

# Minutes of the 101st Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 Admin. Bldg. E160 12:00 p.m.

# NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Chairperson: President, Jim Blackburn, BSP'60

## I. Welcome and Recognition

1. Dr. Jim Blackburn welcomed everyone and thanked the attendees. Jim acknowledged that the University is on Treaty Six Territory and Homeland of the Metis, and paid respect to the First Nation and Metis ancestors.

# **II. Order for Annual General Meeting**

- **1. Call for Quorum for Annual General Meeting -** The required quorum was achieved and the meeting was called to order by the President.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda Jim Blackburn

**MOTION: Tanyann Belaney** moved to approve the agenda. **SECONDED: Pauline Melis. CARRIED.** 

3. Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2016 AGM – Jim Blackburn
MOTION: Pauline Melis moved to approve the minutes. SECONDED: Chris Unsworth. CARRIED.

#### 4. 2016-17 Report to Members – Jim Blackburn

A suggestion to post the Report to Members on our website or in Beyond the Bowl with additional information about the Role Mandate Review was in agreeance. Jim will elaborate on the report with support from Communications.

## 5. 2016-17 Financial Report – Kelly Strueby

Kelly highlighted the important areas of the financial review completed by Jensen Stromberg Chartered Accountants. There were concerns about the board's current financial position for 2017-2018 and if the board will keep a reserved 10% in the budget for unexpected expenses. This will be addressed for confirmation.

For 2017-2018 the Alumni Association's budget will look quite different as the board has requested and approved an operational budget only. Keeping in mind the new approach of the board, many questions and uncertainty came into play. There was concern regarding the loss of

financial control of the budget for Alumni events, awards, sponsorships, etc. and it is the Alumni Association's reputation that is at stake when hosting such events. Communication and discussion of AR programming and services will be important to build the relationship and trust amongst board members, staff, and alumni in the future.

A more strategic discussion and approval of the 2017-18 budget and the evolution of the board will take place at the September  $8^{th}$ , 2017 board meeting.

**MOTION: Kelly Strueby** moved to approve the financial report as presented. **SECONDED: Charlotte Pilat Burns. CARRIED** 

# 6. Appointment of Auditor (Jensen Stromberg Chartered Accountants for 2017/2018)

# Audit Review Approval

It was recommended that the Chartered Accountants firm of Jensen Stromberg be retained for fiscal year 2017-2018.

**MOTION: Kelly Strueby** moved to approve Jensen/Stromberg Charters Accountants as auditors for review engagement of the U of S Alumni Association's 2017-2018 fiscal year. **SECONDED: Pauline Melis. CARRIED.** 

# 7. Special Exemption for Board Terms (of 1 year)

The Nominations Committee hereby recommends that all current board members be considered and approved for re-instatement in their current positions for one year, excluding Jim Blackburn, president, for 2017-2018 to the Board during the transition year at the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association's 101<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting on July 26th, 2017:

The following members continue serving in the second year of the first two-year term and ending June 2018:

Ms. Kara Exner (BA'92; MCTGED'01) Calgary AB Ms. Charlotte Pilat Burns (BSNT'92) Saskatoon SK

The following members continue serving in the second year of the first two-year term and ending June 2019:

Mr. Greg Longster (BCOMM'92) Vancouver BC

Ms. Pauline Melis (BA'77, MA'82) Saskatoon SK

Mr. Mark Stumborg (BE'80) Swift Current SK

The following members continue serving in the second year of a second term and ending June 2018:

Mr. Chris Unsworth (DIPAGB '12) Saskatoon SK Ms. Kelly Strueby (BCOMM'84) Toronto ON Ms. T Sletto (BA'94) Calgary AB

# **Senate Representatives**

The following member will serve as the Alumni Association's University of Saskatchewan Senate representative for a first three-year term ending in June 2018:

Ms. Judy MacMillan (BSA' 79) Asquith, SK

The following member will serve as the Alumni Association's University of Regina Senate representative for a first three-year term ending in June 2018:

Mr. Gordon Blackmore (BSA'82) Regina, SK

The following individual will continue as Executive Director of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Board Of Directors:

Mr. Kristopher Brown, Director Alumni Relations (as appointed by the University)

The Alumni Association thanks the following outgoing Alumni Association board members for their volunteer service and commitment:

Dr. Jim Blackburn (BSP'60) Saskatoon SK

**MOTION:** Marcy Hildebrand moved that all positions remain the same for 2017-18. **SECONDED:** Jody Peace. CARRIED.

## 8. Other Business

There was discussion regarding the chosen auditor and expenses and re-visiting the current arrangement in 2017-18.

Thank you's were presented to Jim Blackburn who is passing the gavel to Kelly Strueby, the new president for 2017-18.

# 9. Adjournment - Jim Blackburn

Next meeting: Conference call in August to confirm executive positions