

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA WOMEN'S CLUB
89TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 3, 2023, 8pm

The Mission of the UAWC shall be to foster friendships among women and facilitate social gatherings by means of small interest groups and larger assemblies.

The UAWC is a welcoming and respectful club where everyone is accepted regardless of age, ability, socio-economic status or cultural, ethnic, religious background and persons who identify as a woman/femme.

Meeting	Annual General Meeting 2022-2023	
Date Time Location	May 3, 2023 University Club, Saskatchewan Room	Start: 8:00 pm End: 9:07 pm
Purpose	Year end review, introduction of new board members, passing the gavel to 2023 President	
Present (43 attendees)	Valerie Allan, Bonnie Austen, Karen Bain, Marcia Bercov, Mualla Berksoy-Boluk, Julia Boberg, Christine Brown, Isabel Chueh, Cathie Crooks, Lorraine Deydey, Karen Doucet, Krystyna Fedosejevs, Christine Forth, Joann Freed, Marilyn Gaa, Donna Gorday, Pauline Grant, Norma Gutteridge, Jan Heaman, Joyce Henderson, Lorraine Hinch, Joanne Homik, Sheela Hota-Mitchell, Joan Hube, Robin Inskip, Allison Jones, Magdalene McDowall, Lynne Moser, Sarah Nyland, Beverly Oster, Helen Otto, Pat Petersen, Hannelore Pinnington, Gillian Rostoker, Ellen Schoeck, Ila Scott, Linda Seale, Laura Steadward, Marliyn Steier, Jean Tucker, Margot Wanke, Valerie Wasylshen, Lynn Wolf	
Regrets	Marilyn Weins	

Meeting Agenda

1. Agenda Call to order & Welcome
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the 88th Annual General Meeting, May 2, 2022
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Vice-President's report
7. Elections to the 2023-2024 Board
8. Passing the Gavel to new President and acceptance speech
9. Closing remarks and Adjournment

Agenda Item # 1 Call to order and welcome

Karen Doucet called the meeting to order, welcoming attendees and commenting on how nice it was to hold the AGM in-person this year after two years of using Zoom technology and last year's hybrid AGM.

Agenda Item # 2 Approve the Agenda

The agenda was emailed to members in advance of AGM. No additional items were added.

Motion made by: Pat Petersen moved the agenda be accepted

Seconded by: Christine Brown

Passed or Failed: Passed

Agenda Item # 3 Approval of the minutes of the 88th Annual General Meeting, May 2 2022

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were emailed in advance of AGM. No concerns expressed.

Motion made by: Bonnie Austen moved that the minutes be adopted..

Seconded by: Lorraine Deydey

Passed or Failed: Passed

Agenda Item # 4 - President's report

Karen Doucet described this year as all about getting back to normal - - for example, book clubs in members' homes, with snacks... that kind of normal.

Karen noted that some scheduling and format changes were made this year.

- The Coffee Morning in February shifted to a Celebration Tea in June to accommodate Snowbirds, but also to avoid harsh weather and road conditions that impact attendance at winter events.
- This year the Celebration Tea will be moved to the Lendrum Community Centre which will allow us to bring in home-made food for the occasion.
- Karen was pleased that a new interested group was created by a new member this year. Sheila Hota-Mitchell started Zumba by Zoom. Karen hinted that she would love for an Art and Museum interest group to be reintroduced. Orla and Eunice used to arrange this type of outing.
- With the 90th anniversary upcoming, Karen encouraged members to bring their ideas forward for mini-events and newsletter articles throughout the year.

On a more somber note, Karen acknowledged that we lost three past-presidents this year, Sheila Peterson, Lorraine McDonald, and Eunice Barron as well as other members who have passed. These were amazing women, strong and dedicated, contributing in many ways over the years - it's a real loss.

In closing, Karen thanked all of the members. She enjoyed being president and working with a collaborative board with shared wisdom and encouraged members to give some thought to the newly vacant board positions.

Motion made by: Karen Bain moved that the President's report be accepted.

Seconded by: Donna Gorday

Passed or Failed: Passed

Agenda Item # 5 - Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was sent out in advance of the AGM.

Lorraine Deydey reviewed the budget, actual expenses and variants for the current year (to Apr 25/23) noting that we underspent in most categories this year. However, income from memberships was less than anticipated by \$866.00.

The 2022-2023 budget was developed projecting a 10% increase in the cost of goods and services. Income from membership fees was based on 125 registrations, although it is hoped that registration numbers will be higher. Anticipated expenses for the year are \$8,525, membership dues will raise \$7,500, leaving a deficit of \$1,025. Based on current expenditures, there will be a sufficient carry-over balance to cover the projected deficit.

It was noted that an increase to the Publicity and Brochures category is necessary in order to attract new members as per last year's constitutional changes. The board is looking into having a marketing/communications plan developed to connect with NASA, MAPS and Post Doctoral Fellows as potential members.

Discussion:

- Muella asked if there was budget money for the 90th Anniversary. Nothing specific has been set aside. We are planning to celebrate throughout the year with mini-events/occasions and newsletter articles.
- Christine Forth asked to retain the Zoom license in the budget, arguing that it is a nice option, especially in the winter, for getting groups together in inclement weather.
- The cost of food and beverage, and room rental at the University Club continues to increase. While Lorraine acknowledged that Lendrum's rental fee is less, she will be purchasing insurance. Where the savings will occur, is with being able to bring in our own food. We will try it with the Summer Tea and solicit feedback from attendees.

Motion made by: Robin Inskip moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Seconded by: Christine Forth

Passed or Failed: Passed

Agenda Item # 6 - Vice-President's report

The Vice-President's report was emailed to members in advance of AGM.

Marilyn Weins was unable to attend the AGM. Marilyn Steier acted on her behalf, reporting on the activities of the UAWC interest groups this past year.

Agenda Item # 7 - Elections to the 2023-2024 Board

Karen Doucet thanked board members for their contribution to the club.

The following directors will be retiring:

- Donna Gorday, Past President
- Patricia Petersen, Membership
- Lorraine Hinch, Secretary
- Karen Bain, Program

The following directors will continue:

- Marilyn Wiens, President
- Karen Doucet, Past President
- Tricia Unsworth, Directory
- Marilyn Steier, Newsletter Editor (finishing 2nd year)
- Lorraine Deydey, Treasurer (finishing 2nd year)
- Christine Brown, Website

Donna Gorday, Past President presented the Board of Directors slate of nominees.

- Vice President - Joanne Homik
- Program Chair - Sheela Hota-Mitchell
- Membership - Linda Weiner
- Program Committee - Vacant
- Secretary - Vacant
- Publicity - Vacant

Donna asked for further nominations from the floor, three times. No further nominations were forthcoming from the membership in attendance, therefore she asked for a motion to accept the slate of nominees as presented.

Motion Made by: Laura Steadward moved that the slate of nominees be accepted.

Seconded By: Muella Berksoy-Boluk

Passed or Failed: Passed

Discussion/Comments:

- Donna encouraged people to consider filling board vacancies. Publicity Chair will be an exciting position as we are trying to promote membership to new groups on campus. The person who takes on the position can evolve it.
- Karen Doucet added that the board has engaged a U of A student to develop a marketing/communications plan.
- Cathie Crooks suggested a publicity committee be created.

Agenda Item # 8 - Passing the Gavel and Acceptance speech from the new President

Karen Doucet passed the gavel to Marilyn Steier, accepting it on behalf of Marilyn Wiens.

Marilyn Steier read Marilyn Wiens acceptance speech.

Marilyn Wiens is honoured to take on the role of President of the UAWC. She thanked Karen and Donna for their support over the past year, and acknowledged how much she learned from them. She looks forward to the coming year as we celebrate the club's 90th anniversary and is open to suggestions from the membership.

Agenda Item # 9 - Meeting adjournment (Marilyn Steier)

Marilyn Steier declared the 89th Annual General Meeting of the University of Alberta Women's Club adjourned.

Motion made by: Joanne Homik moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded By: Pat Petersen

Passed or Failed: Passed