

**Annual and Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 29, 2024

Time: 6:11 pm start (Toronto Time)

Location: Online via Zoom

1. Call to Order & Welcome (Sofiya Datsyuk, President)
 - Land acknowledgement.
 - Commented on voting procedure.
2. Approval of the Agenda (Sofiya Datsyuk, President)
 - A motion approving the meeting agenda for the 2024 annual and special meeting was passed.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Sofiya Datsyuk, President)
 - A motion approving the meeting minutes from the 2023 annual general meeting held May 31, 2023 was passed .
4. President's Report (Sofiya Datsyuk, President)
 - Highlighted accomplishments of WCAA directors and committees, including:
 - five Alumni Cafe Events;
 - first Alumni Game Night;
 - collaboration with WCSA on a student resume review workshop; and
 - the Alumni Survey conducted during the spring - with thanks to DUA for administering.
 - Reflected on conclusion of a special two-year term as President of WCAA and the College's 50th anniversary.
 - Acknowledged and thanked directors who sit on Woodsworth College Council, Academic Advisory Committee and College of Electors.
 - Thanked outgoing directors Laura Scarlett Martin, Annum Bokhari, Natalie Hoffman, Dr. Huda Henry-Riyad and Erin Thompson for their contributions to WCAA.
 - Thanked the College, Principal Chin, Barbara Track, Carolyn Peralta and the work study students for their guidance and support.
5. Principal's Report (Carol Chin, Principal, Woodsworth College)
 - Provided updates, highlighting:
 - The construction project; governance has approved the increased cost, and the expected demolition is planning to start soon.
 - The Student Awards and 50th Anniversary Celebration of Woodsworth College held in March with special guests in attendance, including President Meric Gertler and Arts & Science Dean, Prof. Melanie Woodin. Noting the 50th Anniversary Digital History website is up and running.

- Woodsworth welcoming two new faculty members on contract Prof. Jennifer DeSilva and Prof. Heidi Craig, who teach in our Digital Humanities program.
 - Prof. Jennifer DeSilva to assume role of Vice-Principal of Woodsworth College, as we say farewell to long-serving Vice-Principal Brock MacDonald, retiring at the end of June.
 - The activities and successes of the Woodsworth College Students Association (WCSA), capitalizing on students' eagerness to join in-person activities again. Noted several members of the WCSA executive graduating this year, including the President and some of the Vice Presidents, and welcomed the dynamic new alumni to the association.
 - Reflected on the conclusion of the first five-year term and is honoured to be reappointed for a second five-year term.
6. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Annual Audited Financial Statements (Maina Rambali, Treasurer))
- Presented the annual audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2024 and highlighted that WCAA is in a good financial position.
 - Cash balance of \$15,425 and net assets of \$14,510 which is net of accounts payable of \$915.
 - The revenue totaled \$10,351 and expenses \$7,507 for an excess of revenue expenditure of \$2,844.
 - Net cash increased by \$3,564. Cash at the beginning of the year was \$11, 961 and the year end is \$15,425.
 - Thanked Roger Bulgin, Chief Administrative Officer, Woodsworth College for conducting the audit.
 - A motion approving the annual audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2024 was approved.
7. Nominating Committee Report (J. Erin Rud Thompson, Past President)
- Reported on the large recruitment for the WCAA board of directors this year with an unprecedented number of applicants. All applicants were highly accomplished with exceptional talents, representative of our rich and diverse alumni.
 - Introduced the proposed slate of directors for the upcoming term, namely John Paulo Cardoso, Sofiya Datsyuk, Nida Dhanani, Michael Gibson, Jesse Grimstead, Junior Martin Iyahan, Alexander Kritikopoulos, Jiwei (Monica) Lei, Katelyn Leonard Colleen Leung, Peter McClusky, Mohiba Musavi, Yasmine Nasereddin, Andrea Peel, Owen Prowse, Maina Rambali, Nathalie Sehgal, Jason Singh and May Xuan, to hold office until the next annual meeting of members or until their successors are elected or appointed.
 - A motion electing the new slate of board of directors for the 2024-25 term was passed.
 - Presented to the members, the slate of executives for the upcoming term, namely Maina Rambali, President; Colleen Leung, Vice President; Jesse Grimstead, Treasurer; Nathalie Sehgal, Secretary and Sofiya Datsyuk, Past President.
8. Amended By-laws (Sofiya Datsyuk, President)
- Reviewed proposed amendments to current by-laws approved on May 31, 2018; updates are mostly for administrative ease and cosmetic in nature and made in the spirit of aligning the by-laws to how the board and association functions.
 - The draft amended by-laws with a blackline tracking proposed changes were posted on the Woodsworth College website in advance of the annual and special meeting.
 - A motion amending the by-laws was passed by special resolution.

9. WCAA Incoming President's Report (Maina Rambali, Incoming President)
 - Following an introduction, reflected on her time as a student at Woodsworth, noting a place where she felt welcomed and belonging.
 - Welcomed the newly elected directors noting the diverse board, representative of WCAA creating an inclusive and welcoming environment that reflects the rich tapestry of our alumni population.
 - Commented on results from the Alumni Survey conducted in the spring, including some of the shortcomings in our mission, such as barriers to alumni activity participation and types of events that interest our alumni. Committed to addressing these challenges throughout her term as President.
 - Promised to deliver and live up to alumni expectations by:
 - working closely with the College;
 - collaborating with WCSA; and
 - representing Woodsworth and WCAA within the University.
 - Thanked Woodsworth College for their support of WCAA, Principal Chin, Barbara Track, Carolyn Peralta, and the staff at Woodsworth.
 - Thanked the outgoing President Sofiya Datsyuk and presented her with the inaugural Presidential Plaque.
10. Awards Presentations (presented by Sofiya Datsyuk and Maina Rambali)
 - *JS Woodsworth Awards of Distinction* was presented to two Woodsworth alumni: J Erin Rud-Thomson and Dr. Huda Henry-Riyad who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Woodsworth College and the Alumni Association.
 - Three students received the *Woodsworth College Alumni Association Appreciation Award*: Faria Jahan, Julia De Nicola, and Soban Atique who have shown great commitment and have made meaningful contributions to Woodsworth College.
11. Volunteer Recognition (Carol Chin, Principal, Woodsworth College)
 - Thanked Woodsworth College volunteers current and former who have dedicated their time and efforts to keeping alumni and students engaged and connected.
12. 50th and 25th Anniversary Recognition (presented by Nathalie Sehgal)
 - Presentation of the inaugural 50th anniversary pins were presented to Sylvia M. Harvey and Dr. Mary Hookey.
 - 25th anniversary pins were presented to Michael Hachey, Dr. Huda Henry-Riyad, Pinki Morales, Remigiusz Pulwer and Elizabeth A Stinson.