

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, June 2, 2018, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Convocation Hall, 31 King's College Circle**

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## **Welcome**

Scott MacKendrick, University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) President, welcomed attendees to the 119<sup>th</sup> UTAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Alumni Celebration.

## **Address by U of T President**

Scott MacKendrick invited President Meric Gertler, the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 reviewed U of T's high national and global ranking among higher education institutions. He also highlighted the achievements of U of T alumni around the world with key statistics from the recent Alumni Impact Survey.

President Gertler highlighted some key achievements over the past year including the first Pearson Scholars cohort, the opening of the Daniels Building at 1 Spadina Crescent, and the progress of the campaign for the Landmark Project. He thanked the U of T Alumni Association in particular for their lead gift to the Project.

President Gertler closed his address by thanking the 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 four years ago 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, for attending the Alumni Celebration.

Scott MacKendrick announced this year's recipient of the Carl Mitchell Award for Community Engagement as Mr. Peter Rekai (BA 1976 Trinity). Scott highlighted Peter's contributions and impact as the volunteer Chair of the Board of the Rekai Centres since 2004. The original Rekai

Centre was the first multicultural long-term care facility in Toronto; the expansion of the Centres has provided vulnerable city residents with accessible long-term care that is responsive to their needs.

A short video highlighting Peter's volunteer contributions was shown. Scott MacKendrick thanked Peter for his outstanding volunteer service to his community and announced the UTAA would be donating \$1,000 to the Rekai Charitable Foundation in Peter's honour.

Scott MacKendrick closed the award presentation by thanking Pedram Kaya and Jeff Luciano, co-Chairs of the Community Engagement Committee, for adjudicating the award, and welcomed Jeff Luciano, Margaret Shaw, and Peter Rekai onstage for a photo opportunity.

## **Business Meeting**

### **1. Call to order**

The Chair, Scott MacKendrick, called the business meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

Scott MacKendrick introduced Olga Klenova from University Advancement as the recording secretary of the meeting.

### **2. Meeting Procedure**

Scott MacKendrick reviewed the meeting procedure as follows:

- 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: Ruth Binns 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 meeting was communicated in accordance with the UTAA By-Law, Section 6.05: the UTAA Annual General 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 220,000 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 3, 2017, were posted on the alumni website in advance of today's meeting. Scott proposed that these minutes be taken as read, and he asked for a motion to approve them. Moved by Imants Hausmanis (Applied Science & Engineering 1968)/Seconded by Raymond Shugar (Dentistry 1968). 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 to each annual general meeting of the members a slate of those individuals it proposes as candidates for election as directors. 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 2018-2019 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:**

Dario Di Censo – University of Toronto Mississauga (BCom 1988)  
Tye Farrow – Architecture (BArch 1987)  
Susan Gillmeister – Victoria College (BA 1981)  
Jeffrey Luciano – Rotman School of Management (MBA 2006)  
Scott MacKendrick – Engineering (BASc 1982)  
Lennox Phillips – University of Toronto Mississauga (HBA 2001)  
Geeta Yadav – University College (BSc 2003)

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

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

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

slate for 2018-2019. Moved by Astra Burka (Architecture 1981)/Seconded by Anna Dohler (Woodsworth College 1997). Carried.

At the conclusion of his report, Tye Farrow thanked the alumni members of the 2018 Nominating Committee – Marian Hebb, Peng Fu, 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 financial statements for the fiscal year ended on April 30, 2018, were reviewed and audited by Grant Thornton LLP, who issued their report dated May 14, 2018. 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 loss of \$30K compared to a net income of \$99K the prior year.

The change in the fair value of investments as at April 30, 2018, reflects an unrealized capital loss of \$22K after a net unrealized capital gain of \$62K at the end of the prior year.

The Association awarded \$24k in prizes and scholarships in the current year (the same as last year), including a \$10k national scholarship.

With a cumulative Operating Fund Surplus of \$813k and portfolio investments of \$943k against current liabilities of \$42k, the Association is financially viable and has sustainable capital to chart future capacity-building.

Dario Di Censo requested a motion to approve the UTAA audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended on April 30, 2018, as presented. Moved by Kevin Wilson (Public Health 2009)/Seconded by Phoebe Cleverley (Victoria College 1950). Carried.

Dario Di Censo asked for a motion to reappoint Grant Thornton LLP as auditors for the UTAA for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration. Moved by Rebecca Law (Pharmacy 1981)/Seconded by Mary Hutchings (Social Work 1972). Carried.

## **6. UTAA President's Report**

Next, Scott MacKendrick delivered the President's Report, advising members that the entirety of the report has been posted on the alumni website. He started by thanking the 2017-2018

UTAA Board of Directors for their commitment and support of the Association's activities over the past year.

He also 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. He added that the U of T Students' Union has endorsed the Project as well, with a donation of \$250,000. To date, more than 13,000 individuals have supported the Landmark Project.

At the close of his report, Scott MacKendrick introduced Chancellor Michael Wilson. As the 33<sup>rd</sup> Chancellor of the University for the past 6 years, Chancellor Wilson has been an exemplary ambassador and "chief volunteer" for the University. He has presided over more than 120 convocations and has shaken hands with over 62,000 graduating students. His second and last term as Chancellor will conclude at the end of June 2018.

Scott MacKendrick thanked Chancellor Wilson for his outstanding service to his alma mater and to U of T alumni. He announced that the UTAA has donated to the Chancellor Wilson Learning Abroad Award, established in his honour.

## **7. Chancellor Wilson - Remarks**

Scott MacKendrick invited Chancellor Michael Wilson onto the stage to provide remarks.

Chancellor Wilson started by thanking Scott MacKendrick and the UTAA for its lead gift to the Landmark Project. He encouraged alumni to join the UTAA in supporting this pivotal campaign.

Chancellor Wilson also congratulated Dr. Rose Patten for being elected as the 34<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of the University of Toronto; she will begin her term on July 1, 2018. In addition, Michael Wilson congratulated Peter Rekai as a very deserving recipient of the Carl Mitchell Award for Community Engagement, as well as thanking the alumni present for their continued engagement with the University in volunteer capacities.

Chancellor Wilson closed by thanking Scott MacKendrick for his leadership of the UTAA and thanked the 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 John Webster (Physical & Health Education 1963)/Seconded by Doris Kalamut (Pharmacy 1978). Carried. It was resolved that the meeting be concluded.