

Laurentian University Alumni Association (LUAA)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday, June 20th, 2019, at 5:00 pm  
MINUTES

**Board members in attendance:** Adam Cecchetto, Andrew Baker, Lea Britt, Jean-Paul Rains, Michael Pigozzo, Amber Tooley, Josée Campeau-Rousselle, Hugo Chen, Tracy MacLeod (ex-officio)

**Regrets:** Khari Gaynor, Whitney Simpson, Mark Solomon, Peter Faggioni

**Guests:** Connor Koch, Roch Goulet, Megan Houle, Roger Couture, Justin Lemieux, Billy Mekers, Lisa Demmer, Tim Dignard, Michelle Brunette, Amanda Goupil, Crytal Kesek, Stephanie Corrigan, Lorella Hayes, Rachel Meehan

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – 5:17 p.m.** <sup>[1]</sup> <sub>[SEP]</sub>

Adam Cecchetto welcomed guests to the 2019 Annual General Membership meeting of the Laurentian University Alumni Association.

**2. Roll Call: 2018-2019 Board of Directors**

Adam Cecchetto requested a roll call for all members of the LUAA Board of Directors.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Approval of the agenda moved by Jean-Paul rains, seconded by Josée Campeau-Rousselle, “That the agenda be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

**4. Confirmation of quorum**

Andrew Baker confirmed that quorum was established.

**5. Review of minutes**

Motion to approve the 2018 LUAA AGM minutes moved by Lea Britt, seconded by Andrew Baker, “That the 2018 Annual General Membership meeting minutes of the Laurentian University Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting held on May 30th, 2018 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

**6. President’s Report**

Adam Cecchetto noted accomplishments of the LUAA over the past year:

- A Board of Directors retreat was held in Toronto on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to work on developing a new Alumni Association Strategic Plan. Some great work was done and will continue in the upcoming year.
- An alumni social/reception was held after the retreat at a Blue Jays game. Approximately 60 people attended.
- The One Million Hours of Volunteerism initiative currently has 776,815 hours logged. We are over ¾ of the way to our goal. Keep logging hours and promoting the initiative.
- The first ever Distinguished Alumni Awards were held in October 2018. The event was well received. The next Awards will be held in the fall of 2020.
- Adam represented the LUAA at LU Rendez-Vous in January of 2019. He presented a gift

on behalf of the LUAA to staff with 25 years of service as they become honorary alumni.

- The new President, Robert Haché will begin his term July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Adam will be meeting with him over the summer to discuss the importance of the LUAA and its initiatives.
- Adam commended the Alumni Relations, Advancement and Development team members for stepping up to fill the void left by Rachel's secondment. It has been a challenging time for the Association and the University, and he thanked everyone for their continued commitment and hard work.

## **7. Finance Committee Report**

Michael Pigozzo provided a high-level summary of revenues and expenses over the past year, with a focus on the importance of Laurentian University affinity partners, most notably TD Insurance Meloche Monnex, as a major source of revenue. The major expenditures for the 2018-2019 fiscal year included sponsorship (including the University Club commitment), staffing and swag for the One Million Hours of Volunteerism initiative, expenses for the Distinguished Alumni Awards, supplies and travel. He added that there was also a commitment to transfer 25% of the affinity revenue back to Laurentian University to assist in operational costs. The opening balance was \$158,280.67 and the closing balance was \$151,991.19. This leaves the LUAA finances in good condition for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Michael urged everyone to start or continue using the affinity partners as it provides money to support student and alumni initiatives.

Justin Lemieux inquired as to how the 25% affinity revenue returned to Laurentian University was used. Michael explained that the funds are put towards bursaries, scholarships and to assist in funding operational costs associated with programming and events geared towards students and alumni.

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget moved by Amber Tooley, seconded by Roger Couture, "That the Treasurer's report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year be approved as presented." Motion carried.

## **8. Executive Director's Report**

Tracy MacLeod, the Chief Advancement Officer introduced herself and other members of the Advancement team.

Krista MacDonald, the University Advancement Communications Officer has gone on maternity leave. Her position has been posted as a one year contract. Interviews will be happening in the next few weeks.

The #LULExamWishes initiative saw food and drinks delivered to 373 students on campus during exam sessions in the fall of 2018. The team was able to grant 609 wishes in the spring of 2019. The program is gaining recognition and more students are requesting wishes. The office has also received donations from faculty to increase the funds that are available for granting wishes.

Tracy explained the One Million Hours of Volunteerism campaign.

There were 25 students employed through the annual call campaign. These students called

alumni to solicit donations and promoted the One Million Hours of Volunteerism initiative. They were able to collect 195,000 hours and 294 new email addresses.

#### **9. Proposed Amendments to the LUAA Constitution and By-Laws**

No amendments were presented.

#### **10. Presentation – Outgoing LUAA Board Members**

Adam Cecchetto thanked Michael Pigozzo, Michael Commito, Megan Houle and Amber Tooley for their time on the LUAA Board of Directors and wished them well.

Adam Cecchetto introduced Lisa Demmer, Tim Dignard, William (Billy) Mekers and Whitney Simpson as incoming members. The motion to approve the 2019-2020 LUAA Board of Directors was moved by Josée Campeau-Rousselle, seconded by Andrew Baker, “That the 2019-2020 Board of Directors be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

#### **11. Closing Remarks**

Adam Cecchetto thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Membership meeting. He invited the group to socialize and grab some food in the foyer of the Executive Learning Centre.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm was moved by Amber Tooley, seconded by Andrew Baker, “Motion to adjourn the meeting.” Motion carried.