

UWIMAA Canadian Chapter
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Sunday 04 October 2020, 12:00 – 2:00 pm EST
Via Zoom

Informal Meet and Greet session began at 11:30 am

Annual General Meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm

- 1) Welcome and introductions
 - Dr Peter Wong called the meeting to order and welcomed members and other invitees thanking everyone for their participation in the videoconference AGM due to COVID-19 having affected the initially planned May in-person AGM. Approximately 36 people were in attendance.
 - A Special welcome to the specially invited family members of recently deceased members Drs Harri Rampersad and Ludlow Burke.
 - Each attendee was then called on to give a brief introduction.

- 2) Minutes of 2019 AGM
 - Dr Earnest Hew moves to accept 2019 minutes; Dr Massiah seconds; all in favour

- 3) Tribute to deceased outstanding Chapter members
 - Tribute to Dr Harri Rampersad written by Dr Joe Butchey, read by Dr Pam DaCamara Massiah. Elaine Rampersad, wife of Harri Rampersad in attendance.
 - Video tribute to Dr Ludlow Burke done by Professor George Alleyne. Several family members in attendance

- 4) Report of President
 - Dr Wong reports on the project underway to revitalise the UWIMAA overall body. Currently Canada is the most active chapter followed by Central Florida. The Caribbean chapters are dormant. Our contribution to the secretariat (\$10,000 CAD) that has been given every year since inception has been delayed this year until the revitalisation makes headway. This project is being undertaken in conjunction with the Institutional Advancement Division of UWI leaf by Dr Mike Branday and Dr Peter Adams. Several Executive members of the Canadian Chapter are on the committee. It is expected that an Executive Director position be established to conduct the operations of UWIMAA.
 - UWIMAA Canada maintained charitable status
 - Scholarships continue to be awarded

The DB Stewart prize and the Harry Annamunthodo prize had all female recipients this year with a 2-way tie for the Annamunthodo prize. All funds have been distributed.

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- Chapter Member achievements
 - Jillian Lewis '97 Neonatology Consultant UWI Mona
 - Judy Seesahai, 2010 appointed junior staff at Sunnybrook- Neonatology
 - Makini McGuire, 2013, completed MBA in health management, started PhD in Administration- Health and Accountability research
 - Jennifer Young 1997- Neonatology Fellowship Director Sick Kids
 - Nadine Morrison- Pediatric Neurologist now at Queen's
 - Dr Upton Allen 1981- Recognised in news and media for research on COVID and its impact on Black Canadians
 - Senator Moodie- Viola Desmond award honouree;

- Class of 1970- 50 years of service

We recognise and thank

Dr Winston Gittens

Dr Shiela Kiruluta

Dr Andrew Hussey

Dr Neville McMillan

Dr Garth Taylor (deceased-aortic aneurysm)

- The UWI Toronto Gala 2020 was held virtually with representation from our chapter
- Join our social media channels to stay up to date!

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- If you would like to still pay dues/donations or receive a lunch money refund contact Dr Chris McDonald.
- Christmas donations- information on a Christmas donation to follow

5) Financial Report

Cash flow statement prepared by Dr McDonald displayed on scree. Dr Pam did brief walk through. Main point is that most money is actually sequestered for scholarships and prizes.

Dr Steinbook suggested indicating on cash flow statement in the future, how much is sequestered.

6) Any other Business

- Dr Chan highlights the death of Dr Khaimchand Panday
- Discussion regarding starting Paediatric scholarship prize
- Discussion surrounding how to help recent graduates navigate the Canadian Health system. Dr Eda Wallace proposed starting a subcommittee dedicated to this. Also mentioned that knowing the needs of these graduates was important. Dr McGuire promised to compile this. Several other doctors interested in assisting.

7) The UWIMAA Canadian Chapter – Distinguished Service Award Presentation

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Tribute to Dr Garth Smith by Dr Moodie recognising his work in developmental paediatrics and especially his work with First Nations people.

Dr Moodie Presents award virtually

Dr Smith accepts and is honoured.

8) Proposed Slate of Officers

2020-21 Officers:

President	Dr. Upton Allen MBBS '81
President Emeritus	Dr. Karl Massiah MBBS '65
Past President	Dr. Peter Wong MBBS '82
Vice President	Dr. Makini McGuire MBBS '13
Secretary	Dr. Judy Seesahai MBBS '98
Treasurer	Dr. Chris McDonald MBBS '75
Members at Large	
Dr. Michelle Barton-Forbes	MBBS '88
Dr. Joseph Butchey	MBBS '67
Dr. Jillian Lewis	MBBS '97
Dr. Pamela DaCamara	MBBS '65
Dr. Albert Aikerman	MBBS '76

Dr Gittens moved to accept slate, Dr Hew seconds; all in favour

9) Proposed meetings and important dates 2020-2021

- *UWIMAA Reunion Conference, Jamaica* Planning stage
- *Chapter Executive meeting* June, September, January, April
- *UWI Toronto Gala* May-April 2020
- *AGM* 2 May 2021

10) Adjournment

Dr Upton moved to adjourn; second by Dr McDonald; All in favour 1:28pm

Feature Speaker Dr Garth Smith presents an excellent presentation about his life's journey which was well received!

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