



**Minutes of the 69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
June 8, 2018, 5 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Western University Campus, The Spoke**

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Alumni Association President, David Simmonds, called the Annual General Meeting to order at 5 p.m. Mr. Simmonds read the Land Acknowledgement statement and welcomed everyone to the meeting. David noted the meeting is an opportunity to formally record and celebrate the achievements of the past year and to thank Alumni Association volunteers.

Mr. Simmonds announced that 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.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members received the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of members, dated June 16, 2017. The President asked for a motion for approval of the minutes as there were no amendments or changes to the minutes.

Moved: Robert Collins
Seconded: Carol-Lynn Chambers

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF THE ACTS OF THE DIRECTORS

Mr. Simmonds advised the members that approval of all the decisions made and actions taken by the Board of 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: Catherine Wilkins
Seconded: Hanny Hassan

Carried

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Simmonds reported that today marked the conclusion of his two year term as President of the Alumni Association.

David noted that at the June 16, 2017 AGM he presented the Alumni Association's Strategic Plan that was 18 months in the making. A Plan that involved a great deal of listening and prioritizing. David reported that the five pillars: Extraordinary Stories; Extraordinary Benefits; Extraordinary Leadership; Extraordinary Experiences; and

Extraordinary Network were carefully crafted to provide a clear line of sight of the core priorities for the year and for the next several years to come. David advised that the Board of Directors and staff team in Alumni Relations are well positioned to execute each tactic and were excited to continue the alumni engagement journey.

Mr. Simmonds directed members to review the 2018 Western Alumni Progress Report that was circulated at the meeting. Notable accomplishments from this year:

- 3.9M total impressions from alumni social media accounts (Twitter and Instagram);
- Alumni wrote 1,330 pieces of “Kind Mail” and purchased 1,153 vouchers for student breakfast as part of the “It’s On Me campaign”;
- Six new ‘perks’ (exclusive discounts and services) have been added for alumni to enjoy;
- 3,751 people attended our alumni events around the world;
- We held our first ever webinar with 1,069 alumni participating from each province, 14 US States, and multiple international locations; and
- In our first survey in over 15 years we learned that 91% of respondents are feeling engaged with Western – a full report will be shared later this summer.

David thanked all of the Association members for their purple passion and commitment to the Alumni Association and its programs.

5. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Simmonds 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 Degrees Committee.

Mr. Simmonds introduced the draft Slate of Officers of The Alumni Association Board of Directors for 2018-2019:

President, Warren Bongard, LLB'91	John Moore, BA'92
Past President, David Simmonds, BA'07	Farah Perelmuter, BA'91
Trisha Beusaert, BA'11	Lisa Richards, BA'06
Mark Brown, MBA'95	Ashley Rowe, BA'11
Sharon Cowin, BA'64	Promod Sharma, BSc'84
Fiona Cuddy, BA'99	Gina Uppal, BHSc'14
Sandra Datars Bere, BA'87, MPA'06	Sunny Uppal, BSc'08
Susy Martins, BA'01, BA'03, MBA'08	Farah Perelmuter, BA'91

Mr. Simmonds also introduced and welcomed the newest Directors:

Kant Chong, BA'03 (Hong Kong)
Matt Helfand, BA'13, MA'14, JD'18 (former USC President)
Melanie Peacock, MBA'90 (Calgary, AB)

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

The University Board of Governors

Greg Dick, BSc'93
Keith Gibbons, BA'76
Paul Jenkins, BA'71(Chair)
Sarah Shortreed, BESC'89

The University Senate

Sandra Datars Bere, BA'87, MPA'06
Robert Collins, BA'77
David Simmonds, BA'07 (President's Designate 1 – year term)

The Honorary Degrees Committee

Susy Martins, HBA'01, BA'03, MBA'08
Christine Tabbert, LLB'98

Mr. Simmonds presented President Warren Bongard LLB'91. David noted that Mr. Bongard served as a President of Western's Law Alumni Chapter and has been an active member of the Alumni Association's Nominating and Alumni Award of Merit selection committees. Warren was called to the Ontario Bar in 1993 and obtained his law degree from Western and his bachelor of arts from York University.

David Simmonds 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 2018-2019.

Moved: Meghan Haggit
Seconded: John Eberhard

Carried

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECOGNITION

Mr. Simmonds thanked retiring board members Erika Mozes and Nick Staubitz for contributing to the growth and the success of the Association. Erika served as Public Relations Committee Chair and was the force behind the creation of the Western Alumni social media presence and Nick Staubitz Chair of the Affinity Partner Review Committee and Member at Large is credited as the main author of the Association's refreshed Constitution and By-law documents.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Simmonds thanked the staff partners of Alumni Relations, guided by Trista Walker, Executive Director. David asked that staff stand and be recognized. Mr. Simmonds thanked members for attending the AGM and noted this completed the formal business of the meeting.

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

Moved: Nick Staubitz

Seconded: Laura Cabral

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Simmonds invited members to stay and enjoy refreshments on the patio.