Welcome

Scott MacKendrick, University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) President, formally acknowledged the land on which the University of Toronto operates and welcomed attendees to the 120th UTAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Alumni Celebration.

Address by U of T President

Scott MacKendrick invited President Meric Gertler, the 16th President of the University of Toronto, to address attendees. President Gertler thanked Scott MacKendrick and the UTAA Board for their service to the University alumni community.

President Gertler spoke about U of T’s outstanding national and global rankings among higher education institutions and also highlighted the achievements of U of T alumni around the world, presenting relevant and key statistics from the recent Alumni Impact Survey.

President Gertler highlighted some key milestones from the past year including the conclusion of the Boundless Campaign, which closed at $2.641 billion. He also recognized the UTAA’s celebration of the U of T community and its achievements through the Awards of Excellence, the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards, the Rose Wolfe Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Carl Mitchell Award. He updated attendees on the progress of the Landmark Project and thanked the U of T Alumni Association in particular for their lead gift to the Project.

President Gertler closed his address by acknowledging Scott MacKendrick and thanking him for serving as UTAA President for the past three years. He also thanked alumni for their ongoing commitment and involvement with the life of the University.

Carl Mitchell Award for Community Engagement

Scott MacKendrick noted that this award was created in 2015 as the Alumni Award for Community Engagement recognizing exceptional volunteer service by University alumni in their broader communities. The award was renamed in 2017 in honour of Carl Mitchell, a devoted alumnus who served as UTAA President from 2009 to 2011, and who spearheaded the Community Engagement initiative of the Association. He acknowledged Carl’s family and thanked his wife, Margaret Shaw, and their children Nancy and Thomas for attending the AGM.
Scott MacKendrick announced this year’s recipient of the Carl Mitchell Award for Community Engagement as Dr. Glen William Blake Sharpe (Doctorate of Education 2011 OISE). Scott highlighted Glen’s contributions and impact as a volunteer at the INDSPRIRE program for Aboriginal students, where he mentors and provides program support for the Adult Learning Centre. Scott acknowledged that he is also a dedicated mentor with INDSPRIRE’S Rivers to Success Program, which matches Aboriginal students with Aboriginal leaders for mentorship and personal growth opportunities.

A short video highlighting Glen’s volunteer contributions was shown. Scott MacKendrick thanked Glen for his outstanding volunteer service to his community and announced the UTAA would be donating $1,000 to the Ontario Chapter of the Crohns and Colitis Foundation in Glen’s honour.

Scott MacKendrick closed the award presentation by thanking Jeff Luciano, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, for adjudicating the award, and welcomed Dr. Glen Sharpe, Jeff Luciano, and Carl Mitchell’s family onstage for a photo opportunity.

Business Meeting

1. Call to order

The Chair, Scott MacKendrick, called the business meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.

Scott MacKendrick introduced Waqar Ahmad from University Advancement as the recording secretary of the meeting.

2. Meeting Procedure

Scott MacKendrick reviewed the following.

- Stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the UTAA AGM Rules of Order as posted on the UTAA website. He introduced the scrutineers: Jonathan Soo and Jennifer Neill-Smith.

- Confirmed quorum, which in accordance with sub-section 6.07 (a) of the current UTAA By-Law, states that the presence of 100 members constitutes quorum for the transaction of business.

- Confirmed that notice of the UTAA AGM was communicated in accordance with UTAA By-Law, section 6.05. The meeting was advertised in the Spring issue of the University of Toronto Magazine, on the alumni website, and in News@UofT, which is sent electronically to more than 300,000 alumni. An email invitation was sent to all alumni
for whom University Advancement has email addresses, and the AGM was promoted via the Alumni Relations social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Scott MacKendrick informed members that the minutes for the meeting held on June 2, 2018, were posted on the alumni website in advance of today’s meeting. He proposed that these minutes be taken as read and asked for a motion to approve them. Moved by Ray Shugar, Doctor of Dental Surgery 1968)/ Seconded by Linda Hazelden (BA 1980 ). Carried.

4. Reports, Elections and Appointments

Nominating Committee Report

Scott MacKendrick called on Tye Farrow, Chair, UTAA Nominating Committee, to present the Proposed Slate of Directors.

Tye Farrow stated that according to section 4.06 of the UTAA By-Law, the duty of the Nominating Committee is to recommend a slate of individuals it proposes as candidates for election as directors, to be voted upon at the annual general meeting of the members. In accordance with section 4.06, the proposed slate of directors was provided to the UTAA Secretary fourteen days prior to today’s AGM. It was also posted on the alumni website along with other AGM materials. Tye Farrow presented the proposed slate of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors as follows, and invited members to stand as their name was called.

The following members will continue for a second year of a two-year term or are eligible to continue in an officer position and are not required to be elected:

- Corwin Cambray School of Graduate Studies (MScPl 1999)
- Sana Halwani Law (JD 2004)
- Melinda Jacobs Trinity College (BA 2012)
- Pedram Kaya University College (BCom 2006)
- Lesley Reidstra New College (BA 1995)

The following members are proposed for election for a two-year term:

- Gordon Beal University of Toronto Scarborough (HBA 1985)
- Tye Farrow Architecture (BArch 1987)
- Candice Jay University of Toronto Mississauga (HBA 207)
- Jemy Joseph University of Toronto Scarborough (HBSC 2008), Institute of Medical Science (MSC 2012), Medicine (PGMT 2017)
- Jeff Luciano Rotman School of Management (MBA 2006)
- Scott MacKendrick Engineering (BASc 1982)
- Rachel Megitt Rotman School of Management (MBA 2010)
- Lennox Phillips University of Toronto Mississauga (HBA 2001)
Tye Farrow reminded members that as per section 7.01 of the UTAA By-Law, the Officers of the Association are elected or appointed by the Board of Directors. He asked for a motion to approve the individuals nominated for re-election as directors, for a two-year term, as per the presented slate for 2019-2020. Moved by Michael Hachey (BA 1999)/ Seconded by Elizabeth Ridler (BEd 1976). Carried.

At the conclusion of his report, Tye Farrow thanked the alumni members of the 2019 Nominating Committee – Peng Fu, Anna Kennedy, Colin Swift and Andrew Szende.

**Treasurer’s Report / Appointment of Auditors**

Scott MacKendrick called on Dario Di Censo, UTAA Treasurer and Director, to present the audited financial statements and address the appointment of auditors.

Dario Di Censo confirmed that the UTAA’s finances for the fiscal year ended on April 30, 2019 were reviewed and audited by Grant Thornton LLP, who issued their report dated May 13, 2019. Grant Thornton LLP indicated, without reservation, that the financial statements present fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of the University of Toronto Alumni Association, and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. These financial statements were posted on the UTAA website as part of today’s meeting package.

The UTAA ended the year with a net income of $61K compared to a net loss of $30K loss the prior year.

The change in the fair value of investments as at April 30, 2019, reflects an unrealized capital gain of $12K after a net unrealized capital loss of $22K at the end of the prior year.

The Association awarded $28k in prizes and scholarships in the current year, including a $10k national scholarship.

With a cumulative Operating Fund Surplus of $866k and portfolio investments of $982k against current liabilities of $25k, the Association is financially viable and has sustainable capital to chart future capacity-building. FYI: portfolio investments is recorded at market value and is 4% higher than last year, and the cumulative Operating Fund Surplus is 53K higher than the balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Dario Di Censo requested a motion to approve the UTAA audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended on April 30, 2019, as presented. Moved by Carol Shetler (BA 1981)/ Seconded by Kevin Wilson (PHD 2008). Carried.

Dario Di Censo asked for a motion to reappoint Grant Thornton LLP as auditors for the UTAA for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration. Moved by Michael Scott (BA 2012, MA 2103)/ Seconded by Jeanne Halet-Syms (BSc Nursing 1961, BA 1978). Carried.
6. UTAA President’s Report

Next, Scott MacKendrick summarized highlights from the President’s Report, advising members that the entirety of the report has been posted on the alumni website. He started by thanking the 2018-2019 UTAA Board of Directors for their commitment and support of the Association’s activities over the past year. In particular, he acknowledged the contributions of the three retiring UTAA Directors Dario Di Censo, Susan Gillmeister and Geeta Yadav.

Scott MacKendrick announced the recipient of the Rose Wolfe Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Engagement as Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella (BA 1967, Bachelor of Laws 1970 and Hon Doctor of Laws 1990). Noted for her work and impact on human rights, Justice Abella will be honoured at an award ceremony later in the fall 2019.

Scott MacKendrick updated guests on the Landmark Project, which will restore and amplify the natural beauty of U of T’s downtown campus. Scott MacKendrick highlighted the UTAA’s commitment to the Project as demonstrated by the Association’s $2 million lead donation in partnership with the University.

At the close of his report, Scott MacKendrick introduced Chancellor Rose Patten, the 34th Chancellor of the University. He noted that Dr Patten is a distinguished former Chair of the University’s Governing Council and, more recently, that she served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Hospital for Sick Children. In 2009, the University awarded her the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, for her leadership as a role model for women executives in Canadian banking and for her community volunteerism and service to U of T. Among many other accolades over the years, Dr Patten was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada, in 2017. At U of T, currently she is Executive in Residence and Adjunct Professor in executive leadership programs at the Rotman School of Management. She is an authority on the study and practice of leadership, and has extensive national and international experience in the fields of senior leadership development, strategy execution, and governance.

7. Chancellor Patten - Remarks

Scott MacKendrick invited Chancellor Rose Patten onto the stage to provide remarks.

Chancellor Patten thanked Scott MacKendrick and the UTAA for its lead gift to the Landmark Project and encouraged alumni to join the UTAA in supporting this pivotal campaign. Dr. Patten highlighted and appreciated the role on alumni over the past year, including the remarkable closing of the Boundless Campaign.

Chancellor Patten acknowledged her late predecessor, the Honourable Michael Wilson, who served with distinction in this role. In addition, Dr. Patten congratulated Dr. Glen Sharpe for receiving the Carl Mitchell Award for Community Engagement, as well as thanked the alumni present for their continued engagement with the University in volunteer capacities. She
appreciated the efforts of U of T’s 600,000 graduates around the world for building an inspiring legacy for our students today.

Chancellor Patten closed by thanking Scott MacKendrick for his leadership of the UTAA during his Presidency and thanked the UTAA Board for their time and commitment over the past year.

8. Meeting Conclusion

Upon completion of the business portion of the meeting, Scott MacKendrick thanked guests for attending, and asked for a motion to terminate the meeting. Moved by Mary Stepaniak (BA 1983)/Seconded by Mary Galimberti (BA 1981). Carried. It was resolved that the meeting be concluded.