

**117th Annual General Meeting of the Nurses Alumni Association**

**of the Winnipeg General Hospital / Health Sciences Centre**

**May 30, 2024 at 1030**

1. Meeting Called to order by Gillian Toth, ‘83, President of Winnipeg General Hospital / Health Sciences Centre Nursing Alumni Association.
2. Gillian commented that we are steeped in our history and traditions today. The Winnipeg General Hospital began services to patients in 1872, observed its 100th Anniversary in 1972, and became the Health Sciences Centre in 1973. The Nurses’ Training School was established in 1887 and closed in 1993. The Nursing Alumni Association was organized in 1904 and celebrated its centennial in 2014. The Alumni Bell was rung to acknowledge / begin our first Alumni meeting. Ethyl Gilroy’s name, our first Alumni President, is engraved on the bell, as are the names of all Alumni Presidents who followed her.
3. AGM Agenda approved as circulated.
4. The minutes from the 116th AGM on May 25, 2023 were approved as circulated by Cheryl Chesney; seconded by Marian Ulyatt.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Fraser Barnett ’85
   1. Audit results reviewed and circulated – Alumni Association in good stead;
   2. Also an Assiniboine Credit Union account with approximately $77,000; and
   3. A GIC of approximately $3300.
   4. Gillian noted endowment funds are invested such that only the interest (approximately 4%) is available for disbursement each year
6. HSC Archives Museum Report – Emma Prescott - Archivist
   1. Report reviewed; approved by all
7. Committee/Convener Reports
   1. **Jubilee Memorial Fund: Terry Parkinson** 
      1. Report reviewed; approved by all
   2. **Education Committee: Marilyn Muir**
      1. Report reviewed; approved by all
      2. Of note - last year, Education Committee opened award eligibility to all HSC nurses (historically has been for WGH/HSC grads only)
      3. Gillian updated attendees on a request at last year’s AGM to transfer funds from the Jane A. Malcolm Bursary Fund into the newly created Mabel Pokiak Lumsden Education Fund (created by Class of 1963B). After meeting with the Winnipeg Foundation, it became apparent that transferring these funds was not possible. The Winnipeg Foundation plans to meet with the creators of the Mable Pokiak Fund to discuss their options.
   3. **Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund: Shellie Anderson** 
      1. Report approved as circulated
   4. **Chapter Correspondent: Margaret Ogonowski** 
      1. Report approved as circulated
   5. **Friendship Convener: Marian Ulyatt** 
      1. Report approved as circulated
   6. **Homecoming Dinner & Luncheon: Gillian Toth & Kathy Doerksen**
      1. Kathy Doerksen, Gillian Toth and Alumni Executive members organized Homecoming this year
      2. Welcome to Linda Pastetnik (Past HC Convenor) who is here today and offered much guidance to our team this year
      3. Thank you to Jan Westmacott who worked with Linda Pastetnik over the years and was our conduit this year
      4. Thank you as well to Kathy Doerksen’s brother who helped us along the way – truly a team effort!
   7. **Membership Convener: Wendy Rudnick**
      1. Report approved as circulated
      2. Wendy commented that she is trying to familiarize herself with the 7245 Alumni members in our data base
      3. Many of our Alumni remain in MB; but many are throughout our country and beyond!
      4. Fun fact: once you celebrate your 50th Reunion, you become a Jubilee/Life Member. Wendy is trying to identify all of our current Jubilee members.
      5. 10 Honorary Life Members in Alumni – newest inductee is Margaret Ogonowski
         1. Nomination and response read to all
         2. The names of the other 9 Honorary Life Members read by Gillian and include: Gwen Fletcher ’54, Anne Crossin ’57, Elizabeth (Betty) Mae Daniels ‘48B, Margaret Steele ‘61B, Marnie Karlberg ’43, Linda Pastetnik ‘72, Donna Meder ‘61B, Pat Powell ‘59, and Margo Christie ’64.
   8. **Newsletter Convener: Cheryl Chesney**
      1. Report approved by all
      2. Returned Newsletters at the back table – please take one
      3. Cheryl emphasized the importance of Class Reps – as a route to distribute Newsletter. Fourteen (14) classes do not have a Class Rep – if you are one of those Classes, please consider volunteering as your Class Rep
   9. Archives: Pat Girardin
      1. Report approved as circulated
   10. Jubilee Memorial Lecture: Bev Laurila
       1. Speaker today is Ken Borse from the Association of Regulated Nurses in Manitoba.
       2. Currently, there is uncertainty among nurses related to organizational structure and objectives. Ken will inform us of the role of Association of Regulated Nurses in Manitoba.
   11. Website: Karen Rodgers
       1. Report approved as circulated
       2. Gillian commented that this is such an important role – to keep our Alumni members informed!
   12. Nominating Convener: Margaret Steele & Bev Laurila

-Gillian reviewed current Executive List with description of each position

* + 1. Honorary President: position held by 2 Alumni members at one time, each for a 2-year term
       1. Esther McKenty ‘61A –2022-2024 – outgoing HP with many thanks. Will remain on Executive in other positions/committee work
       2. Carol Galbraith ’67 - 2023-2025
       3. Danielle Swerhone ’79 – 2024–2026 – incoming HP
    2. Past President: Bev Laurila ‘77
    3. President – Gillian Toth ‘83
    4. Vice President – Kathy Doerksen ‘82
    5. Secretary – Kathy Hamelin ‘71
    6. Treasurer – Fraser Barnett ‘’85
    7. Archivist – Pat Girardin ‘75
    8. Archivist Emeritus – Anne Crossin ‘57
    9. Membership Convenor – Wendy Rudnick ‘85
    10. Friendship Convenor – Marian Ulyatt ‘68
    11. Newsletter Convenor – Cheryl Chesney ‘72

Committee: Cathy Rippin Sisler ’81, Esther McKenty ‘61A, Carol Galbraith ‘67

* + 1. Education Convenor – Marilyn Muir ‘91

Committee: Cindy Boughen ’87, Maureen MacDonald ’93,

Susan Finlay ’70, Marilyn Bruce ‘70, Alason Lorimer ’89

* + 1. Chapter Correspondent – Margaret Ogonowski ‘69
    2. Jubilee Memorial Fund Treasurer – Terry Parkinson ‘70
    3. Jubilee Memorial Lecture – Bev Laurila ‘77
    4. Homecoming Convenor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    5. Endowment Fund Convenor – Shellie Anderson ‘84

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: Donna Meder ‘61B

* + 1. Nominating Committee – Bev Laurila ’77; Margare Steele ‘61B
    2. Web Site – Karen Rodgers ‘90
    3. Chapter Correspondents
       1. Okanagan - Valerie MacLean ‘79
       2. Calgary – Danielle Swerhone ‘79
       3. Edmonton – Darlene Smith ‘68

Bev Laurila – proposed the following 2 nominations:

**Nominations – Twyla Goritz ’88: Endowment Fund Assistant**

**Trish Bergal ’82: Homecoming Convenor**

Bev asked 3 times: “Are any nominations from the floor”

None offered. Nominations be closed.

Bell rung. Newly elected Executive members are Twyla Goritz and Trish Bergal.

1. New business/Other
   1. The Nurses’ Association of the Winnipeg General Hospital & Health Sciences Centre Constitution and Bylaws

-last updated 2013

-Alumni Executive reviewed document and updated sections as required

-Wendy Rudnick made a motion to accept the document as circulated

-Seconded by Kathy Doerksen

-accepted as circulated by all

-will review every 5 years

* 1. Ongoing discussion re Mabel Pokiak Lumsden Bursary

-Evelyn Labum and several other members from the Class of ’63 requested more discussion and information about the future of this fund.

-Gillian commented that this Fund is outside of the Alumni Association and our bylaws.

-The Alumni Association’s connection to the Fund is to celebrate Mabel Pokiak Lumsden as a most worthy Alumnus.

1. Adjournment
2. Next Annual General Meeting – May 29, 2025