

**Minutes of the 121sth Annual General Meeting of the Nurses Alumni Association**

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

**May 29, 2025 at 1030**

1. Alumni Bell rung and meeting called to order by Gillian Toth, Alumni President.
2. Roll Call: Welcome to Class of 1959, 1960 (65 years), 1961A, 1963B, 1965 (60 years), 1967, 1969, 1970 (55 years), 1971, 1972A, 1973, 1974, 1975 (50 years), 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980 (45 years), 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 (40 years)!
3. Agenda approved.
4. Review of minutes from the 120th AGM on May 30, 2024
   1. Minutes conditionally approved; comments and questions welcome
5. Treasurer’s Report – Fraser Barnett
   1. Annual Auditors report reviewed; auditor commented that finances decreased from last year; this is due to large turnout from Class of 1974 in 2024. Yearly differences in in attendance and income is normal and expected.
   2. Bank statements / General Account reviewed by Fraser. Ticket prices kept the same as last year. Awaiting final Homecoming income / expenses.
6. HSC Archives Museum Report – Emma Prescott - Archivist
   1. Report circulated.
   2. Accepted as submitted
7. Committee/Convener Reports
   1. Jubilee Memorial Fund: Terry Parkinson
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. JMFund pays for expenses related to the Viola Leadlay event (speaker & technical support)
   2. Education Committee: Marilyn Muir
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Report indicates Committee awarded over $60,000 this year to support ongoing education for HSC Nurses
      3. Eligibility for education funds broadened over the past 2 years; now includes monetary support not only for WGH/HSC Alumni but also for all HSC nurses; this change has resulted in enhanced distribution of education funds.
   3. Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund: Shellie Anderson
      1. Accounting error reported by Health Sciences Centre Foundation; an additional $100,000 is now available for Alumni Association projects.
      2. **Note:** Sonja Lundstrom ‘63B commented that the Archives Museum is such a rich resource for our Alumni – but is very difficult to access. Could we make this easier for classes? Or have a video on-line for all classes?
   4. Chapter Correspondent: Margaret Ogonowski
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Chapters remain active
      3. One of our Honorary Presidents is Danielle Swerhone, Chair of the Calgary Chapter
   5. Friendship Convener: Marian Ulyatt
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Gillian commented that this is an excellent resource to provide support / condolences to Alumni members. Please let us know if this would be appreciated by one of your classmates.
      3. Carol Galbraith commented that Class Reps are a great resource to personalize communication with Alumni members
   6. Homecoming Dinner & Luncheon: Trish Bergal
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Trish asked for evaluation of this year’s Homecoming celebration, and especially the electronic ticketing option.
      3. Gillian thanked Trish and her committee for making this year’s Homecoming so successful.
   7. Membership Convener: Wendy Rudnick
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Alumni Association has 7237 active members, 2978 deceased members and 2446 Life members
      3. Data base is our point of connection for our Alumni Association; it is important to keep it up to date… please let us know if your address / email changes.
   8. Newsletter Convener: Cheryl Chesney
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Cheryl inviting feedback, suggestions for Newsletter
      3. Newsletter is our one way of connecting with Alumni each year
      4. Thank you to the Class Reps who are so vital in communicating with their Classmates and the Alumni Association;
      5. Note: we have 20 classes with no Class Reps – please consider this important and fun role!
   9. Archives: Pat Girardin
      1. Report accepted as circulated
      2. Volunteer activity includes itemizing all the photographs submitted over the years, exploring our Alumni who became Military Nursing, and putting together archival nursing displays and art displays around HSC
      3. Donations of memorabilia to Archives Museum most appreciated!
   10. Jubilee Memorial Lecture: Bev Laurila
       1. Reimbursement of JM Lecturer includes an Honorarium of $200 plus $150 to donate to a charity of their choice.
       2. Please forward any ideas for future JM Lectures to Alumni Association through Alumni email address.
       3. Emma Prescott, Alumni Archivist is presenting today. Her presentation today is entitled: “92 Years and Counting: a History of your Alumni Archives”
   11. Website: Karen Rodgers
       1. Report accepted as circulated
       2. Karen manages our Alumni Website – our “source of truth”.
   12. Nominating Convener: Margaret Steele & Bev Laurila
       1. Margaret Steele send greetings;
       2. Only one position open in Alumni Executive this year – **“President Elect”**

- Arlene Wilgosh ’74 agreed to stand for Vice President / President Elect Position

- Bev Laurila called 3 times for additional nominations for this position; none offered

-Allison Cowell moved that nominations be closed; seconded by Shellie Anderson; motion accepted by all.

- Congratulations offered by Gillian Toth to **Arlene Wilgosh ’74** as incoming President Elect and welcomed her to the team!

-Arlene is known to many of us for achieving a series of firsts for nurses in Manitoba, including her role as the Deputy Minister of Health and the CEO of the WRHA

-Gillian also welcomed **Kathy Doerksen ’82** to the President Role

-As past President of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and the former Chief Nursing Officer of HSC, Kathy is in an excellent position to provide leadership within our organization.

1. **New business/Other**
   1. Update of Memorandum of Understanding related to Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund: May 23, 2025
      1. Updated document reviewed
      2. Thank you to Shellie Anderson and Donna Meder for their work on this review
      3. Will review again in 5 years.
   2. Honorary Life Member:
      1. 10 Honorary Life Members in our Alumni Association
      2. This honor given to a member of the Alumni Association who has provided outstanding service to the Alumni and/or the Nursing profession.
      3. **Awarded to Marilyn Muir (1991)** in recognition and appreciation for her work as **Education Convenor** for many years. Marilyn started as a committee member on the Education Committee in 2007 and subsequently took over the Convenor role 2009. She has seamlessly managed the HSC Education Bursary Fund and supported nursing education for over 18 years.
      4. HLM in attendance Margaret Ogonowski - recognized by all.
   3. Honorary President
      1. Conferred on a member of the Alumni Association who has contributed dedicated service to the Alumni Association.
      2. Current HPs in this 2-year position include Carol Galbraith ‘67 (outgoing) and Danielle Swerhone ’79.
      3. Incoming inductee is Marilyn Bruce ’70 – who is honored for her role as Class Rep for Class of 1970 and for her many years of service on the Education Committee. Marilyn’s nursing career in Oncology is equally impressive as a leader in cancer clinical specialty work.
   4. Mabel Pokiak Lumsden Bursary
      1. Bursary developed by Class of 1963B with Evelyn Labun, Sonja Lundstron and Glenna Erikson taking the lead. The Bursary was developed to honor classmate Mabel Pokiak Lumsden through the support of nursing education of “Inuk nursing students from the north” who return to practice” in the north” after graduation. The Bursary is now successfully managed by the Canadian Nursing Foundation. Information about Mabel Pokiak Lumsden as well as opportunity to donate to the Fund was available during Homecoming. Evelyn Labun expressed appreciation to the Alumni Association for all their assistance in developing this Bursary.
   5. HSC Nursing Excellence Award in Honor of Ann Thomas
      1. A new Nursing Excellence Award in honor of Ann Thomas is being developed by HSC. Ann Thomas graduated in 1958 and had an illustrious nursing career both at HSC and in the community. The Critical Services Building at HSC was named after in her honor. This HSC Nursing Excellence Award in honor of Ann Thomas will be given yearly to an Aboriginal Nurse at HSC during Nursing Week. Members of the Alumni Executive will be invited to confer this award during Nurses Week next May.
2. **AGM adjourned at 1125.**
3. **Next Annual General Meeting – May 28, 2026**