Membership approved the new Constitution and was supportive of the creation of a new set of By-Laws.

A motion was presented tonight to the full membership to ratify 9.07:

By-law Excerpt: 9.07 VACANCIES - Vacancies on the Board may be filled for the remainder of the term of office from among the Regular Members of the Association, either by the resolution of the Regular Members at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose, or by the remaining Directors if such Directors constitute a quorum of the Board. Otherwise such vacancies shall be filled at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association at which Directors for the ensuing year are elected in accordance with this section. Vacancies of the appointments of the Alumni representatives to the University Board of Governors or to the Senate may be filled from among the Regular Members of the Association, either by the resolution of the Regular Members at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose, or by the vote of a majority of the Directors, provided that a quorum is present. Otherwise such vacancies shall be filled at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association in accordance with this section.

**MOTION:** That the Board approve the Alumni Association Board of Director's recommendation, as proposed by The Governance Review Committee, of the Amendment to the By-Laws regarding vacancies to either the Board of Governors or the Senate to be presented and ratified by Members of the Alumni Association pursuant to Section 15.02 By-Laws.

**Moved:** John Eberhard

**Seconded:** Elena Murgoci

**Carried**

## **7. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECOGNITION**

Mr. Eberhard advised The Western Alumni Association, "Presidential Leadership Citation" intends to recognize an Alumni Association Board member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership and inspiration to others during the course of his/her service to the Alumni Association Board.

To qualify for the Presidential Citation, the criteria looks to the achievement of contributions in a variety of categories. These activities are associated with an Alumni Association Committee on which the leader serves or independently initiated leadership activities. The Citation would typically be given to a Director in their last term of service. The individual demonstrates leadership on campus, in the community and even, in our world.

This year The Presidential Leadership Citation was bestowed to Mark Millar. Mr. Millar is a tremendous ambassador for the Board and most deserving of this Citation. Highlights from Mr. Millar's service:

- Chair, Student and Young Alumni Committee, and active member for many years;
- Active with the Programs Committee and served as Chair for a one year transitional period;
- Participated in Convocation ceremonies as an Alumni Association Representative, and served at The Late Night Exam Breakfasts for students;

- Has been a lead voice on the Affinity Partner Review Committee – ensuring that benefit programs are best suited to our alumni membership; and
- Homecoming Chair and key media contact and is a lead participant in the Broughdale Neighbourhood walks.

Mr. Eberhard presented Mr. Millar with his award.

Robert Collins acknowledged John Eberhard for extensive contributions during his term as President (2014 – 2016). Highlights from Mr. Eberhard's term:

- John has been a very visible presence on campus representing the Association at a host of events and a broad range of cultural and sporting activities.
- John led the presentations of the Association's views for both the Board of Governors and Senate recent consultations on the bi-canal governance model. Many of our suggestions are now being enacted.
- John has keenly championed getting our Constitutional house in order and the Association now has a strong foundation to build upon.
- John has been a keen champion of Western and of the Alumni Association.

Robert Collins presented Mr. Eberhard with a gift for his service to the Association.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. Eberhard thank the audience for attending the AGM.

**MOTION:** That The Annual Meeting of The University of Western Ontario Alumni Association be concluded.

**Moved:** Mark Brown  
**Seconded:** Fiona Cuddy

**Carried**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

Members were invited to attend the Walrus Talks Destiny at 7 p.m. in the Paul Davenport Theatre.