



The Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 31, 2023



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May 31, 2023 5:30 PM -6:30 PM (CT)

Zoom

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** Jessica Carvell, Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- 2. Approval of Minutes, AGM 2022:** Jessica Carvell, Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- 3. Greetings from the University of Manitoba:** Tracy Bowman, Executive Director, Alumni Relations on behalf of Dr. Michael Benarroch, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Manitoba
- 4. Chair's Annual Report:** Jessica Carvell, Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- 5. Annual Financial Statements and Accountant's Report for Year Ending March 31, 2023:** Mark Colley, Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- 6. By-Laws Review:** Jessica Carvell, Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- 7. Election of the 2023/2025 Board of Directors:** Peter Wheatley, Nominating Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- 8. Student Scholarship Speaker:** Tia Feroce
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting**

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

101th Annual General Meeting, June 14, 2022

Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba

Minutes

The **101th Annual General Meeting** of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba was held on June 14, 2022 in person and via Zoom.

Members Present:

Seyi Adeniji
Susan Allardyce
Judy Anderson
Helen Arnott
Randy Baldwin
Judith Bartlett
Lea Baturin
Brian Bowman
Tracy Bowman
Duane Brothers
Jessica Carvell
Mark Colley
William Eamer
Allan Edie
Elaine Froese
Sharon Garcia
Lasha Glennie
Myrna Grahm
Gregg Hanson
Mary Hanson
Stella Hryniuk
Norman Howe
Miad Jarrahi
Crystal Jorgenson
Keith Kennedy
Denise Klassen
Pam Klein
Vanessa Koldingnes
Gunter Kraus
Evan Kuz
Susan Kuz
Paul Lacap
Robert Lacroix

Louis L'Arrivee
Karen Lee
David Lee
Mildred Lucky
Elbereth Luo
Sandra Mbah
Heidemar McIlwain
Carly McLellan
Mawo Mommoh
Dawn Nedohin-Macek
Carl Neumann
Victor Ng
Olva Odum
Obasesam Okoi
Eseosa Karen Omoregie
Al Phillips
Rick Pinchin
Bernie Plett
Danna Plett
Joyce Reshaur
Scott Roehl
Lindsay Shaddy
Al Shell
Amandeep Singh
David Sowemimo
Kim Stadfeld
Marlene Stern
Hawa Tengbeh
Haben Tesfu
Peter Wheatley
Winston Wuttunee
Serhii Zautkin

Attendees: Roslyn Dally, Lynn Ferguson, Dustin O'Donnell, Courtney Thompson, Geri Wuttunee

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Jessica Carvell, Vice- Chair, Alumni Association

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Jessica welcomed guests to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba and thanked them for attending online and in person. It is the 101 year anniversary of the Alumni Association. The Traditional Territories Acknowledgement was read.

Approval of Agenda, AGM 2022

Jessica Carvell, Vice- Chair, Alumni Association

Motion: *THAT the Alumni Association of UM adopt the Agenda as presented.*

Moved by: Marlene Stern

Seconded by: Duane Brothers **Carried**

2. Approval of Minutes, AGM 2021

Jessica Carvell, Vice-Chair, Alumni Association

Motion: *THAT the Alumni Association of UM approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 AGM as presented.*

Moved by: Norman Howe

Seconded by: Serhii Zautkin **Carried**

3. Greetings from the University of Manitoba

Vanessa Koldingnes, Interim Vice-President (External)

It is wonderful to be with UM alumni from around the world who are so important to this university and to the success and well-being of our province.

And this past convocation the first in-person convocation since 2019, we expanded our alumni family by graduating 2,835 students.

Like you, they all have remarkable stories. One student, Christie Lavallée, a Metis woman graduating from the Faculty of Science, is a legally blind cancer survivor who competes in archery competitions across the country and is about to pursue a master's degree in conservation biology. Another is Charles Hatfield, who originally graduated from UM in 1972 and then taught math at Shaftsbury High School for 25 years before deciding he wanted to honour his mother after her death by studying the very language she spoke to him his entire life—German. Now at 71, he graduates with a master's degree.

Passion and drive are hallmarks of UM's student and alumni communities. I want to thank you all for sharing this energy and love for learning by taking part in tonight's important meeting. I'd like to thank the Alumni Association board of directors and the Alumni Council for their work this year. In particular, I'd like to thank Peter Wheatley and Marlene Stern for their leadership with the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Alumni Council.

Our research enterprise, now valued at more than \$230M, is driving discovery and transforming lives through innovation. We are Manitoba's research university, and we serve and support this entire province in profound ways. Our greatest impacts as a university come when someone is willing to dream beyond the status quo.

Through innovative partnerships, they are making monumental advances in child and maternal health – and receiving awe-inspiring investments from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and our generous donor community.

I am also inspired by the work of our Centre for Earth Observation Science and the incredible life of Dr. David Barber. We lost this visionary on April 15, but his legacy lives on through our globally accomplished Arctic researchers, our academic programs, facilities and labs.

We are proud to lead internationally renowned academic and research programs in Arctic science, climate change and its impacts on life in the North. Programs that are transforming how we understand our planet and how we must respond to save it. In this field, we are chosen ahead of our peers again and again because we dare to think big.

Led by the Office of the Vice-President (Indigenous), UM has the big idea that we can become Indigenous students' and scholars' first choice for where they want to teach and learn.

We want our programs, expertise and campus community to reflect the diversity of this province, and we embrace our responsibility to ensure Manitoba has the highly qualified talent to prosper and grow.

We offer unique and meaningful learning and research opportunities, giving students the hands-on experience they need to thrive in the knowledge economy. We know that whatever form it takes, experiential learning supports student success in their studies and their careers.

Our newly created Office of Experiential Learning will serve as a centre of excellence for collaboration and innovation in experiential education.

The University of Manitoba supports the big idea that every student at our institution can engage in experiential learning before they graduate, helping prepare them to lead this province to new heights.

Across our campuses, there's so much more to celebrate.

And all of us endeavour to support one another in meaningful ways.

It's part of the reason why we recently raised the Progress Pride Flag on both of our campuses and will keep them up permanently.

Supporting each other is what we do.

Current events have not been kind to our students.

But you, our alumni, have been.

When classes went remote and students needed new technologies to stay atop their studies, our alumni stepped in and helped us launch the Technology Fund, which has since supported over 1,000 students in need.

When the war in Ukraine, environmental disasters and other extraordinary events hit, we saw demand for the UMSU Student Food Bank and Emergency Bursary Program jump.

But our alumni were there to help, bolstering these critical student resources allowing us to disburse over \$300,000 to students to date.

So, on behalf of the entire UM community, thank you.

As we move through the global pandemic, we must confront the challenges of our time. We have a unique opportunity to ask new questions, create new partnerships, and uncover innovative solutions.

Our impact is already immeasurable, but there is still so much more we can do together.

Thank you for being here. You are our best ambassadors, advocates, champions, thought-leaders and one of the finest examples of how a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of Manitoba helps better our world.

And speaking of remarkable alumni, I'm delighted to share on behalf of the Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Panel and its Chair, Chancellor Anne Mahon, the 2022 award recipients:

Lifetime Achievement – goes to Dr. Arnold Naimark for his lifelong commitment to promoting health care research funding and education in this province and at the University as former Dean of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, distinguished service as former UM President and Vice-Chancellor, and significant volunteer service with numerous organizations.

Professional Achievement – goes to Charlie Spiring for his unparalleled business accomplishments, changing the face of Winnipeg’s investment community, as founding Chairman and CEO of Wellington West Holding Inc. and current Founder and Chairman of Wellington-Altus Private Wealth Inc.

Academic Innovation – goes to Dr. Peter McPherson for his world-renowned research in the field of membrane trafficking, the process by which molecules enter or exit a cell and are distributed within it, at McGill University and at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Community Service – goes to Pam Klein for her lifelong volunteer commitment serving as founder, chair or member of 30+ organizations and events, including as Chancellor of the University of Regina, Saskatchewan Roughriders Foundation, and the “Power of Pink,” a bi-annual event that raise funds and awareness for breast cancer.

Outstanding Young Alumni – goes to Dr. Carly McLellan for her incredible leadership in both Indigenous health and rural medicine, volunteer service for the Winnipeg Inter-Professional Student-run Health Clinic at Mount Carmel Clinic, and as a contributor to the Indigenous Health course review in the University of Manitoba medical school curriculum.

Please save Thursday, September 22nd when we will be celebrating these five very inspiring alumni at the UM Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence gala. Tickets will be going on sale soon so stay tuned.

Thank you again for being here and supporting your Alumni Association and alma mater.

4. Chair’s Annual Report

Jessica Carvell, Vice-Chair, Alumni Association

I will be brief in my remarks as Vice-Chair on behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors as there are more details of the programs, events and opportunities offered by the Alumni Association and the UM Alumni Relations unit outlined in your meeting package.

First, I wanted to acknowledge former Vice-President External, John Kearsey, for his leadership, guidance and support of the board and council over the past number of years. We were delighted to sponsor his farewell event in December 2021 and confer him with an Honourary Life Membership in the UM Alumni Association because of his exceptional service.

We welcomed Vanessa Koldingnes to the role of Interim Vice-President (External) in December and sincerely thank her and her team in External Relations for all they have done to support the Alumni Association, Alumni Council and the 183,000 alumni living in 140 countries around the world through programming and storytelling.

We have accomplished so much together over this past year including continuing to support, advance and improve:

- unique virtual engagement opportunities for our alumni such as the UM Alumni Book Club, Virtual Learning for Life program, UM Café online career mentoring platform, trivia nights, and UM Career Lab – a program designed for new grads that includes virtual career planning, mentorship, and financial literacy programming
- the Distinguished Alumni Awards program that included a series of virtual events over the month of February where we presented the impactful stories of the recipients by award category week to week. The 2021 DAA recipients are included in the AGM booklet and the videos are still online if you go to the umanitoba.ca/alumni/distinguishedalumni webpage. I highly recommend you watch all the videos and can guarantee you will be inspired!
- the UM's affinity programs
- Board of Governors alumni representative election just wrapped up and I want to congratulate Irene Fakankun on her election and thank her for donating her time and skills to represent the alumni community on the Board of Governors
- and an incredible Homecoming 2021, that was largely hosted virtually but also included the return to the annual Homecoming Bisons football where we offered free tickets and food for alumni and their families. Thanks to all alumni around the world who participated and our faculty-partners for hosting fantastic virtual events.
- In addition to all the programming for alumni, I wanted to mention the work we are doing for students. The Alumni Association's three scholarships, we are proud to support undergraduate and graduate students as they pursue their education. All scholarships are currently open so please encourage the students in your life to apply.

We're excited to continue our relationship with the University and with President Benarroch to further the UM brand, alumni's connection to their alma mater, advance alumni ambassadorship, and advocacy, and continue to strengthen what it means to have a degree from University of Manitoba.

The most important priority for our board over this last year was continuing to build the momentum of the Alumni Council. We are delighted to have welcomed Marlene Stern, the inaugural Chair of the Alumni Council, as a member of our board in the fall 2020. We have hosted four Alumni Council meetings so far – February 2021, June 2021, November 2021, March 2022, with our next meeting planned for October 2022. We have 35 members on the Council so far representing faculties, colleges, and units across campus, and we are continuing to build the Council to ensure all faculties and colleges are represented, and that it is representative of all alumni voices. The Council is a great opportunity for Alumni to have a strong voice and create significant impact for the University, and for our alumni leaders serving on the Council to learn more about the University and its various units.

Priorities for the upcoming year, one of the key takeaways and priorities from our most recent Alumni Council meeting was a need for alumni to become more engaged in supporting Bison athletes. The Alumni Association together with the university have considered ways to make it easier, less costly and more engaging for alumni to attend Bison sports events and we will be making very exciting announcements of that in the near future and I hope to see you at Bison sports this coming year. We will be focusing on our Homecoming 2022 from Sept. 21 – 24 and once again the Alumni Association will be sponsoring tickets for alumni to attend the football and soccer games. The Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence gala will be held on Sept. 22nd, and events hosted by President Benarroch in our largest alumni centres across Canada, including Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Brandon and Winnipeg.

We also look forward to signing a new agreement with the University in the very new future, as much of the agreement no longer reflects the current partnership between the University and Alumni Association. We will certainly share with alumni once the new agreement is in place.

You can also expect to receive a print copy of *UM Today the Magazine* in your mailbox over the summer that will be filled with impactful stories about UM community members and the University's impact around the world and here in Manitoba.

You can read more about the many achievements over the last year in the State of the Alumni Association report included in the AGM package.

I'd like to thank my fellow Directors for their commitment to the University and Alumni over the past year:

- Peter Wheatley – Chair
- Mark Colley – Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee
- Evan Kuz – Chair, Nominating Committee
- Lasha Glennie – Chair, Student Awards Committee
- Efrem Teklemariam
- Marlene Stern, Chair, Alumni Council
- Vanessa Koldingnes, Interim Vice-President (External)

And thank you to the UM's Alumni Relations team, led by Executive Director, Tracy Bowman, for their continued support of not only our Board and Council, but of all Alumni.

5. Annual Financial Statements and Accountant's report for year ending March 31, 2022

Jessica Carvell, Vice-Chair, Alumni Association of behalf of Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, Mark Colley

- As you see on this slide, the net income for the year ending March 31, 2022 is \$6,735.50. The Alumni Association continued to sponsor the UM Alumni Association

Book Club. The Alumni Association's other expenses, including its insurance, are covered by the University of Manitoba.

- On the balance sheet slide, you'll see the bank balance is \$31,059.98.
- Thank you, Sabu Mathew, Budget Officer for External Relations for compiling the alumni association's financial statements.
- Copies of these statements are available in your AGM proceedings.
- There was a question in regard to the net income and Jessica explained the expenses incurred were for the Bookclub sponsorship and bank charges.

Motion: *THAT the Alumni Association of UM approve the financial statements ending March 31, 2021 as presented.*

Moved by: Allan Edie

Seconded by: Mildred Lucky **Carried**

6. By- Laws Review

Jessica Carvell, Vice-Chair, Alumni Association

Unlike in previous years, the board of directors is not proposing any bylaw changes, nor did any of the members of the Alumni Association present any proposed bylaw changes to the board in advance of this meeting, so there is no bylaw review at this year's AGM.

The most recent Alumni Association bylaws dated as of June 2021 are included in your AGM packages.

7. Election of the 2021/2023 Board of Directors

Evan Kuz, Chair Nominating Committee, Alumni Association

- As outlined in the Alumni Associations bylaws, the Board of Directors includes 5 to 7 elected directors. At the current time, we have 6 elected directors. Both Marlene Stern as Chair of the Alumni Council and Vanessa Koldingnes as the President's representative on the board are ex-officio, non-elected, voting members of the board.
- To clarify, all the currently elected members of the Board of Directors are beginning their second year of their second terms. All six were re-elected at last year's AGM.
- The Nominating Committee is putting forward the name of one alum to serve in the seventh elected director position on the Board of Directors for a two-year term, Dr. Victor Ng. His bio is included in our board package and an abridged version is on the screen.
- Also outlined in the Association's bylaws, we are unable to take any nominations from the floor at an Annual General Meeting. I encourage all alumni if you are interested in joining the board in subsequent years to contact the UM Alumni Relations team, as every other year we have an election for some of the director positions.

Motion: *THAT the Alumni Association of UM approve the slate of directors as presented.*

Moved by: Marlene Stern

Seconded by: Allan Edie **Carried**

8. Keynote address:

Mayor of Winnipeg and former Alumni Association Chair, Brian Bowman [BA(Adv)/96]

Brian spoke about lifelong commitment the University of Manitoba and the role it plays in our community.

9. New Business and Q&A

No new business

10. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

University of Manitoba Alumni Association

State of the Alumni Association 2022/23

During the 2022-23 fiscal year, the University of Manitoba Alumni Association and the UM Alumni Relations unit gradually returned to an in-person operation, resuming in-person activities while continuing to offer virtual opportunities and introducing hybrid models to engage the UM community, including over 186,000 alumni living in 140 countries.

- 186,318 contactable alumni living in 140 countries
 - Total alumni: 253,954
 - Alive alumni: 215,373
- 93% in Canada
 - 70% in Manitoba
 - 54% in Winnipeg
- With large populations in:
 - Calgary, Toronto & Vancouver
 - USA, Hong Kong



UM Alumni Relations



VISION: To inspire a proud, engaged and mobilized alumni community who are the University's greatest ambassadors and advocates, feel a strong sense of belonging and connection to the University that is mutually beneficial and a source of lifelong enrichment, and advances the reputation, vision and mission of the University.



MISSION: To engage the University of Manitoba in the lives of its alumni beginning with their student experience through integrated programming and communications that inspires lifelong learning, pride, personal development, mentorship and alumni contribution to build bigger futures for students and the community.

Affinity, Campus and Alumni Relations Partners

Proceeds from the UM affinity partner program continue to support alumni engagement programs and activities. Affinity partner organizations include BMO Financial Group, iA Financial Group, TD Insurance, The Personal Insurance, Artona and Tempo Framing Systems. We are grateful for their unwavering commitment to financially support alumni engagement opportunities and their readiness to sponsor new and legacy initiatives, including the Learning for Life Program (iA Financial Group), the financial literacy and career development webinars (TD Insurance), and student tuition draws (BMO Financial Group).



In September 2022, the UM Alumni Association announced a new partnership with the UM Bisons Sports including being game day sponsor for the annual Homecoming football and women's soccer games and the 2022 – 2023 season home game sponsor offering all UM alumni up to four free tickets to any home game. Over 7,200 tickets were claimed using promo code UMALUMNI22.

Sport	Alumni Tickets
Women's soccer	637
Men's and women's basketball, regular season	601
Men's and women's basketball, playoffs	834
Men's and women's volleyball	1,087
Men's hockey	348
Women's hockey	205
Football	3,508
Total	7,220

UM Alumni Merchandise



The Alumni Relations unit partnered with Ogo Okwumabua [BComm/01], co-owner of the Winnipeg-based, premium athletic apparel brand Zueike, to produce a limited-edition [UM Legacy Clothing Collection](#). The collection features UM, Bisons and alumni branded apparel available for purchase online and onsite at the Homecoming Football game and targeted Bisons games throughout the season. New limited-edition merchandise will be introduced each September and featured at Homecoming Football games.

UM Career Fair

In partnership with Career Services, UM Alumni Relations hosted the Alumni Headshot Lounge at UM's annual Career Fair on January 17-18, 2023 at Fort Garry Campus where 158 students and alumni received professional makeup artist services before having a free professional headshot

photo taken. Over 200 exhibitors and employers connected with more than 3,800 students and alumni over the two-day fair.

Student Tuition Draws

Thanks to the generous support of UM affinity partner, BMO, two \$1000 student tuition draws were held this year. Students who attended the Homecoming Football game and students who participated in UM Career month activities and the annual Career Fair, were eligible to enter the draw.



"I am so grateful for BMO and UM Alumni Association for this generous support! Thank you!"
Tegan Turner, 4th year medical student

Communications:



The spring 2022 edition of UM Today The Magazine introduced new alumni stories to the [alumni website](#) every three weeks, followed by the print edition being delivered to alumni via Canada Post in July 2022.



The bi-monthly alumni eNews strategically transitioned from a storytelling newsletter to a more focused alumni digest entitled ***Have you Herd?***, a play on words referencing UM's representation as "bisons". The first issue of *Have you Herd?* deployed in February 2022, which features opportunities and benefits in which alumni can participate.



The [What's the big idea?](#) podcast launched in September 2022 featuring President and Vice-Chancellor, Michael Benarroch, in conversation with some of today's big thinkers. Together, they unpack "the big idea" their work explores. The series features an exciting and diverse array of voices from the UM community contributing to the cultural, social and economic well-being of the people of Manitoba, Canada and the world.

Alumni were invited to [subscribe to the series](#) with a new episode each month, including:

Episode 01: Cosmology and Beyond with Dr. James Peebles [BSc(Hons)/58, DSc/89], Nobel Laureate and the Albert Einstein Professor Emeritus at Princeton

Episode 2: Anti-Racism in Medical Education with Dr. Marcia Anderson [MD/02], Vice-Dean of Indigenous health, social justice and anti-racism at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, and Doctors Manitoba 2022 “Physician of the Year”

Episode 03: Cultivating Deep Inclusion with Queer Education Researcher Dr. Robert Mizzi, Canada Research Chair in Queer, Community, and Diversity Education and associate professor in the Faculty of Education

Episode 04: Creating a Home for Survivors’ Stories with NCTR director Stephanie Scott, Executive Director of the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation

Episode 05: How Canada Can Become a Global Public Health Leader with Dr. James Blanchard [BSc(Med)/86, MD/86], Executive Director of the Institute for Global Public Health

Episode 06: Understanding Indigenous Self-Determination and Water Rights with Dr. Nicole Wilson, Indigenous peoples' water rights researcher

Episode 07: Why Guaranteed Income is Affordable, Effective and Just with Economist Evelyn Forget, Economist and Academic Director of Manitoba Research Data Centre

What’s the big idea? UM Community Events

Dr. James Peebles lecture: Dark Matter and the Expanding Universe

In July 2022, alumni were invited to attend a complimentary special lecture by UM alum, Dr. James Peebles [BSc(Hons)/58, DSc/89] entitled ***Dark Matter and the Expanding Universe***. Currently the Albert Einstein Professor Emeritus at Princeton University, Dr. Peebles has received countless awards for his brilliant work, including the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2019. The lecture attracted 389 members from the UM community.

UM President and Vice-Chancellor Visits

In fall 2022, President Michael Benarroch visited several cities over six weeks to connect with alumni and discuss big ideas with various UM leading researchers. More than 1,000 alumni registered to attend in the following centres:

- Vancouver (Oct 24) - Dr. Nicole Wilson
- Calgary (Oct 25) - Dr. Royce Koop [ExtEd/18]
- Toronto (Nov 1) and Ottawa (Nov 2) - Dr. James Blanchard [MD/86, BSc(Med)/86]
- Brandon (Nov 8) - Dr. James House

- Winnipeg (Nov 9) - Stephanie Scott, Executive Director of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

On November 17, 2022 President Benarroch hosted an alumni and friends reception in New York featuring performances by Gregory Lewis [BMus(Perf)/17], Desautels Faculty of Music alum and violinist accompanied by Carter Johnson, Canadian pianist and Juilliard School graduate. On February 24, 2023 President Benarroch hosted an alumni and friends reception in Palm Desert, California.

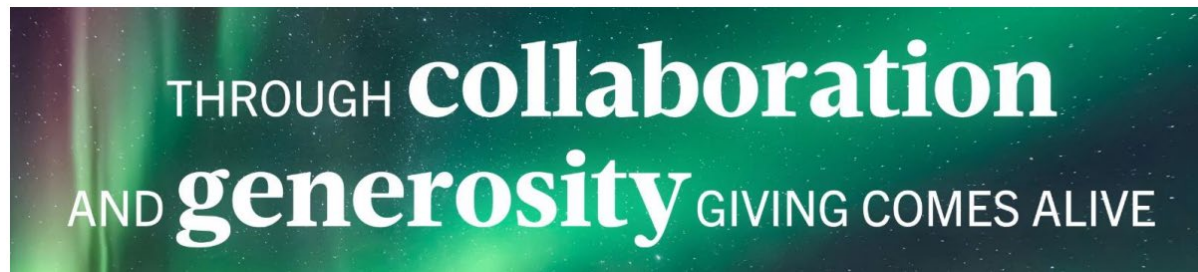


On February 27th, alumni gathered at SMARTPark Innovation Hub to have their say and help shape how UM develops the next strategic plan. Together they shared views of the value of UM and how it can make a difference in our city, province, and the world.



The University Manitoba was recognized with a Bronze Prix d'Excellence award at the Canadian for Council for the Advancement of Education CCAÉ in the Best Alumni Initiative for the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence event.

Alumni generosity



4,202 alumni donors from 11 countries

Thousands of alumni donors from around the world have been inspired to spark change through gifts to UM in 2022/23.



542
First-time donors



\$11.96 Million
Total raised in 2022/23



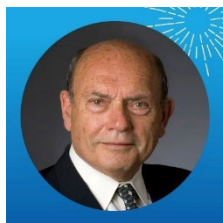
\$1.3 Million
Given by alumni
faculty, staff and
retirees



\$1,332 216.42
Current value of
Alumni Association
Endowment Fund

UM Distinguished Alumni Awards Program

In 2022, five alumni were awarded Distinguished Alumni Awards including in a new category in Academic Innovation that recognizes graduates who have achieved excellence in their academic teaching and research career. The Celebration of Excellence gala returned to an in-person format and the timing of the event transitioned from spring to the fall during Homecoming celebrations. The recipients included:



Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Arnold Naimark [BSc(Med)/57, MD/57, MSc/60]

For his lifelong commitment to promoting health care research funding and education in Manitoba and at the University as former Dean of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, distinguished service as former UM president and vice-chancellor, and significant volunteer service with numerous local and national

organizations.



Professional Achievement

Charlie Spiring [BComm(Hons)/80]

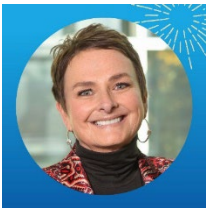
For his unparalleled business accomplishments, changing the face of Winnipeg's investment community, as Founder of Wellington West Holding Inc. and current Founder and Chairman of Wellington-Altus Financial Inc.



Academic Innovation

Dr. Peter McPherson [BSc(Hons)/86, MSc/88]

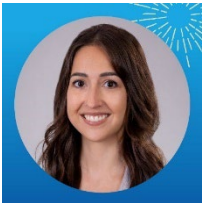
For his world-renowned research in the field of membrane trafficking, the process by which molecules enter or exit a cell and are distributed within it, at McGill University and at the Montreal Neurological Institute.



Community Service

Pam Klein [MEd/83]

For her lifelong volunteer commitment serving as founder, chair or member of over 30 organizations and events, including as chancellor of the University of Regina, Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation, and the "Power of Pink," a bi-annual event that raises funds and awareness for breast cancer.



Outstanding Young Alumni

Dr. Carly McLellan [BA/16, MD/20]

For her incredible leadership in both Indigenous health and rural medicine, volunteer service for the Winnipeg Inter-Professional Student-run Health Clinic at Mount Carmel Clinic, and as a contributor to the Indigenous Health course review in the University of Manitoba medical school curriculum.

Nominations for the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Awards were open from December 1, 2022 to January 30, 2023. The 2023 recipients who will be honoured at the September 21, 2023 gala include:



Lifetime Achievement: Moses (Moe) B. Levy [BComm (Hons)/73, MBA/74]

– A visionary in entrepreneurship education and a force in advancing human rights, Levy has helped develop innovative initiatives in education and culture throughout Israel and in Winnipeg, including in his prominent role during the creation of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.



Professional Achievement: 5468796 Architecture Inc. Leadership Team

– The principals of 5468796 Architecture Inc. - Johanna Hurme [BEnvD/99, MArch/02], Sasa Radulovic [BEnvD/99, MArch/03] and Colin Neufeld [BEnvD/00, MArch/03] - garner acclaim not only for their paradigm-shifting projects and sustainable designs, but for their bold ideas supporting urban engagement.



Academic Innovation: Tracie Afifi [BSc/99, MSc/03, PhD/09] – Named one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada, she is a UM community health sciences professor creating an innovative research program with global impact aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect, fostering resilience, and improving mental health.



Community Service: Howard Morry [BComm(Hons)/81, LLBJD/84] – He's among Canada's most respected legal advisors, community builders and philanthropists. Morry's decades of advocacy includes helping to establish the Arab-Jewish Dialogue, encouraging positive relations and respect.



Outstanding Young Alumni: Mihskakwan James Harper [BSc(ME)/17] – An emerging leader in clean energy, this engineering grad from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation on Treaty 8 territory has brought his voice to the United Nations and his mentorship to Indigenous youth nationwide.

Join us for an inspiring and memorable evening at the 2023 University of Manitoba Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence presented by TD Insurance.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 | 6:00 PM

University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus
UMSU University Centre – Manitoba Room
65 Chancellors Circle

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY:

umanitoba.ca/distinguished-alumni

Tickets are \$150 each and tables of 10 are \$1,500

Homecoming 2022: September 21 – 24



UM campuses were a hub of activity for Homecoming 2022 when hundreds of alumni took part in 28 in-person, 3 virtual and 1 hybrid events as part of this special celebration.

In addition to the long-standing traditional events like Indigenous Homecoming, Desautels Faculty of Music Concert and Bisons football game, 2022 highlights included: the inaugural Tony T.K. Lau lecture on

Contemporary China hosted by the Faculty of Arts; a sequence of family-friends events hosted by the Faculties of Engineering and Science; and the first episode of President Michael Benarroch's podcast series ***What's the Big Idea?***, featuring Nobel Laureate James Peebles [BSc(Hons)/58, DSc/89].

Reunions

Alumni reunions are a wonderful way to reconnect with former classmates and friends from the UM community to share experiences and create new memories. In 2022, the Alumni Relations unit supported 28 reunion groups from 11 faculties, Bison sports teams and student groups this year.

Convocation Celebrations



2020-21 Convocation

The UM community came together at the RBC Convention Centre on March 11, 2023, to celebrate the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 with in-person convocation ceremonies including the opportunity to don their convocation regalia, hear their name called, cross the stage, and celebrate with friends and family at a post-ceremony reception. 11,915 students graduated in 2020 and 2021.

2022 Convocations

UM students graduating in 2022 spring (2,954) and fall (1,426 grads), crossed the Convocation stage as family and friends cheered them on at in-person celebrations, with live streams (over 18,500 views) for each of the ceremonies online, followed by a post-ceremony reception. All post-convocation celebrations are now being hosted by the UM Alumni Association .

Alumni Programming



In partnership with Career Services, Alumni Relations offers students, alumni, industry partners, faculty and staff the opportunity to network via UM Café on Ten Thousand Coffees, a Canadian-based online career mentoring platform sponsored by RBC Future Launch.

UM Café enables alumni and students to connect online (or in person) to share career journey advice and guidance. The program also offers members the opportunity to participate in "Office Hours" webinars, featuring career advice and casual conversations with potential employers and leaders from various industries. To date, 54 Office Hours have been delivered across the Ten Thousand Coffees platform, with 298 unique UM Café members in attendance.

There are currently 2,255 members, including 903 alumni, 1,294 students and 54 industry partners, recruiters, faculty and staff.



Thanks to the generous support of UM affinity partner, iA Financial, Learning for Life offered a climate-related series in spring 2022, featuring research experts exclusively from Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, including Dean Stephan Pflugmacher Lima. The series attracted 262

participants.

With the return to in-person events in the fall of 2022, the first hybrid Learning for Life series offered the UM community the option to attend lectures in-person or participate virtually. Over 127 participants heard from UM experts on topics related to Health as a Human Right in person and in real time. Following the lectures, recordings of the series were uploaded to the [UM Learning for Life YouTube playlist](#) accumulating nearly 3,000 views, so far. As of March 31, 2023, recordings of the all Learning for Life virtual programs have accumulated **27,336 views** on YouTube. Many thanks to the UM experts who enthusiastically share their research with the UM community in support of this program.



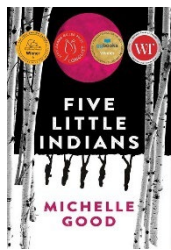
Since launching the UM Career Lab in November 2021, a virtual career and life skills program exclusively for recent grads, 1,561 students and recent grads (under the age of 35) have either participated live or watched workshop recordings on the [UM Career Lab playlist](#):

Event Date	Webinar	Registrations	YouTube Views 31-Mar-23
22-Sep-21	How to stand out in a job search	177	524
02-Nov-21	Outside the Box Job Search Strategies	53	321
09-Nov-21	TD Planning Your Children's Future	41	NA
16-Nov-21	TD Intro to Money Management	108	NA
30-Nov-21	Creating Online Portfolios	121	250
15-Feb-22	TD Building Wealth	25	44
28-Feb-22	What's New on LinkedIn This Year	191	266
05-Apr-22	TD First Time Home Buyers	75	14
21-Sep-22	LinkedIn for Profile Building (Homecoming)	177	NA
	Total	791	1419

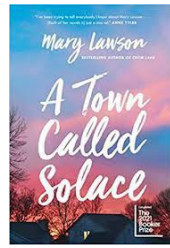


Over the 2022-23 fiscal year, UM Alumni & Friends Book Club members enjoyed reading and discussing six books in the online platform. Two award-winning UM alumni authors were featured in

the reading periods this year, including, Miriam Toews [BA/89] and Kelly Bowen [BWc/97, MSc/00].



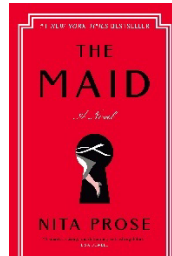
March 2022



May 2022



August 2022



October 2022



January 2023



March 2023

The UM Alumni & Friends Book Club was a great way to stay connected during a time when we were not able to gather in person. As we emerge from the pandemic, the Alumni Association is moving towards connecting with alumni in new ways, which means the UM Alumni & Friends book club will come to an end at the completion of Spring 2023 reading period (May 12). Many thanks to book club ambassador Chancellor Anne Mahon, the PBC Guru moderating team of Kendra Dixon and Pierce Brown, and the alumni and friends who participated over the last three years.

Board of Governors (BOG) Alumni Representative Election

Nominations were accepted February 9 to March 13, 2023, followed by the election from April 12 to May 12, 2023. Dr. Brenna Shearer [BMR(OT)/86] was elected to a three-year term beginning June 1, 2023. We thank Nora Murdock [BA/78, CertEd/78, MEd/05, PhD/16] for representing fellow alumni throughout her three years on the board. Irene Fakankun [PhD/21] and Duane Brothers [BA/82, BEd/84, PhD/17] currently serve as the other two alumni representatives on the Board of Governors.

Alumni Association Scholarships

The UM Alumni Association supports undergraduate and graduate students as they pursue their educational goals at the University of Manitoba. Increased promotion of the Alumni Association Scholarship program aimed at potential students, UM alumni parents, high school teachers and guidance counsellors resulted in an increase in applications submissions since 2020:

- 48 applications for the Community Leadership Scholarship (6 received in 2019/2020)
- 15 applications for the Entrance Scholarship (1 received in 2019/2020)

Many thanks to the Alumni Association Board of Directors Scholarship Committee for awarding 8 Community Leadership awards and 5 Entrance awards. The Alumni Association Graduate Fellowship, managed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, awarded 3 renewable awards in 2021/22. Applications for the [2023 Alumni Association Scholarship program](#) close on August 1, 2023.

Alumni Association Board of Directors:

Thank you to the following Board of Directors and Alumni Council members for being exceptional UM ambassadors:

Chair

Jessica Carvell [JD/15]

Past Chair, Chair Nominating Committee

Peter Wheatley [BSc(ME)/07, ExtEd/10, MBA/15]

Treasurer & Finance Chair

Mark Colley [BComm(Hons)/04]

Student Awards Committee Chair

Lasha Glennie [BA/2008, ExtEd/16]

Members at large

Evan Kuz [BFA(Hons)/90]

Victor NG [MD/09]

Efrem Teklemariam [MEng/99]

Ex-Officio:

Marlene Stern [DipOT/77, BOT/83], Chair, Alumni Council, ex-officio

Vanessa Koldingnes [MBA/14], Vice-President (External) – the UM President's designate

Alumni Council

The Alumni Council, chaired by Marlene Stern [DipOT/77, BOT/83], is comprised of members representing alumni in faculties and colleges who provide strategic advice and guidance on key issues impacting the University. Many thanks to all members including:

Marlene Stern [DipOT/77, BOT/83] – Chair

Jessica Carvell [JD/15] – Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Peter Wheatley [BSc(ME)/07, Ext.Ed/10, MBA/15] – Past Chair, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Mark Colley [BComm(Hons)/04] – Treasurer, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Evan Kuz [BFA(Hons)/90] – Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Lasha Glennie [BA/08, ExtEd/16] – Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Efrem Teklemariam [MEng/99] – Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Matthieu Lazarow [BComm(Hons)/08, MBA/17, CA/10] – Member at large

Mary Jane Maillet Brownscombe (MJ) [BComm(Hons)/88, CA/91, MA/11] – Member at large

Scott Roehl [BComm(Hons)/08] – Member at large

Jeff Lieberman [BA/80, BComm(Hons)/83] – Member at large

Nora Murdock [BA/78, CertEd/78, MEd/05, PhD/16] – Alumni Representative, UM Board of Governors

Duane Brothers [BA/82, BEd/84, PhD/17] – Alumni Representative, UM Board of Governors

Carla Loewen [BEd/01, BA/03, MEd/16] – Indigenous alumni representative

Cheryl Lashek [BSc(ME)/02] – Friends of Engineering, Price Faculty of Engineering representative

Simone Jaman [DipDHyg/14] – UM School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association, School of Dental Hygiene representative

John Wren [BSc (Maj)/08], BEd/15, PhD/14] – UM Faculty of Education Alumni Association, Faculty of Education representative

Carl Neumann [MA/20] – Faculty of Graduate Studies representative

Elaine Froese [B.H.Ec./78] – Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences representative

Sue Boreskie [B.P.E./79, M.P.E./82] – Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management representative

Somia Sadiq [BEnvSci(Hons)/06, MNRM/16] – Clayton Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources representative

Sofia Mirza [BSc(Maj)/92, BA/95, LLB/03] – Faculty of Law representative

Victoria Nwabuisi [BA/20] – International alumni representative

Doug Collier [BSc/87] – Faculty of Science, Dean's External Advisory Board representative

Tony Williams [BSc(Hons)/77] – Faculty of Science, Dean's External Advisory Board representative

Dr. Tito Daodu [MD/13, BSc(Med)/13] – Max Rady College of Medicine representative

Dr. Nancy Auyeung [DMD/92, BSc(Dent)/92] – Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry / UM Dental Alumni Association representative

Dr. Claire Betker [BN/77] – College of Nursing representative

Vicki Verge [BA/90, MSW/04] – Faculty of Social Work representative

Susan Bowman [B.M.R.P.T/98] – College of Rehabilitation Sciences representative

Chau Tu [BSc(Maj)/09, MBA/17] – Asper School of Business representative

Allan Edie [BPE/80, CertEd/81] – Bisons Sports representative

Victor Ng [MD/09] – Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Irene Fakankun [PhD/21] - Alumni Representative, UM Board of Governors

Dr. Brenna Shearer [BMR(OT)/86] – Alumni Representative, UM Board of Governors

Vanessa Koldingnes [MBA/14] Vice-President (External), Representing the University President

UM Alumni Relations support:

The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the staff supporting alumni including:

Vanessa Koldingnes [MBA/14], Vice-President
(External)

Tracy Bowman [BA(Hons)/96, MA], Executive
Director, Alumni Relations

Roslyn Dally, Alumni Relations & Engagement
Lead

Amy Brake [BA/98], Senior Alumni Relations
Officer

Dara Maternick [BRS/93], Senior Alumni
Relations officer

Dustin O'Donnell, Alumni Relations &
Engagement Officer

Lynn Ferguson, Alumni Relations &
Engagement Officer

Sabu Matthew, Accountant, Budget Officer,
External Relations

Advancement Marketing team

Advancement Services team

	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022
Income		
U of M Operating Grant	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Income	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Gross Profit	15,000.00	15,000.00
Expense		
Advertising & Public Relations		
Bison Sports Sponsorship	5,833.33	
Book club sponsorship (PBC Guru)	1,453.50	8,179.00
Board meeting expenses		
Total - Advertising & Public Relations	<u>7,286.83</u>	<u>8,179.00</u>
Bank Charges	<u>83.50</u>	<u>85.50</u>
Total Expense	<u>7,370.33</u>	<u>8,264.50</u>
Net Income	<u><u>7,629.67</u></u>	<u><u>6,735.50</u></u>

The Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2023

	<u>Mar 2023</u>	<u>Mar 2022</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Bank		
Chequing - RBC -Alumni Fund	20,976.48	31,059.98
Total - Bank	<u>20,976.48</u>	<u>31,059.98</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	20,976.48	31,059.98
Other Current Assets		
Prepaid Expenses		
Prepaid Sponsorship	4,166.67	1,453.50
Total - Prepaid Expenses	<u>4,166.67</u>	<u>1,453.50</u>
Accounts Receivable	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total Current Assets	40,143.15	32,513.48
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>40,143.15</u>	<u>32,513.48</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Equity		
Opening retained earnings	32,513.48	25,777.98
Net Income	7,629.67	6,735.50
Total Equity	<u>40,143.15</u>	<u>32,513.48</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>40,143.15</u>	<u>32,513.48</u>

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC.

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

**BY-LAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
MATRIX**

To be ratified at the Annual General Meeting on May 31, 2023.

May 31, 2023

Summary of Changes

Current By-law Section	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason for Change
"Membership" 3.0	N/A	3.4 Associate Alumni Membership Graduates who have successfully completed a program that is less than one year's study and sponsored by or through the Extended Education Division of the University. Associate Alumni members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association except the rights to vote or hold office.	Updated to allow the Alumni Association to include all Extended Education graduates particularly as the University introduces shorter programs of study.
"Membership" 3.0	3.4 In addition to membership in the Association as provided in Sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 hereof, the Board may authorize such other categories of membership as it may determine from time to time.	3.5 In addition to membership in the Association as provided in Sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 hereof, the Board may authorize such other categories of membership as it may determine from time to time.	Numbers adjusted to reflect the addition of 3.4

Current By-law Section	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason for Change
“Membership” 3.0	3.5 The categories of membership in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 hereof have voting rights.	3.6 The categories of membership in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 hereof have voting rights.	Numbers adjusted to reflect the addition of 3.4
“Membership” 3.0	3.6 All memberships are terminated upon death of the Member. Regular memberships can be revoked as a result of the Senate of the University revoking a Member’s degree. The board may revoke an Alumni Life Membership or an Honorary Life Membership.	3.7 All memberships are terminated upon death of the Member. Regular memberships can be revoked as a result of the Senate of the University revoking a Member’s degree. The board may revoke an Alumni Life Membership or an Honorary Life Membership.	Numbers adjusted to reflect the addition of 3.4

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

BY-LAWS

Ratified at the Annual General Meeting
May 31, 2023
Effective Date May 31, 2023

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

BY-LAWS

***Any notice required set forth in these by-laws may be provided by electronic means.**

This by-law is enacted in accordance with *The Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba Incorporation Act*, R.S.M. 1990, c.3.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this by-law:

“Act” means The Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba Incorporation Act, R.S.M.1990, c. 3.

“Alumni Relations” means the Alumni Relations Department of External Relations at the University of Manitoba.

“Association” means The Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba

“Board Member” means a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba, in accordance with Section 6.1 hereof.

“Chair” means the person elected to lead the Alumni Association.

“Vice-Chair” means the person elected to support the Chair.

“Board of Governors” means the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba, as established under *The University of Manitoba Act*, C.C.S.M. c. U60.

“Director responsible for Alumni Relations” means the Director responsible for Alumni Relations at the University of Manitoba.

“External Relations” means the External Relations Division of the University of Manitoba.

“Graduate” means

- i.) Persons who have received a degree, diploma or certificate approved by the Senate of the University;
- ii.) Persons with a designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants (prior to 1970); or
- iii.) Persons who have successfully completed a program requiring at least one (1) year’s study and sponsored by or through the Extended Education Division of the University.

“Member” means a person described in Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 hereof.

“University” means the University of Manitoba, as established by *The University of Manitoba Act*, C.C.S.M. c. U60.

Words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender, and words importing persons include individuals, bodies corporate, partnerships, trusts and unincorporated organizations.

1.0 NAME AND LOCATION

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be the “Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba.”
- 1.2 The Association’s head office shall be maintained in the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, at a location to be determined by the Board.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of the Association shall be:
- i.) To connect alumni with each other and with the University;
 - ii.) To provide guidance and the special perspective of alumni to the University to assist the University in setting their goals and objectives;
 - iii.) To generally promote the image of the University in the community and specifically through programs and communication to facilitate the relationship between the University and its alumni to promote a continuing affiliation of alumni with the University.
 - iv.) To advise the University on matters of interest to the alumni;
 - v.) To advocate on behalf of alumni to further the purposes set forth in this section.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Regular Membership

Regular membership in the Association includes and is limited to Graduates.

3.2 Alumni Life Membership

Alumni who paid a life membership fee, prior to the termination of this category on March 31, 1990, shall continue to enjoy regular membership privileges for life.

3.3 Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership in the Association may be conferred from time to time by the Board for exceptional or meritorious service to the Association. Honorary Life Membership would include any friend or supporter of the Association who may not be a Graduate. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association except the rights to vote or hold office.

3.4 Associate Alumni Membership

Graduates who have successfully completed a program that is less than one year’s study

and sponsored by or through the Extended Education Division of the University. Associate Alumni members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association except the rights to vote or hold office.

3.5 In addition to membership in the Association as provided in Sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 hereof, the Board may authorize such other categories of membership as it may determine from time to time.

3.6 The categories of membership in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 hereof have voting rights.

3.7 All memberships are terminated upon death of the Member. Regular memberships can be revoked as a result of the Senate of the University revoking a Member's degree. The Board may revoke an Alumni Life Membership or an Honorary Life Membership.

4.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.1 There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held no later than one hundred eighty (180) days following the end of the fiscal year. Notice shall appear in the *UM Today the Magazine*, the Association website or other publications sent to Members at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

4.2 Thirty-days (30) prior to the Alumni General Meeting, the Nominating Committee will provide a slate of nominees for elections to the Board.

4.3 The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will include the following:

- i.) Election of the Board;
- ii.) Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
- iii.) The Chair's Annual Report;
- iv.) Any amendments to the by-laws;
- v.) The receiving and considering of Annual Financial Statements and the auditor's or accountant's report for the preceding year.
- vi.) The appointment of auditors or dispensing with their appointment in lieu of the appointment of accountants; and
- vii.) Any new business.

4.4 The agenda shall appear on the Association website twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting. Proposed agenda items should be forwarded to the Chair thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Board shall approve the final agenda.

4.5 Any new business brought to the floor of the Annual General Meeting will only be discussed if the majority of those present approve the addition of the new business.

4.6 The quorum for Annual General Meetings shall be fifteen (15) voting Members.

- 4.7 The Board may determine that the Annual General Meeting shall be held entirely or partially by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.
- 4.8 The Chair of the Annual General Meetings shall be the Chair, failing whom; the Vice-Chair shall act as Chair.
- 4.9 Voting at Annual General Meetings:
- i.) Each Member present shall have one vote;
 - ii.) There shall be no provision for a proxy vote;
 - iii.) The Chair does not have a second or casting vote. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.
 - iv.) Voting may be conducted by a show of hands, a ballot or electronic voting.
 - v.) One voting Member may request a ballot vote.
- 4.10 If an Annual General Meeting is adjourned for less than thirty (30) days, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the earliest meeting that is adjourned. If a meeting of the Members is adjourned by one or more adjournments for an aggregate of thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as for an original meeting.

5.0 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 5.1 A Special Meeting of the Association may be called:
- i.) By the Chair, or
 - ii.) With prior written notice to both the Chair and the Director responsible for Alumni Relations, by either 50% of the Board or fifteen (15) voting Members of the Association.
- 5.2 Special Meetings shall be held at least one (1) week's prior notice in a Winnipeg newspaper of general circulation. A copy of the agenda shall be posted on the Association website one (1) week prior and through the completion of the meeting.
- 5.3 The quorum for Special Meetings shall be fifty (50) voting Members present.
- 5.4 The Chair of the Association shall chair the meeting. In the event the Chair is not available, the Vice-Chair or one of the Past Chairs shall chair the meeting.
- 5.5 Voting at Special Meetings:

- i.) Each Member present shall have one vote;
- ii.) There shall be no provision for a proxy vote;
- iii.) The Chair does not have a second or casting vote. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.
- iv.) A show of hands may decide every vote; and
- v.) One voting Member may request a ballot vote.

5.6 The Board may determine that a Special Meeting shall be held entirely or partially by means of telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

6.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Composition

Upon ratification of these By-Laws at the September 30, 2020 Annual General Meeting, the Board shall consist of a minimum of five (5) to a maximum of seven (7) Board Members elected from among the membership. In addition, the Board shall include the following two (2) ex-officio voting Board Members:

- i.) The President of the University or designate; and
- ii.) The Chair of the Alumni Council

6.2 Eligibility

Each Board Member shall:

- i.) Be at least 18 years of age;
- ii.) Not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- iii.) Be a Member of the Association, except the ex-officio voting Board Members;
- iv.) Further the objectives and act in the best interest of the Association.

6.3 Selection of Board Members

- i.) The Nominating Committee shall oversee the selection and nomination process.
- ii.) The Nomination Committee may nominate a candidate for the Board by written submission on a prescribed form to the Chair of the Nominating Committee (care of the Association) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. This submission must include the candidate's consent and the nominator's signatures.
- iii.) Any twenty-five (25) Members may nominate a candidate for the Board by written submission on a prescribed form to the Chair of the Nominating Committee (care of the Association) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual

General Meeting. This submission must include the candidate's consent and the nominator's signatures.

- iv.) The Nominating Committee may choose to support or not support the nominations made under Section 6.3 (iii) hereof.
- v.) Nominations will not be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.
- vi.) The election of Board Members shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Voting will take place only when there are more members nominated than positions available. Voting will take place by secret ballot. Three (3) Members who are not on the ballot, appointed at the meeting, will count the ballots. The Director responsible for Alumni Relations will oversee the process. Results shall be announced prior to the close of the Annual General Meeting. Ballots will be destroyed two weeks post-election by the Director responsible for Alumni Relations.

6.4 Term of Office

- i.) Each Board Member shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the Members of the Association present at the Annual General Meeting. No Board Member can serve more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.
- ii.) A Board Member may serve a seventh (7th) year only if it is in the role of immediate Past Chair, which is not an additional position. Elected Board Members must not exceed seven (7) persons.
- iii.) A Board Member shall not hold act as Chair of the same committee for more than two (2) years.
- iv.) If a Board Member assumes their position on the Board in the midst of a term, they will have been considered to have served their first year at the following Annual General Meeting.

6.5 Power and Duties

The Board shall:

- i.) Govern the affairs of the Association in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations, by-laws and policies;
- ii.) Develop the Mission and Vision of the Association in consultation with External Relations at the University of Manitoba;
- iii.) Participate in the various committees and activities of the Association;
- iv.) Ensure the financial solvency and integrity of the organization, which requires internal checks and balances;
- v.) Approve the Association's annual budget;
- vi.) Make representations on behalf of the Association;
- vii.) Annually review the Association's By-Laws, Terms of Reference of all committees and other related governance documents;
- viii.) Guide the creation and oversee the selection and appointment of members to

- ix.) the Association's committees including Alumni Council; and Guide the setting of the agenda for the Board, Alumni Council and other Association committees.

6.6 Vacancies

- i.) Should a vacancy occur in the position of a Board Member or an officer the Board may appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy to complete the term.
- ii.) Vacancies should be filled within thirty (30) days where possible.

6.7 Resignation or Removal of a Board Member

A Board Member's position will be deemed vacant where:

- i.) A Board Member submits a written resignation to the Chair;
- ii.) A Board Member does not meet required attendance as per section 6.9;
- iii.) An elected Board Member ceases to be a Member of the Association;
- iv.) A Board member dies;
- v.) At a special meeting of the Board, a resolution is passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Board Members present at the meeting to remove a Board Member from office for just cause. The Board Member being considered for removal shall not participate in the vote. A notice of motion must be sent out prior to the vote to the Board Members. This motion cannot arrive as new business at a Board Meeting.
 - a. The Board Member being considered for removal, at their discretion, will have the opportunity to address the Board in person, by a personal representative or in writing.
- vi.) Anytime a Board Member resigns or is removed under any circumstance, a written letter must be sent to the Board Member by the Chair confirming the date of resignation or termination. A copy of such letter must be kept on file for the purposes of directors' liability insurance.

6.8 Board Meetings

- i.) The Board shall meet at least three (3) times annually. Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Chair, or when requested to do so, by at least three (3) Board Members. Twenty-one (21) days' notice should be provided where possible.
- ii.) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair, by any three (3) Board Members, or the President of the University or designate. A minimum of two (2) business days' notice must be given.

6.9 Attendance

- i.) Attendance at Board and committee meetings by Board Members is integral to the effective functioning of the Alumni Association. Therefore, if any elected Board Member misses two (2) consecutive regular Board meetings without reasonable cause, or who misses more than 50% of board and committee meetings in a calendar year, the Member will be contacted by the Chair of the Board to discuss their attendance and the advisability of continued membership on the board. Based on the discussion, the Board Chair will determine whether or not to recommend to the Board that the Board Member be removed from the Board.
- ii.) Any Board Member unable to attend a regular or special Board meeting shall send regrets to the Chair of the Board and the Director responsible for Alumni Relations or to a person designated by the Director responsible for Alumni Relations prior to the start of the meeting.
- iii.) Where the Association is willing and able to facilitate, Board Members may participate in a meeting by means of any telecommunications device, which permits all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other. Such Board Members shall be considered present at the meeting for purposes of quorum.

6.10 Voting

Matters before the Board shall be decided by a majority of Board Members present. Voting shall be by show of hands or other means recognized by the Chair, unless a ballot is requested by any one Board Member. The Chair shall not vote unless there is a tie. In the case of a tie, the Chair shall vote to break the tie.

6.11 Quorum

Quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be a majority of Board Members.

- 6.12 The Chair of any meeting of the Board Members shall be the Chair, failing whom; the Chair will designate the Vice Chair to act as Chair. If the Chair cannot designate the Vice Chair, the Board members present shall choose one of the Board Members to be Chair.

- 6.13 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board shall have the full power in all things to manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association. The powers of the Board may be exercised by resolution passed at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

- 6.14 If a meeting of the Board is adjourned for less than thirty (30) days, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the earliest meeting that is adjourned. If a Board meeting is adjourned by one or more adjournments for an aggregate of thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as for an original meeting.

6.15 Guests

With the exception of meetings or portions that are deemed closed by the Chair, meetings of the Board shall be open to all members of the Association and to such other person as permitted or invited to participate from time to time by the Chair or by the majority of the Board. The majority of the Board present may determine the Board meetings closed.

6.16 Conflict of Interest

On any matter before the Board or a committee, if any person has a real, potential or perceived conflict of interest, it must be declared to the Board or committee through the Chair. The person in a real potential or perceived conflict shall refrain from influencing others on the matter prior to the meeting shall not speak to the matter at meetings shall excuse themselves from discussion on the matter and shall abstain from voting on the matter. Board Members and committee members shall act in accordance with the Association's Conflict of Interest Policy, which may be introduced and /or amended from time to time.

7.0 OFFICERS

7.1 The officers of the Association shall be Chair, Past Chair, a Vice and Treasurer. The Board shall determine the slate of officers from the elected Board Members at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

7.2 The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be as follows:

- i.) **Duties of the Chair:** To be accountable to the membership for the actions of the Board: to chair the Board and Annual General Meetings: to serve on the Finance Committee and Nominating Committee: to act as the primary liaison between the Board and the Director responsible for Alumni Relations: and to act as the Vice Chair of the Alumni Council.
- ii.) **Duties of the Past Chair:** To chair the Nominating Committee. If the Past Chair is unwilling or unable to chair the Nominating Committee for any reason whatsoever, the Board shall appoint another Board Member to chair the Nominating Committee.
- iii.) **Duties of the Vice-Chair:**
 - a. To assume the duties of the Chair in the event of the resignation or removal of the Chair.
 - b. To act on behalf of the Chair on a temporary basis as required.
- iv.) **Duties of the Treasurer:** To oversee all financial matters related to the Association including investments: to chair the Finance Committee.

- 7.3 The Board may, from time to time and subject to the provisions of the Act, vary, add to or limit the powers and duties of any officer.
- 7.4 If any Board Member or officer is unable to perform his functions or discharge his duties as such Board Member or officer, the Board may appoint such other Board Member(s) or officer(s) to perform the functions and/or to discharge the duties of that Board Member or officer.

8.0 COMMITTEES

- 8.1 Standing Committees of the Association shall be the:
- i.) The Alumni Council:
 - ii.) Finance Committee; and
 - iii.) Nominating Committee
 - iv.) Student Awards Committee
- 8.2 Ad hoc committees shall be as designated from time to time by the Board.
- 8.3 Membership on a committee shall be approved by the Board and may include Board Members, Members and/or such other person permitted by the Board, for a term designated by the Board. The duties and terms of reference of all committees shall be set out in writing and approved by the Board. The Chairs of all committees shall be approved by the Board.
- 8.4 The powers of the committee of the Board may be exercised by a meeting at which a quorum is present or by resolution in writing signed by all the members of such committee who would have been entitled to vote on that resolution at the meeting of the committee. Meetings of such committees may be held at any place the committee shall determine.
- 8.5 Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each committee shall have the power to:
- i.) Fix its quorum at no less than a majority of its members; and
 - ii.) Regulate its procedure.

9.0 DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS

- 9.1 The Association recognizes that the Director responsible for Alumni Relations shall report and be accountable to the Vice-President (External) of the University.
- 9.2 The Director responsible for Alumni Relations or designate shall attend all Board meetings and shall be a non-voting Secretary to the Board and on all the Board's standing committees.

9.3 Duties of the Secretary shall include:

- i.) Act as Secretary at all Board meetings. Secretarial duties may be delegated to a designate at the Secretary's discretion;
- ii.) Give notice of all meetings and give or cause to be given all notices to Members, Board Members, officer, auditors, and committee members;
- iii.) Keep records of the proceedings of all Board meetings and all Annual General Meetings and business matters; and
- iv.) Perform any other duties pertaining to the office of Secretary and such other powers and duties as the Board or the Chair may specify.

9.4 Where the Director responsible for Alumni Relations is a Graduate of the University, their rights and privileges as a Member shall remain in full force and effect where expressly provided herein.

9.5 The Director responsible for Alumni Relations shall also have the following duties, as designated by the Vice-President (External) of the University.

- i.) Provide oversight of day to day administrative activities for the Association;
- ii.) Serve as a liaison between the Association and the University;
- iii.) Provide the Board with leadership, guidance and subject matter expertise on key activities and initiatives; and
- iv.) Assist the Board with strategic planning and goals.

9.6 The Director responsible for Alumni Relations shall be hired by the Vice-President (External), according to human resources policies and procedures of the University.

10.0 ELECTION BY GRADUATES OF ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

10.1 Nominations

- i.) The Association shall annually nominate two (2) or more candidates for election as a member of the Board of Governors by the Graduates to succeed the elected member whose term is about to expire, and two (2) or more candidates for election as a member of the Board of Governors to fill any vacancy in the Board of Governors to be filled by election by the Graduates.
- ii.) For the purposes of this section, if the Association is unable to nominate two (2) or more candidates because of an unwillingness or lack of interest by those approached the conditions of this section will be deemed to have been met.
- iii.) The nomination of a candidate may also be made by twenty-five (25) Graduates and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee;

- iv.) The procedure for nominations shall appear in the autumn issue of the *UM Today The Magazine*, or its successor, and/or other such printed or online forms of media that the Board may determine.
- v.) The closing date for nominations shall be March 1st of each year, or such other dates determined by the Association and the University, providing that it is in compliance with all requirements.
- vi.) The Nominating Committee shall oversee the selection and nomination process.

10.2 Eligibility

For the purposes of this election, those eligible to vote and eligible for candidacy are Graduates with degrees, diplomas and certificates as approved by Senate.

10.3 Terms in Office

Alumni elected by the Graduates to serve on the Board of Governors may do so for a maximum of three (3) consecutive three (3) year terms.

10.4 Election

The election shall be conducted by online voting, or by such other means as permitted by the Association. The secretary or designate shall conduct the election in accordance with these By-Laws.

10.5 Ballots

- i.) A ballot shall be provided to all Graduates as soon as possible following the close of nominations;
- ii.) Full biographical information and photographs of all candidates shall be available on the University's website; and
- iii.) The ballot shall include a section for voting purposes, on which the following is to appear:
 - a.) Voting procedure;
 - b.) Deadline for return of ballots; and
 - c.) Address ballots are to be returned to.

10.6 Counting the Ballots

- i.) The counting of ballots shall take place after the close of the election; and
- ii.) The counting of ballots shall take place in the Association offices by or under the supervision of the Director responsible for Alumni Relations. Candidates may jointly appoint two (2) scrutineers to witness the counting of the ballots.

10.7 Election Results

The results of the election shall be forwarded in writing, no later than May 31st of each year, to the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

10.8 Cost of the Election

The cost of the election and its related advertising is to be borne by the University, as legislated in subsection 12(1) of the *University of Manitoba Act*.

10.9 Failure to Hold an Election

In the event that only a single candidate is nominated, the Board shall appoint that candidate to succeed the elected member whose term is about to expire. This appointment is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors who, under subsection 12(4) of The University of Manitoba Act, may take alternative steps to fill the vacancy.

11.0 FISCAL POLICIES

11.1 The fiscal year-end of the Association shall be March 31.

11.2 Financial statements shall be presented at Board meetings and a complete financial report shall be given at the Annual General Meeting.

11.3 The Board shall have the power to borrow on behalf of the Association for a stated purpose which is compatible with Association objectives and subject to policies and procedures approved by the Board.

11.4 Board Members shall not receive any remuneration for serving as a member of the Board. However, Board Members may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Association in accordance with the Association's travel and business expense policies as may be introduced and or amended from time to time.

11.5 The signing authorities of the Association shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

11.6 The Association may accept any donation, grant or bequest in the form of funds or properties from any group or individual for a specific or general purpose as long as doing so is consistent with the purposes of the Association.

12.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

12.1 Indemnification

The Association agrees to indemnify the Board Member and officers and all former Board Members and officers, as well as their heirs and legal representatives against all actions undertaken by them in good faith on behalf of the Association and all claims suits or proceedings brought against them provided that no Board Member or officer or former Board Member or officer shall be indemnified in respect of any liability cost charge or expense that they sustain as a result of fraud, dishonesty, willful neglect or willful default.

12.2 Limitation of Liability

No Board Member or officer shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other member of the Board, officer or employee, or for joining in any other act or conformity or for any loss, damage or expense occurring to the Association through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of the Association or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of the Association shall be invested or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious acts of any person with whom any of the monies securities or effects of the Association shall be deposited or for any loss occasioned by an error of judgment or oversight on his part or for any other loss damage or misfortune whatsoever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto unless the same occasioned by his own willful neglect or default provided that nothing herein shall relieve any Board Member or officer from the duty to act in accordance with The Corporations Act (Manitoba), C.C.S.M, c, C225 the Act or from liability for any breach of the provisions thereof.

12.3 The accidental omission to give notice to any Member, Board Member, officer, auditor or member of a committee or the non-receipt of any notice to any Member, Board Member, officer auditor or member of a committee or any error contained in such notice not affecting the substance of the notice shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting held pursuant to such notice or otherwise founded thereon.

12.4 Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised, or the most current edition, will be the recognized Parliamentary Authority for all meetings of the Association.

13.0 AMENDMENTS

- 13.1 Amendments to the by-laws may be made by either a recommendation from the Board or by any Member(s). The by-law recommendation must be forwarded to the Chair at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting where such amendments are to be considered. Amendments to the by-laws must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those Members present.
- 13.2 Notice of proposed amendments must appear in a publication made available to the membership at least twenty-one (21) days prior to Annual General Meeting.

**Election of 2023/25 Board of Directors
Annual General Meeting
University of Alumni Association
May 31, 2023**



Jessica Carvell, [JD/15]

Jessica grew up in Mississauga, Ontario and received a double honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto in 2012. She chose to attend the UM Robson Hall Faculty of Law from 2012 to 2015. During her time at the UM, she was involved in the University of Manitoba Law Students' Association, as chair of the professional development committee and tuition review committee member. She was also a board member of the Manitoban, the UM student newspaper. Jessica received her call to the bar in 2017 and is currently practicing law at Manitoba Public Service Commission. Jessica is seeking her third term as member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and is looking forward to continuing to grow our alumni community.



Mark Colley, [BComm (Hons)/04]

Mark obtained his Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from UM, is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and completed the Advance Program in Management, Leadership and Strategy through the Asper School of Business Executive Education program. Mark is currently the President and Chief Financial Officer at EPLS Group of Companies. He is an active member of the Associates as well as Financial Executives International and is part of the MBA mentorship program as well as a mentor for the CPA program. Mark supports his community through involvement with local organizations that he is

passionate about. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association at the University of Manitoba. He has helped lead the board through many changes over the past few years including the creation of the first Alumni Council that will help support the new President and External Relations at the university.



Lasha Glennie, [BA/08, ExtEd/16]

Lasha is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts and a Human Resource Management Certificate. She currently works as the Manager of Capital Enablement for the Enterprise Machine Intelligence Learning Initiative (EMILI). In her role, she is working hard to grow the AgTech community and help startups and SMEs find capital to grow. She has also volunteered with countless organizations such as Spark, who matches community groups with volunteers who have specialized skills, You Can't Spoil a Baby, a volunteer network who collects, creates and delivers gifts of gently used baby clothes and items to help families in need (believing that every baby deserves an equal start) and Alpha Gamma Delta.



Evan Kuz, [BFA(Hons)/90]

Evan, owner of Sly Bird Creative Inc., has been working as a graphic designer and marketing strategy specialist since he graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1990. Evan started his career working with various small to medium sized design firms, including an advertising agency near Hamburg, Germany. Evan has spent 6 years teaching a sessional course at the University of Manitoba called Design Theory and Criticism, while also mentoring design students from UM as well as from the graphic design program at Red River College. He also been involved with various Winnipeg boards and organizations, holding many positions with the following:

- Graphic Designers of Canada, Manitoba Chapter & National Board (board chair twice);
- The University of Manitoba Alumni Association (11 years including one year as president);

- The Manitoba Theatre Centre (2 years);
- Winnipeg Santa Claus Parade Board (3 years);
- Evan is also active in the athletics world, coaching sprints groups with the private running club Tough Track



Nathan Maertins, [BMus/12, MBA/22]

Nathan is a Senior Consultant with MNP LLP working in the Winnipeg consulting practice. He holds two degrees from the University of Manitoba including a Master of Business Administration (2022) and a Bachelor of Music (2012). Nathan is an experienced leader with a strong background in project management, business planning, and operations. Nathan is extensively involved in the community including as a board member of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.



Peter Wheatley, [BSc(ME)/07, ExtEd/10, MBA/15]

Peter is a young professional who has found a balance between academic excellence, family, and real world business acumen. Over the past 19 years, Peter has risen quickly, now leading the largest business unit in the company as VP/GM of CF34/CFM56. His past roles include leadership positions in Engineering, Quality, Customer Service, & Sales Operations. Sports have played a key part in Peter's early success, teaching him the values of leadership, teamwork, commitment, and passion. Peter strongly believes in lifelong learning and views his role on the Alumni Association as an opportunity to help others reconnect with the University of Manitoba.