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Alumni Association of Lakehead University
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

DATE: Tuesday October 25, 2024

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Zoom

BUSINESS PORTION AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** Y. Wanakamik
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday Oct. 2, 2023. (Attached)**
5. **Financial Statement 2021-22** J. Dennison
6. **President's Remarks** Y. Wanakamik
7. **Executive Director's Report** M. Tilbury
(written report included with package)
8. **Ratification and Confirmation of Acts of Board of Directors during 2023/2024** Y. Wanakamik

BIRT the AALU ratify and confirm the acts of the Board of Directors carried out during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

9. **Awards Deadline** Y. Wanakamik

BIRT the AALU close nominations for the 2025 Alumni Association Honours on March 31, 2025, and applications for the Alumni Entrance Scholarship on April 30, 2025.

10. Ratification of the Slate of Directors

K. Boz

BIRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be ratified for appointment to the Board for a two-year term (2024-2026):

Paul Popo-Ola, Yolanda Wanakamik, Mike Walton, Annette Butikofer, James Dennison, Liz Murray, and Therese Lim

BIFRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be ratified for appointment to the Board for a one-year term (2024-2025):

Masoud Manzouri

BIFRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individual be ratified for appointment to the position of Board Member Emerita for a two-year term (2024-2026):

Dr. Nancy Luckai

11. Election of Officers

K. Boz

BIRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be presented as a slate for election to Officer positions for a one-year term (2024-2025):

President	Paul Popo-Ola
Vice-President	Michael Walton (President Elect)
Vice-President	Jamie Dennison
Treasurer	Annette Butikofer
Past-President & BOG Rep	Yolanda Wanakamik

12. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Paul Popo-Ola



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Tuesday October 2, 2023
4:00pm to 4:30pm (EST)
Virtual

BUSINESS PORTION MINUTES

1. Call to Order (4:01pm) – Yolanda Wanakamik

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Mike Walton

Seconded: Paul Popo-Ola

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday October 11, 2022.

Moved: Carmen Pekkarinen

Seconded: Liz Murray

CARRIED

5. Financial Statement 2022/2023 – Jamie Dennison

- Strong performance from partnerships.
- Expenses have stayed low thanks to Alumni team.
- In a surplus situation, allows us to consider future contributions to student aid.

6. President's Remarks – Yolanda Wanakamik

- Welcome back! This year the Board welcomed back Dr. Jouni Kraft.
- We are pleased to welcome the new president, Dr. Gillian Siddan.
- Thank you to the Board for stepping up and pitching in when needed.
- I hope you will join us for tonight's Fireside Chat at 6pm with former Governor General David Johnston as well as the upcoming Homecoming celebrations.

7. Executive Director's Report – Mark Tilbury

(Written report included in package)

8. Bylaw Amendment

BIRT Bylaw 2, Section 2 (Governance and Nomination Committee), Sub-section

2.01 A (Composition of the Committee) be changes to:

- a) The Immediate Past-President (Chair), and
- b) Three non-executive members of the Board, elected annually at the first meeting after the AGM.

Moved: Paul Popo-Ola

Seconded: Chris Blueman

CARRIED

9. Bylaw Amendment

BIRT Section 8 be added to Bylaw 3 as follows below:

VIII. BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS

8.01 From time to time, the Board of Directors may appoint a former member to the position of Board Member Emeritus.

8.02 The position of Board Member Emeritus will be a non-voting member of the Board and will not count to the quorum of meetings.

8.03 The Board may consider appointing a former member to a Board Member Emeritus position when the individual's personal circumstances limit their ability to fulfill the duties of a full Board member or when a former Board Member has term limited off the Board but who's continued service may serve a strategic purpose or fill a strategic void.

8.04 The Board Member Emeritus position allows a former Director to continue participating in meetings, offering wise counsel, serving as an official representative of the Board, and contributing to the success of the Association as a whole.

8.05 There shall be no more than two Board Members Emeriti during any Board term.

8.06 Board Member Emeriti may be appointed to a renewable (once), two-year term.

Moved: Mike Walton

Seconded: Carmen Pekkarinen

CARRIED

10. Ratification and Confirmation of Acts of Board of Directors during 2022/2023

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Moved: Governance and Nominations Committee

11. Awards Deadline

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Moved: Mike Walton

Seconded: Paul Popo-Ola

CARRIED

12. Ratification of the Slate of Directors - Karen Boz

BIRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – the Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors and Election of Officers, the following individuals be ratified for appointment to the Board for a two-year term (2023-2025):

Linda Henderson, Carmen Pekkarinen, Debbie Balika, Chris Blueman, Cameron Holmstrom and Zack White.

BIFRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – the Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors and Election of Officers, the following individual be ratified for appointment to the Board for a one-year term (2023-2024):

Nancy Luckai

Moved: Governance and Nominations Committee

13. Election of Officers - Karen Boz

BIRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 – Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be presented as a slate for the election to Officer positions for a one-year term (2023-2024):

President: Yolanda Wanakamik

Vice-President: Michael Walton

Vice-President Paul Popo-Ola

Treasurer: Jamie Dennison

Past-President and BOG Rep: Karen Boz

Moved: Governance and Nominations Committee

14. Closing Remarks and Adjournment - Yolanda Wanakamik

- Thank you to tonight's guest speaker former Governor General David Johnston for our upcoming Fireside Chat tonight at 6pm.
- Thank you to the Alumni office and fellow Alumni Board members for your commitment to this association and to engaging our alumni.
- Thank you so much for attending and we hope to see many of you again for our upcoming Homecoming weekend.

Moved: Mike Walton

Seconded: Paul Popo-Ola

CARRIED

DESCRIPTION	2023-2024 BUDGET	Projected Year End 23/24	Finalized Year End 23/24
REVENUES			
Misc. Rev. (Donations/Resale/)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,945.49	\$ 6,060.94
Homecoming/Lakehead Celebrates	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,805.00	\$ 7,805.00
Frames Income	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,209.16	\$ 27,317.45
TD MBNA Royalty	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,845.74	\$ 5,845.74
TD Insurance H&A	\$ 157,411.00	\$ 165,370.00	\$ 165,370.00
TD Insurance LHD	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,025.00	\$ 30,025.00
TD Fellow Support	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 279,411.00	\$ 277,700.39	\$ 279,924.13
EXPENSES			
Print Shop	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,951.53	\$ 1,951.53
Supplies Consumable	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,563.62	\$ 4,527.38
Promotional Supplies	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 21,852.49	\$ 19,352.49
Meeting Expenses/Hospitality	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,593.61	\$ 8,593.61
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 785.91	\$ 785.91
Computer Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 118.91	\$ 118.91
Postage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,578.74	\$ 3,578.74
Courier Services*	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Telephone Long Distance		\$ -	\$ -
GLOBAL PYMTS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,326.74	\$ 4,326.74
Independent Contractor		\$ -	\$ -

DESCRIPTION	2023-2024 BUDGET	Projected Year End 23/24	Finalized Year End 23/24
Books and Periodicals	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,674.50	\$ 35,693.39
Alumni Chapter Expenses/Outreach	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 34,751.28	\$ 34,751.28
Professional Development	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,329.45	\$ 1,329.45
Advertising	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,478.62	\$ 3,520.10
Student Promotion	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 31,385.22	\$ 31,385.22
University Sponsorship	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 2,500.27
Special Events Expense	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,928.34	\$ 4,263.46
Homecoming/Lakehead Celebrates	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,340.34	\$ 21,340.34
Frames-Purchases		\$ 20.68	\$ 20.68
Board Liability Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,046.60	\$ 2,046.60
TD Fellowship Expenses	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 43,205.65	\$ 43,206.21
NOHFC Intern Support		\$ -	\$ -
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 238,750.00	\$ 234,832.23	\$ 223,292.31
Surplus (deficit)	\$40,661.00	\$ 42,868.16	\$ 56,631.82
Accumulated Surplus (to April 30, 2023)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Projected Year End Surplus	\$ 110,661.00	\$ 112,868.16	\$ 126,631.82
Carry Forward Amount	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,031.82
Campaign Contribution	\$ 60,661.00	\$ 62,868.16	\$ 66,600.00

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Alumni Association of Lakehead University



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES September and October 2023:

1. Sept. 14 - Blue Jays University and College Night

A wonderful collaboration between the GTA Chapter and the Simcoe County Chapter brought together Lakehead alumni from across Southern Ontario to cheer on the Jays at the annual University and College night. Over 200 enthusiastic alumni and friends took part in the event and our section was by far the most engaged.

Many thanks to staffers Sam Lennon and Jacquie Kent who spear headed this event with the Chapter volunteers.

2. Sept. 22-23 Homecoming Orillia

This year's Homecoming Orillia was the first year to feature our Lakehead Celebrates – Alumni Honours evening, and the event and weekend were raging successes.

Approximately 90 alumni and friends attended Lakehead Celebrates to honour our award recipients and induct two new honorary members.

As is tradition, it was great to have so many of the Board attend the weekend's events, many for their first time at the Orillia campus. We took advantage of this with a campus tour and a Board planning session focused strategically on getting to know more about Lakehead Orillia. We will continue the discussion started in Orillia at our Board meeting this Tuesday.

Rounding out the Weekend's activities was a Board/Staff dinner, a Pub Games evening following our dinner, and an Escape Room Challenge on campus after our Saturday planning session.

Many thanks to Jacquie Kent, Julia Carvello and all the volunteers from the Simcoe County Chapter. This year was a huge undertaking. It was also great to have staff help from Sam, Anna S and Anna G.



3. Sept. 30 (Truth and Reconciliation Day) – Honouring Our Children Run

The Alumni Association provided a sponsorship for this event held in Thunder Bay and a number of staff joined me to participate in the WALK around Boulevard Lake. The weather cooperated and it was great to show our support for this important initiative.



4. Oct. 2 – A Day with the Rt Hon David Johnston



October 2nd was a whirlwind day with Canada's 28th Governor General, the Rt Hon David Johnston (or just David as he prefers). We started with a special lunch in President Gillian Siddall's Office that was hosted by Alumni President Yolanda Wanakamik. Attending the lunch were Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Fort William First Nation Chief Michelle Solomon, Board of Governors Chair Maria Vasanelli, Dean of Education Dr. Wayne Melville, Principal of Dennis Franklin Comarty

High School (and alumna) Sharon Angecone, Director of the Rideau Hall Foundation's Indigenous Teacher Initiative (and alumnus) Rachel Mishenene, Lakehead's Vice Provost Indigenous Initiatives (and alumna) Denise Baxter, Fellow of Lakehead University Vince Mirabelli (Honorary Alumnus) and of course the Rt Hon David Johnston. Personally, I am so proud that our Alumni Association was able to bring this incredible group of individuals together on campus. We are great facilitators. In the afternoon, David and his group met with our Indigenous Initiatives staff, facilitators, educators and students. And finally, at 6:00pm President Yolanda hosted David for an informal Fireside Chat in the Agora with over 150 alumni and friends in attendance. Many thanks again to Mike Walton for suggesting that we pursue the former Governor General as our AGM speaker. This was definitely a highlight of my time at Lakehead.

5. Oct. 12 – Confederation College Community Partners Evening

I lead the Lakehead delegation to this annual event showcasing the multitalented culinary students at Confederation College and raising funds for their student bursary program.

6. Oct. 12- 14 – Homecoming Thunder Bay

Speared by Anna Sampson (Alumni Engagement Associate) and our newly formed Thunder Bay Chapter, a number of events were held to celebrate Homecoming in Thunder Bay. A casual gathering started the weekend at Good and Co in the old Eaton's store, a trivia night was held at Carlito's on Simpson Street and a Blue and Gold Alumni night was held at the Saturday Thunderwolves hockey game. Alumni staff set up at the game with free noisemakers for the kiddos as well as selling our Varsity merchandise (scarves, hats, mitts). They were a big hit with everyone.

7. Oct. 21-22 - Ontario Universities Fair

The Alumni Association once again participated in OUF, bringing alumni to the MTCC to engage with potential applicants to the University. Typically, this weekend sees 80-100K students pass through the convention centre and it is a great opportunity to make an impression before they submit their applications.

8. Nov 3 – 1st Alumni Varsity Engagement Event

Our first alumni varsity engagement event of the year saw around 100 alumni and friends take in the Basketball games against TMU at the Mattamy Centre in Toronto. We will be engaging alumni across the province at 10 varsity games this year. The list is included in the most recent version of Journey.

9. Staffing Changes and Updates

There have been several staff departures in External Relations over the last two months and we are in the process of posting, hiring and on boarding for a number of positions. In the meantime, everyone is pitching in and doing double if not triple duty in some cases.

Additionally, due to the increase in her responsibilities I am pleased to announce that Meghan Hanbury has been recognized with the new title of Associate Director Annual Giving and Student Aid. This is a well-deserved advancement for Meghan,

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES January and February 2024:

10. Increase in TD Insurance Royalty

Going from \$157,411 per year to \$173,329 per year. A 10% increase in our royalty. This is tracking \$10K higher than our projections in the 10-Year Campaign budget. This is owing to the conservative nature of our revenue projections. Always better to over perform than under deliver.

11. Convocation 2024

Convocation ceremonies in Thunder Bay will be taking place on Thursday May 30th and Friday May 31st. If you are interested in being a marshal for the ceremony or know anyone who might be interested, Nancy Luckai would love to hear from you. Nancy will be reprising her role as Head Marshal for the ceremonies in Thunder Bay and Orillia. The Orillia ceremony will take place on Friday June 7th. This is a change from previous years when the ceremony was held on a Saturday. This may impact our ability to attract marshals.

We expect there will be a Chancellor's Reception in Thunder Bay and Orillia on the Friday evenings. More details to come.

12. Varsity Engagement Program

We closed out the regular varsity season with several engagement events throughout Southern and Eastern Ontario. Hockey and Basketball games were attended in Guelph, Waterloo, Hamilton, Toronto, Windsor and Ottawa. Attendance has been phenomenal this year, especially at our Ottawa games. For one game against the Carleton Ravens, we purchased 150 of the available 250 seats at their arena. The Thunderwolves prevailed 3-0 against the Ravens, in large part because of the fan participation. Many comments from multiple facilities about the success of our program.

13. Board of Governors committee reports

On March 1st I was invited to present an Alumni Engagement update to the Board of Governors External Relations committee. The presentation concentrating on the alumni engagement goal in the 2018-2023 University Strategic Plan. The University plan indicated we would develop a plan for alumni engagement (Lakehead for Life), we would determine a way to measure alumni engagement (our Alumni Engagement Metrics Model) and we would increase alumni engagement with the University (we have increased the number of engaged alumni by over 95% in the past three years). So, Mission Accomplished on the Strategic Plan objectives. The remainder of the presentation talked about how we are transitioning our alumni engagement planning to support the Campaign goal of Tripling Alumni Engagement.

Also on March 6th, Yolanda, Karen and I are set to deliver an Alumni Association 101 presentation to the Board of Governors Learning and Liaison Committee. This is an opportunity to walk the Committee through the history of the Association, the recent work we've done around supporting student access and the campaign contribution, as well as reenforcing the Association's important role in search committees for Senior positions.

14. Past President's Dinner

The first annual Past President's dinner was held on February 8th when Karen Boz was in town for Board of Governors meetings. In attendance was Michel Beaulieu, David Heroux, Lou Pero, Vonnie Cheng, Karen Boz and me. Regrets and comments were received from Rob Jamieson, Bill Bartley, David Heald, Ken Owen and Debra Woods. This event has been in planning for many years, and it was great to finally get it off the ground. Hoping more Presidents can attend next year.

15. Sponsorship Activity

The Association has provided financial sponsorship and/or purchased tables at several events, both at the University and in the Community. Below are the most recent ones:

Indigenous Cultural Traditions Club Powwow - \$1,000

Humanities 101 (Orillia) - \$2,500

Muslin Students Association Gala - \$500

Taste of History Dinner - \$1,200

Juried Student Art Exhibition - \$1,500

16. Mace Update

The jack pine finial on top of the Mace was damaged in transit last year between Thunder Bay and Orillia. It is currently at the Conservators, and I expect it back before this year's ceremonies. We will advise the Registrar's Office to detach the finial and transport it separately from now on, to prevent a repeat of last year.

17. CCAE Award Submissions

We have submitted several projects/events for consideration at the CCAE national awards. Best Annual Giving/Giving Day initiative for the Giving Tuesday Matching Funds initiative, Best Alumni Initiative - our Mental Health Forum, and Best Alumni Event – the Escape Rooms from Homecoming in Orillia.

18. Alumni Commons Screens

The two large screens to replace our static recognition wall in Thunder Bay have been installed.

19. Staffing Update

Interviews for Sam Lennon's maternity leave replacement will take place soon, and some promising resumes were received for the Annual Giving Officers position in Thunder Bay. Anna G's former role has been redesigned to be a sole support for the Alumni and Annual Giving Group. The request to hire has been approved but the position is being evaluated by HR for possible higher banding.

If you read between the lines, you'll realize we are three positions short right now, which means we are stretched thin.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES March and April 2024:

20. RENXT Database Migration

As I believe I have mentioned in previous meeting, our department is transition from Colleague Advancement which is the alumni and fundraising module of our University Wide system called Colleague, to a stand-alone database call Raiser's Edge NXT. Since October of last year, I have been providing operational oversight to this project as a result of our Operations Manager's maternity leave. The data migration has entered a critical phase that is consuming a significant amount of my time. I may not be as responsive until we have completed the transition later this summer.

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There is no Chancellor's Reception in Thunder Bay but there will be a President's Installation Reception in Orillia.

22. Juried Student Art Exhibition



The Association was once again the sponsor of this exhibit at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery which featured the amazing works of our Visual Arts Students. Anna Sampson and I selected the sculpture in the pictures, which will be on display at Alumni House for the next year. The artist is Jade Gilbert, who is the



older sister of last year's recipient of the Alumni Art Purchase Award Sarah Gilbert. Yolanda attended the opening ceremony on April 5th and spoke on behalf of the Association as one of the major sponsors of the exhibit.

23. WUSC Student Bursary and LUSU WUSC Gala

Farhan Yousaf the Executive Director of LUSU and I have been working on a mechanism to both accept/receipt donations and provide support to our World University Service Canada Refugee Students. From the Association's Campaign Commitment to Student Access, an expendable award was created with a \$5,000 gift. This allowed LUSU to promote this opportunity at its recent WUSC Gala, which has already garnered an additional \$1,700 in donations. Thanks, as always, to the Alumni Association for its commitment to the Student Access Pillar of the Campaign. The Association also purchased a table at the Gala and provide half the seats to students and recent alumni.

24. Alumni Ambassador Mapping Program

As her last project, our TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Fellow (Julia Carvello) is reviving our Ambassador Program and developing an online digital map to both show the location of our Ambassadors, but also allow the alumni population to interact with them through email and other digital platforms. The idea behind the project is to provide an additional support mechanism for alumni who are moving or relocating to new town, province, or country. We hope to provide a friendly and welcoming Lakehead presence wherever you may move or visit. More on this in the coming months.

25. Awards Update

The Governance and Nominations Committee is completing the work of selecting our Alumni Award recipients for this awards cycle and will be meeting this Thursday to finalize their work. They will then turn their attention towards the review, shortlisting and interviewing of applicants for our Entrance Scholarship. Many thanks to Karen, Nancy, Liz, and Linda for all the hard work.

26. Strategic Plan consultation

The Alumni Association Board of Directors and Past Presidents have been invited to a Strategic Plan consultation on June 17th. This consultation will be led by the President (Dr. Siddall), Heather Murchison from Institutional Planning and Analysis and a member of the Board of Governors. Some advanced reading has already been circulated. I anticipate an opportunity for the Board to digest what they hear and then formulate a coordinated response by mid-summer.

27. University Involvement

- Senate Honorary Degrees Committee
 - The Alumni Association has had a designated spot on this committee since the terms of reference were revised a number of years ago.
 - Jamie Dennison has served as our representative for the last few years.
 - Annette Butikofer has been nominated to take Jamie place on the committee beginning on July 1st.

- Orillia Principals Search Committee
 - We successfully lobbying the President's Office for the inclusion of an Alumni Association representative on the Orillia Principals Search Committee
 - Debbie Balika, a graduate of the Orillia Campus will serve as our representative to the committee.

28. Faculty Engagement/Reunions

- Engineering 50th
 - The Faculty will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Degree Program this year. They are doing a special reception during Convocation Week and we are helping them to promote.
- Nursing 50th
 - The Nursing graduating class of 1974 is having their 50th Reunion this year. We will be doing a welcome breakfast on Wednesday May 29th at Alumni House and then they have a number of other activities planned.
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
 - We are helping the Faculty promote their spring gathering. It is also taking place during Convocation Week and they have arranged for Masala Grill to donate \$2 from every lunch sold on a special day that week.

29. Campus Meetings/Engagement

- Provost Council
 - Provided an alumni engagement update to this group at their regular meeting
- Convocation Working Group
 - Attending both the Thunder Bay and Orillia Convocation Working Group meetings
- Presidential Meeting (Gillian and Yolanda)
 - Attended the first half hour of Gillian and Yolanda's presidential meeting. Provided a State of the Nation address highlighting all of our recent and near future activities.
- Fellows Reception
 - Attended this reception on April 26th during which the two newest Fellows – Murray Walberg and Jaro Kotalik were honoured.
- Alumni Engagement update to BERC
 - Together with Mike den Haan, presented an alumni engagement update to the Board External Relations Committee
- Alumni 101 presentation to BLLC
 - Yolanda and I provided the Alumni 101 presentation to the Board Learning and Liaison Committee

30. Community Events

- Regular Rotary Meetings
- WUSC Gala – March 30th
- Taste of History Dinner – April 5th
- Juried Student Art Exhibition Opening Reception – April 5th
- PA Rotary Gala – April 21st



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES May and June 2024:

31. Entrance Scholarship Winner

Many thanks to the members of the Governance and Nominations Committee: Karen Boz, Linda Henderson, Liz Murray, and Nancy Luckai. Their tireless work on both the Alumni Award recipient selection and the selection of this year's Entrance Scholarship winner is greatly appreciated. Approximately 45 applications for our Entrance Scholarship were received. After an initial review process a short list of 4 candidates were selected for an interview. Our 2024 Entrance Scholarship recipient is Parker Bradley from Arnprior, Ontario. Parker will be entering our Engineering Faculty in the fall concentrating on Mechanical Engineering.

32. Convocation & President's Installation

Convocation ceremonies in Thunder Bay took place on May 30th and 31st. Many thanks to the entire Alumni & Annual Giving team for the flawless execution over the three ceremonies. Nancy Luckai once again took up the mantle of Head Marshal at Convocation. Yolanda delivered the Alumni Address and greeted her own son on stage at one of the ceremonies. A truly special moment. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made graduation a special day for our newest alumni. The Orillia ceremony took place on Friday June 7th. The first time holding the ceremony on a Friday, and our volunteers were back and ready for action. Special thanks to Jamie who delivered the Alumni Address, Nancy who flew down to serve as Head Marshal, and Chris who helped to "scarf" 405 graduates. There was a special Installation Ceremony held for Dr. Gillian Siddall in Thunder Bay and an Installation Reception held in Orillia.



33. AGM 2024

Work is starting on our AGM in September. We hope to secure Valarie Pringle, Lakehead's newest Honorary Degree recipient, as the guest speaker for a moderated Q&A led by Yolanda. The proposed date is September 24th.

34. CCAE Conference



I attended the CCAE (Canadian Council for Advancement in Education) conference in St. John's



Newfoundland May 21-24. I was joined by Jacquie Kent from our Orillia Campus and our TD Fellow, Julia Carvello, in addition to Diane Robnik our Alumni Engagement Specialist. Julia was recognized at the Conference for completing her one-year TD Fellowship. She is now off to seek fame, fortune and romance south of the border with her fiancée.

**35. Homecoming 2024 Thunder Bay/Lakehead Celebrates – Oct. 3-6
Homecoming 2024 Orillia – Oct. 25-27**

Planning has started for Homecoming 2024. Lakehead Celebrates will be held in Thunder Bay this year, as will the Board Retreat. The Orillia Homecoming will be planned and led by the Simcoe County Chapter. Below is the tentative schedule. Board members can arrive on Friday and depart on Sunday. Once travel arrangements have been made, we will attempt to buddy-up Board members to reduce the expense of rental cars.

I would ask you to indicate to me in the next two weeks if you will be able to attend the weekend. This will help to firm up our hotel holds.

36. Strategic Plan Consultation

On June 17th the Alumni Board and a selection of Past Presidents (which included two Fellows of the University), engaged in a Strategic Plan Consultation session with President Siddall, Mark Smith from the Board of Governors and Dr. Heather Murchison from Institutional Planning and Analysis. The engagement level was off the charts and it was the first session out of 34 during which the President gave a "time check" because she thought we would run out of time. My sincere thanks to the Board for their incredible insights and thoughtful contributions. As one of the only quasi-external groups taking part in the consultations, our participation was critical. A follow-up written submission has been sent in.

37. Community and Campus Events attended

- '74 Nurses Reunion breakfast May 29th
- Colin Bruce's memorial service (June 17)
- Regular PA Rotary Meetings
- President's Installation Reception in Orillia

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES July and August 2024:

38. Alumni AGM – with special guest

This year's AGM will be on Wednesday September 25th, beginning at 6pm and will be a virtual event. All alumni (and most critically Board members) will be invited to participate online. We will start with a short Year In Review presentation followed by a talk and moderated conversation with Lakehead's newest honorary degree recipient, Valerie Pringle. Yolanda Wanakamik will be the moderator, and I will be the emcee for the event. A Q&A session will follow.

39. Alumni Engagement Metrics Report

These annual metrics are in the process of being calculated. I hope to share final numbers later this fall.

40. Homecomings

a. Homecoming 2024 THUNDER BAY (Oct. 3, 4, 5)

i. Thursday October 3

- a) Opening Event coordinated by the Thunder Bay Chapter

ii. Friday October 4

- a) 7:00pm – Thunderwolves Hockey Blue and Gold Night

iii. Saturday October 5

- a) 8:30am to 3:30pm Alumni Board and Staff Retreat – on campus
 - a. Agenda to be determined
- b) 6:00pm Lakehead Celebrates – An Alumni Awards Evening

iv. Sunday October 6

- a) 10:00am Send-off breakfast for Alumni Board members, Chapter Presidents, Award Recipients and out of town guests at Alumni House.

b. Homecoming 2024 ORILLIA (Oct. 25, 26, 27)

i. Friday October 25

- a) Evening – Drive-In Movie

ii. Saturday October 26

- a) Afternoon – Boat Cruise on Lake Rosseau
- b) Evening – Trivia and Games night at The Beer Spa

iii. Sunday October 26

- a) Virtual Event TBD

41. Varsity Engagement

Our varsity engagement program will resume in the second half of the season. Due to an unusual schedule this year, there will only be four away game engagement events.

- i. Saturday, January 11th - Hockey at Laurier
- ii. Saturday, January 25th - Basketball at York
- iii. Saturday, February 15th - Hockey at Western
- iv. Saturday, February 15th - Basketball at Laurentian

In addition to our engagement activities on the road with the Thunderwolves, the Alumni Association will be a major season sponsor for the OUF live feed from our home games this year. Based on the strength of our past varsity engagement events, we expect there will be good viewership of the live feed this year.

42. New Employee

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Gillian Sgambelluri to our team in the position of Alumni and Annual Giving Specialist, starting after Labour Day. Gillian is a recent grad from the Honours Bachelor of Commerce program and comes to us from the Thunder Bay Health Sciences Foundation where she has been serving as a Fundraising Intern.

Gillian has discovered a true passion for philanthropy and is looking forward to learning from all of her colleagues in External Relations as well as members of the Alumni Board as she takes up the support role formerly held by Anna Gagliardi.

The Foundation wrote a lovely article on her, which you can find here: <https://www.healthsciencesfoundation.ca/july-27-2024-3>

43. Community Engagement this summer

- Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament
- Lakehead Public Schools Golf Tournament
- Supported United Way BBQ for RFDA



Respectfully submitted,
Mark E. Tilbury, MA, CFRE
Executive Director

**Alumni Association of Lakehead University
Nominations Report
to the Annual General Meeting
Fall of 2024**

MEMBERS UP FOR RENEWAL/NEW 2 YEAR TERMS (2024-26):

1. Paul Popo-Ola (12/13)
2. Yolanda Wanakamik (16-18)
3. Mike Walton (18-20)
4. Annette Butikofer (20-22)
5. James Dennison (20-22)
6. Liz Murray (22-23)
7. VACANCY (TWO YEAR TERM)

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING TERMS (2023-25):

1. Linda Henderson (17/18)
2. Carmen Pekkarinen (20/21)
3. Debbie Balika (21/22)
4. Chris Blueman (22/23)
5. Cameron Holmstrom (22/23)
6. Zack White (22/23)
7. VACANCY (ONE YEAR TERM)

NEW COMPOSITION (14 elected members)

7 Males/7 Females

3 Thunder Bay/2 GTA/2 Simcoe County/3 Ontario East/3 Canada West & Territories/1 International

MOTIONS

BIRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 –Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be ratified for appointment to the Board for a two-year term (2024-2026):

Paul Popo-Ola, Yolanda Wanakamik, Mike Walton, Annette Butikofer, James Dennison, Liz Murray, and Therese Lim

BIFRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 –Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be ratified for appointment to the Board for a one-year term (2024-2025):

Masoud Manzouri

BIFRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 - Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individual be ratified for appointment to the position of Board Member Emerita for a two-year term (2024-2026):

Dr. Nancy Luckai

EXECUTIVE TEAM

BIRT in accordance with Bylaw No. 3 - Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors & Election of Officers, the following individuals be presented as a slate for election to Officer positions for a one-year term (2024-2025):

President	Paul Popo-Ola
Vice-President	Michael Walton (President Elect)
Vice-President	Jamie Dennison
Treasurer	Annette Butikofer
Past-President & BOG Rep	Yolanda Wanakamik