

Beaverbrook Scholars Award Annual General Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

President's Room, Alumni Memorial Building

UNB Fredericton Campus

In attendance: Katie FitzRandolph (Chair), Michael Spracklin, Betty Owens, John Neville, Graham Powell, Chaz Savoy, Brandon Richardson, Natalie Webber, Larry Guitard, Rod Nolan, John Bliss, Charles Haché, Jennifer Morrison, Burke Swan, Janet Reid Nahabedian, James Petrie, Craig Poole, Blair Kennedy, David Lynch, Jasmine Eng, Jon Thompson (Total: 21)

1 Call to Order and Welcome; Agenda

K. FitzRandolph called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

K. FitzRandolph proposed that a recommendation from the Executive Committee to amend a By-Law be added to the Agenda as item 4 (a).

It was agreed to approve the Agenda that was circulated in advance with this one addition.

2 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 1, 2016

Moved (J. Neville/J. Petrie) that the minutes be approved as circulated (Carried)

4 Business Arising from the Minutes and Announcements

K. FitzRandolph noted that several items would be discussed under subsequent Agenda items.

4(a) K. FitzRandolph and N. Webber outlined a By-Law amendment recommended by the Executive.

Moved (N. Webber, C. Haché) that the recommendation by the Executive Committee to amend the By-Law wording pertaining to the number of members-at-large of the Executive Committee be changed from the current "six" so as to read "at least six". (Carried)

C. Poole agreed to arrange for the By-Laws to be posted on the website.

5 Report on 2017 Scholarship Awards

C. Poole reported that all three of the students rated highest in the selection process in the spring of 2017 had accepted the Awards and are now in their chosen programs at UNB. Information on each is posted on the website.

6 Financial Update

6.1 Financial Status of the Fund and Report on investment Returns

J. Morrison outlined features in the tables of financial information she had circulated. During discussion she provided answers and clarifications in response to questions and points raised by attendees. The documents are appended to these minutes.

Moved (Haché/Nolan) that the financial report be accepted. (Carried)

6.2 Fundraising Report

C. Poole summarized fundraising policies, procedures, methods and results. During discussion N. Webber, K. FitzRandolph and J. Petrie made comments and suggestions regarding approaches to Award recipients who were relatively recent graduates and in the process of establishing careers, including possibly involving them in networking and other events.

Moved (G. Powell/N. Webber) that the fundraising report be accepted. (Carried)

6.3 Update on Current Scholars and Financial Commitments to Them

C. Poole reported that current scholars are progressing in their programs.

Moved (J. Petrie/J. Neville) that the report be accepted. (Carried)

7 Executive Committee Awards Proposal for 2018-2019

J. Morrison summarized the information considered by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on September 18, 2017, including principles and policies concerning Awards. Consideration of this information led the Committee to recommend that the number of Awards made each year continue at the current annual level of three, and that the amount of each Award be increased from the current figure of \$12,000/year to \$12,500/year effective for the 2018-19 academic year and for all recipients. Discussion followed and then a motion to accept was introduced and voted.

Moved (R. Nolan/N. Webber) that the number of Awards be maintained at three each year and that the annual amount be increased to \$12,500 for each recipient effective for the 2018-19 academic year. (Carried)

8 Annual Dinner and Reception – 2017 Review and 2018 Planning

N. Webber summarized the experience this year. Following discussion it was agreed that scheduling these events during Homecoming Week was preferable to the earlier practice of holding them in November. It was also agreed that holding the reception and dinner on the Wednesday evening of Homecoming Week was optimal for increasing attendance, and that the location for these events should continue to be the Lady Beaverbrook Residence. It was further agreed that it would be useful to have a mobile microphone available at the dinner for participants to introduce themselves.

There was discussion also about adding material to the website to make it more attractive and informative. J. Petrie, R. Nolan, C. Poole, J. Thompson and others made suggestions, such as a short video about UNB, a summary of Lord Beaverbrook's career and philanthropic activities at UNB and elsewhere in the province, and a selection of archival and current photographs.

9 Report of the Nominating Committee

Committee Chair N. Webber presented a slate of recommendations for the membership of the Executive Committee:

Table Officers: Past Chair, Katie FitzRandolph (Chair in 2016-17); Chair, Charles Haché (Vice-Chair in 2016-17); Vice-Chair, Jon Thompson (Secretary in 2016-17); Secretary, Jamie Petrie (Member-at-Large in 2016-17)

Members-at-Large: John Bliss (Member-at-Large in 2016-17); Rod Nolan (Member-at-Large in 2016-17); Frank Wilson (Member-at-Large in 2016-17); Michael Spracklin (Member-at-Large in 2016-17 and current student); Blair Kennedy; Pauline Lordon; Larry Guitard; Kristina Rodgers (Member-at-Large in 2016-17); Natalie Webber (Past Chair in 2016-17). (Total: nine)

Moved (N. Webber/B. Owens) that the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee be accepted as the incoming Executive Committee. (Carried)

10 Other Business

J. Petrie distributed samples of cards on which alumni would be invited to write short notes providing advice or encouragement to students embarking on the examination process.

C. Poole announced that special seating would be reserved at a UNB hockey game to be held on January 19, 2018 for interested recipients of Beaverbrook Scholarships or Beaverbrook Scholars Awards. He will arrange for a notice to be distributed in advance of the event.

B. Swan asked about the sequencing of the annual selections for the Scholarships and the Scholars Awards. C. Poole explained that selection for the Beaverbrook Scholars Awards occurs first, followed by selection for the Lord Beaverbrook Scholarships.

B. Owens proposed that Katie FitzRandolph be thanked for her leadership and all present applauded.

11 N. Webber moved adjournment. (11:15 a.m.)