

UWIMAA Canadian Chapter

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at Double Tree Hilton Mississauga

Sunday, May 5th 2019

1. At 12:05 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Chair Vice President Dr. Upton Allen.
2. He welcomed all to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Ferdinand Fortune (UWIAA Canadian Chapter President).

A minute of silence was observed for Wellington Wong, father of our chair Dr. Peter Wong, Sir Alister McIntyre, Vice Chancellor Emeritus and Monica Johnson, class of '62.

3. Minutes of AGM'18 had been circulated and on a motion by Karl Massiah and seconded by Ludlow Burke were approved.

4. President's Report

We continue to maintain charitable status and continue to support the Secretariat (\$10 000 Canadian annually).

The prizes - Sir Harry Annamunthodo, prize in surgery, D.B. Stewart in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Andrew Masson in surgery, continue to be supported but have not yet been awarded for 2019.

The UWIMAA 13th reunion conference had been held in St. Lucia in July 2018. The theme had been

" UWI and Caribbean Health in challenging times". Upton Allen, Peter Wong and Karl Massiah were on the organizing committee. The Canadian Chapter was well represented with 20 members attending. Chapter members Upton Allen, Herbert Ho Ping Kong, Louis Weatherhead and Peter Wong presented papers.

Herbie had been a keynote speaker on "Medicine and Philanthropy".

A Scholarship in the name of Drs. Karl Massiah and Pamela DaCamara has been created by their daughter to provide full time assistance to a full time MBBS student who is a Caribbean National.

Dr. Rosemary Moodie, class of '82 has been appointed to the Senate of Canada by Governor General Julie Payette. All present offered applause and congratulations.

Congratulations were also extended to the Canadian Chapters members MBBS'69 on 50 years:

Dr. Barbara Ho Ping Kong (present)

Dr. Anna Jarvis (present)

Dr. Trevor Seaton

Dr. Donald Shirley

Dr. John Stewart

Dr. Ignatius Fong

The UWI Toronto Gala now in its 10th year was sold out and had good representation from the Canadian Chapter.

Members were also asked to visit our Facebook page, website and Whatsapp.

The members Inderman Jadusingh , Albert Akierman and Herbert Ho Ping Kong were thanked for their generous donations to the Secretariat, 1948 Society.

5. Financial Report was given by Pamela DaCamara.

Income Tax Year runs from April 1st to March 31st. had been filed for 2018. Statement of Cash Flows from the accountant had been circulated and at that time cash was \$ 33,083. As of today's date we have \$32,202, of this about \$14,000 belongs to the Andrew Masson and D.B. Stewart Fund. We will send \$ 10,000 to the Secretariat, awaiting Financial Report from UWIMAA and owe for lunch. Members were reminded to buy tickets for raffles as this is the main funding for the Annamunthodo prize.

On a motion by Ernest Hew and seconded by Chris McDonald Financial Report was approved.

6. Subcommittee Reports

Research Education: Report given by Upton Allen. The members of this subcommittee felt the name should be changed to Professional Advancement and Continuing Education (PACE).

Areas considered are aiding with special initiatives on the Caribbean and help for international graduates. Terms of reference to be worked on. Anna Jarvis asked that these be circulated before decision.

On a motion by Winston Gittens and seconded by Karl Massiah, name change was approved.

Membership committee: Joe Butchey continues to work on membership and gets in touch with newcomers. He is first trying to concentrate on London area where he resides.

Communication committee: Makini McGuire - The website, Facebook and Whatsapp are all up and running.

Awards committee: Karl Massiah - The notices and criteria for awards will be circulated in summer.

7. Other business

Upton told members of our Skype call with Celia Davidson -Francis from IAD and her suggestion of working with nonmedical alumni, dormancy of chapters and data base problems.

Dr. A. Akierman then joined by Skype.

The proposal for an endowment fund had been pre-circulated. He then highlighted some of the points on this. The charitable status for our chapter was a great achievement. At present, the funds are not invested. He has explored the possibility of establishing a UWIMAA Canadian Chapter Charitable Endowment Fund. He had written and met with Mr. Joe Marino and felt that it is feasible for donated funds to be invested and managed by a financial entity such as MD and MDPT.

In the pre-circulated document many questions were answered.

Joe Butchey asked about the downside. Albert felt that there should be none, as long as the investments are not risky. He felt the next steps were for the executive and membership to review and consider the proposal. Members were urged to share their thoughts with the executive. Albert was then thanked for his hard work on this.

Dr. Gittens asked on behalf of west coast members whether AGM could be held there.

Dr. McDonald thanked Pam DaCamara for her work as treasurer.

Distinguished service award: This award was presented to Dr. Winston Gittens'70. Introduction by Joe Butchey. Dr. Gittens was a neurosurgeon and administrator. He thanked all for the honor.

8. Proposed slate of officers:

President	Dr. Peter Wong	MBBS'82
President Emeritus	Dr. Karl Massiah	MBBS'65
Vice President	Dr. Upton Allen	MBBS '81
Secretary	Dr. Makini McGuire	MBBS'13
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. Hensley Miller	MBBS'65
Dr. Albert Akierman	MBBS '76

On a motion by Ernest Hew and seconded by Anna Jarvis this was approved.

9. Meeting dates

UWIMAA Reunion Conference Jamaica- July 2020

Chapter Executive Meeting- (June 2nd, September 15th, 2019; January 12th, April 5th, 2020)

UWI Toronto Gala - March-April, 2020

AGM- May 3, 2020

10. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m. and was followed by lunch and talk by Rachel Manley

Respectfully submitted

Pam DaCamara

Secretary/Treasurer UWIMA Canadian Chapter