



**UFV Alumni Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes**

September 27, 2017

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rm B121

33844 King Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7M8

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**Present:** Nik Venema, Chair; Nav Bains, Vice-Chair; Ali Siemens, Vice-Chair; Derek Froese, Associate Vice-Chair; Joe Johnson, Director-At-Large; Wayne Ortner, Director-At-Large; Tricia Taylor, Director-At-Large; Danielle Synotte, Director-At-Large; Ashley Hayes, Director-At-Large; Joel Feenstra, Director-At-Large; Melissa Kendzierski, Director-At-Large; Justin P. Goodrich, UFVAA Chairman Emeritus; Daniel Goertz, Acting Manager of Alumni Relations, Alicia Friesen, Coordinator of Alumni Relations (recording), Alan Blanes, Auriel Niven, Ishpreet Anand, Jason Soolaman, John Pankratz, Lynn Perrin, Michelle Ndizeye, , Marnie Venema, Patricia Magala, Tajinder Sandhu, Whitney Fordham

**Regrets:** Megan Capp, Director-At-Large; Mark Filiatrault, Director-At-Large; Bev Keswick, Director-At-Large; Carlos Vidal, Director-At-Large; Derek Ward-Hall, Director-At-Large

**Guests:** Sherri Magson, Deanna McIntyre, Tracy Ryder-Glass, Leslie Courchesne, Madeleine Hardin, Craig Toews, Punjab Sandhu, Rishab Dev

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm with Mr. Nik Venema as Chair.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda of the 2017 Annual General Meeting as presented.

**FROESE/TAYLOR**

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes of the 2016 AGM**

The Board Chair opened the floor for questions or amendments to the minutes. No questions or amendments were raised.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

**FROESE/TAYLOR**

**CARRIED**

**4. Auditor Waiver (Mr. Nik Venema)**

**Motion:** To waive the requirement to audit the 2017/2018 Financial Statements.

**GOODRICH/KENDZIERSKI**

**CARRIED**

**5. Financial Statements 2016/2017 (Ms. Ali Siemens)**

The Vice-Chair of the UFV Alumni Association presented the Financial Statements for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

**Motion:** To approve the 2016/2017 Financial Statements as presented.

**TAYLOR/VENEMA**

**CARRIED**

**6. Report from Alumni Relations office (Mr. Daniel Goertz)**

The Manager of AR presented the highlights of the work of the office over the last year:

- It was a busy year supporting the Alumni Association's strategic plan, and implementing new initiatives.
- Worked to grow our new affinity partnerships with TD and BMO Mastercard
- Managed a growing database of alumni, keeping them informed on the goings on of the association
- Served Alumni wine at several events, raising the profile of these initiatives
- Grew number of likes on Facebook to over 1050, up from 860 last year
- Organized numerous events, including the Alumni Open golf tournament, which continues to raise more money each year
- Ran the bar at Town and Gown, raising money that went directly into the endowment
- Worked with fantastic staff, including Maggi Lang, Caitlin Pascuzzo, and now Alicia Friesen, who has returned from Mat leave to work as Coordinator, Alumni Relations

**Motion:** To accept the report from the Alumni Relations office.

**FROESE/KENDZIERSKI**

**CARRIED**

**7. Annual Committee Reports (Mr. Nik Venema)**

Nik acknowledged all of the committee chairs and directors for all their hard work over the year. The Alumni Association created an annual committee report booklet where the Engagement Committee, the Governance Committee, the Chandigarh Chapter, the

Fundraiser Committee, the Awards & Rewards Committee, and the Mentorship Committee outlined the work they have done over the year. Please refer to the booklet for more information.

Nik presented the highlights of the work of the Fundraising Committee over the last several months. He also emphasized that the Alumni Association and the Chandigarh Chapter both have 100% board-giving. He strongly encourages others to participate in the 2017 Class Giving campaign.

**Motion:** To accept the annual committee reports as presented.

**SIEMENS/SYNOTTE  
CARRIED**

#### **8. Bylaw Changes & Constitution Change (Mr. Derek Froese)**

**POLICY:**

**Whereas** The BC Society Act has been updated in November 2016, and we need to modify our documents to be in compliance before November 2018

**BIFRT** Clauses 3 and 4 of the Constitution be deleted and added to the Bylaws. The Office will be permitted to determine the location and titling of their insertion.

**BIFRT** Clause 3 and 4 of the constitution, when they are added to the Bylaws, each have a sentence appended to the end that reads "This clause was previously unalterable"

**BIFRT** Clause 5 of the Constitution be deleted.

**Motion:** To approve the policy to bylaw changes as amended.

**BAINS/VENEMA  
CARRIED**

#### **9. Call for Nominations (Mr. Nik Venema, Mr. Derek Froese)**

The Governance Committee has put forward the following names for election to the office of Director-at-Large, for a two-year term:

**Auriel Niven  
Derek Ward-Hall**

**Motion:** to nominate the candidates listed above for the office of Director-at-Large for a two-year term. It is declared that they are elected by acclamation.

**Motion:** to nominate Mr. Navtej Bains for a 2 year term for the office of Chair and declare that he is elected by acclamation.

**Motion:** to nominate Ms. Ali Siemens for a 2 year term for the office of Vice-Chair and declare that she is elected by acclamation.

**Motion:** to nominate Ms. Melissa Kendzierski for the office of Associate Vice-Chair and declare that she is elected by acclamation.

**FROESE  
ACCLAIMED**

#### **10. New Business (Mr. Nav Bains)**

Lynn Perrin, UFV alum, proposed that the UFV Alumni Association should look into the possibility of divesting our endowments from any fossil fuel investments.

**Motion:** To look into the feasibility of divesting any Alumni Association endowments from investments including companies operating in the fossil fuel industry

**PERRIN/VENEMA  
CARRIED**

(2 opposed, 7 in favour, 14 abstained)

#### **11. Adjournment (Mr. Nav Bains)**

**Motion:** To adjourn the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the UFV Alumni Association at 7:44PM.

**FROESE/SIEMENS  
CARRIED**

Minutes approved:

Chair, \_\_\_\_\_



Date: September 26, 2018