

Mount Allison Federated Alumni, Inc. Annual General Meeting  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
 Hybrid meeting  
 11 am

Present in room:	Present on Zoom:
Scott Hayes	Melanie Nicholson
Courtney Pringle Carver	Paul Pergau
Dr. Robert MacKinnon	Eric Brown
Meredith Lewis	Vickie (Lamb) Drover & Doug Drover
Myra Landsburg	Jeannie Inch
Christy DeMont	Bob Hawkes
Jonathan Graves	Everett Patterson ('20)
David Pos	Marcie Meekins
Jennie Henderson	Martin McEwen '96
Reid Harrison	Mike Taylor
Youji Cheng	Corey ?
Ryan Francis	
Jack Rhind	
Kevin Estabrooks	
Jodi Swan	
Rob MacQueen	
Cathy (Brown) Hayman	
Carolle de Ste-Croix	

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Christy DeMont

**Land acknowledgement - Christy DeMont**

We would like to acknowledge that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq. Our relationship and our privilege to live on this territory was agreed upon in the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1752. Because of this treaty relationship it is to be acknowledged that we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to respect this territory.

Tribute to deceased alumni - (s)-776(o)-8(w)-161(l)-65(g(n)3(o)-2(wledg)4(e)-3(d)3



year ahead, we look forward to creating cherished memories in this historic setting.

During our time at Mount Allison, my classmates and I were not only shaped by the academic excellence this institution offered but also by the incredible people we met along the way. One such person was my music professor and the outgoing honorary President of the Alumni Board Dr. Nancy Vogan. Nancy not only taught us the beauty of music but also the importance of



invite everyone to submit nominations for the 2024 awards which are due in December. Just contact the alumni office or go to our website for more information.

## **Reunion Weekend**

Reunion weekends are always special, but this year was very special as we returned to our normal schedule of events since 2019. Our reunions are filled with nostalgia, laughter, and heartfelt gatherings. We had a record smashing attendance from the class of 1973 for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. It was an amazing Reunion weekend.

## **Presidential Search**

As President of the Alumni Association, I also have the honour of sitting on the Presidential Search committee.

The university has engaged recruiting firm Royer Thompson to assist in the Presidential Search.

A Search Committee has been set up including members from Board of Regents and representatives of Alumni, Students, Faculty and Staff. The Committee is in the process of doing stakeholder consultations via an online survey as well as in person on campus and virtually, soliciting input on what those stakeholder groups think is important in a new president.

Next steps are to finalize job description and candidate profile, and have the recruiters start searching for candidates.

Updated information about the search progress, the committee members and a way to contact the committee can be found at <https://mta.ca/about/leadership-and-governance/board-regents/presidential-search>

## **AGM and Board Transition**

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Marion Humprey and Nancy Vogan our outgoing board for their dedication, hard work, and the countless hours they have devoted to our association. Your commitment has been the driving force behind our achievements this year.

As we bid farewell to some board members, we warmly welcome new faces. Their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives promise to invigorate our mission. I am excited to work alongside them and witness the positive impact they will undoubtedly bring to our alumni community.



## **Our Vision: Cementing Mount Allison's Legacy**

Our vision at the alumni engagement office is to secure Mount Allison's third century by strengthening our ability, as alumni, to remember, celebrate, and honor our history. We aim to elevate every facet of the Mount Allison experience today while laying the groundwork for an inspiring and impactful future. This vision motivates us to work creatively and strategically for current and future generations.

## **Alumni Strategic Plan Implementation**

Last year, we adopted a new Alumni Engagement Strategic Plan and have steadily progressed in its implementation. We are committed to enhancing alumni engagement by encouraging contributions of time, talent, treasure, and testimony to the University, thereby fortifying the bonds between alumni and the institution. This year, we will roll out new initiatives aligned with the plan, fostering the growth of our alumni network.

For instance, we continue to offer events during Homecoming, Convocation, and Reunion that facilitate student-alumni interactions. We have also implemented a new alumni volunteer recognition program during National Volunteer Week in April, with a successful alumni contact tracing strategy that leverages volunteers.

Another key goal is partnering with the University Archives to share our stories and collaborate on special projects, such as a series of events with the author of an exciting new book about alumnus Winthrop Picard Bell, a British spy who alerted the world to Nazi plans for World War II.

## **Success of the Alumni Mentorship Program with First-Generation Students**

The Alumni Mentorship Program, a part of our strategic plan, has been particularly successful in positively impacting first-generation students. Alumni mentors have made a significant difference in the lives of these students, resulting in improved academic performance, career readiness, and overall well-being. As this program continues to expand, we are now actively seeking 40 new mentors this fall.

## **New Board Governance Documents**

To ensure transparency and professionalism, we are currently reviewing the Alumni Board's governance documents, leading to the development of a new constitution and the introduction of a code of conduct, confidentiality, and conflict of interest document. These documents will underpin the effective functioning of our board and uphold the highest standards of integrity and accountability. We look forward to approving the new constitution at next year's AGM.

## **Welcoming New Team Members**

I'm thrilled to introduce two valuable additions to our team: Jaryd Morrissey and Scott Hayes. Jaryd Morrissey, our new Alumni Engagement Events Officer, brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for fostering alumni connections. Scott Hayes, as our Alumni Communications and Volunteer Officer, will be instrumental in enhancing our outreach efforts. Their skills and dedication will strengthen our alumni community.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Interim president and member of the class of 1978 Dr. Robert MacKinnon to campus this fall. It's been wonderful to have him and his partner Karen move onto campus and getting acquainted with the MtA community. We are in great hands as we await the search committees work in the coming year. We are so delighted to have you back at MtA Dr. MacKinnon.

## **In Memoriam: Gloria Jollymore and Peter McRae**

This year, we marked the passing of two former alumni directors who made significant contributions to our association: Peter McRae, who served as Alumni director throughout the 1980s, and my immediate predecessor, Gloria Jollymore. Both were dedicated advocates for the Mount Allison community, and we will fondly remember their passion and positive impact on Mount Allison and its alumni.

## **Closing**

In closing, I am immensely proud of the progress we have made as an alumni community. Together, we are shaping the future of Mount Allison University and leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.



Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to the exciting journey ahead as we continue to strengthen our alumni bonds and contribute to the growth and success of Mount Allison University.

Respectfully submitted, Carolle de Ste-Croix

### **Election of Directors and Executive – Robert MacQueen**

Motion to nominate the following slate of officers for the Mount Allison Alumni Board

- For one term, from October 2023 to October 2025:
  - Jennie Henderson ('03) – Vanier, ON – President
  - Reid Harrison ('59) – Halifax, NS – Honorary President
  - Christy DeMont ('80) – North York, ON – Past President
  - Jonathan Graves ('15) – Bedford, NS – Vice President

Seconded by Kevin Estabrooks  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **Election of Alumni Representative of Board of Regents – Robert MacQueen**

Motion to accept the slate of directors presented for a first and second term on the MtA Alumni Board

- For a first term, from October 2023 – October 2026
  - Cathy (Brown) Hayman '89 – Oakville, ON
  - Amanda Julian '12 – Calgary, AB
  - Shannon (Eaton) Baxter '88 – Moncton, NB
- For a second term, from October 2023 – October 2026
  - Jack Rhind '74 – Bermuda

Seconded by Kevin Estabrooks

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Motion for nomination of alumnus as an Alumni Board Representative to the Board of Regents for second term.**

- Dr. Phil Tibbo '86 – Halifax, NS

Seconded by Cyndey Kane

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Awards Committee report - Jennie Henderson**

- 2023 Charles Frederick Allison Award - Charlie Scott '83 & Jill Rafuse '73
- 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award - Christian Nicholson '73
- 2023 Contemporary Community Award - Kenzie Lalonde '15

### **Adjournment**

Motion - Nancy Vogan

Seconded - Jack Rhind

Motion passed unanimously