

Annual General Meeting - Minutes
Okanagan College Alumni Association
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Infusions Restaurant at Okanagan College
1000 KLO Road, Kelowna

Attendees:

Kara Kazimer, BBA '99
Katerina Hay, BBA HONS '12
Nick Moffatt, BBA '08
Geoff Johnson, BBA '06
Gordon Ficke, ELEN '78
Aaron Gregory, Arts '17
Cory Nelmes, Arts '11
Nick Melemenis, BBA '10
Kathleen McMurray, BBA '05
Sarah Comba, BUAD '07
Samantha Blandon, BBA '13

Kathy Butler, Director, Advancement & Alumni
Anne Kirkpatrick, Development Officer, Advancement & Alumni
Bobbie-Jo Koutsantonis, Advancement & Alumni Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

Kara Kazimer called the meeting to order at 5:17pm

Kara thanked all attendees and explained that anyone who has graduated from Okanagan College or Okanagan University College with a certificate, diploma or degree, or who has completed 30 credits of study, is eligible to make motions and vote, as per OCAA by-laws.

In accordance with the Society Act, notice was sent out to OCAA members two weeks prior to the meeting and all pertinent documents were made available on the website.

(1) Accept Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (G. Ficke, Carried)

(2) Approve Minutes of 2015 AGM

Motion to approved the minutes as presented (K. Hay, Carried)

(3) Report to the Members

Kara presented the report outlining the Association's key accomplishments and activities over the 2015-16 year.



OCAA Annual Report to the Members 2015-2016

Vision Statement

Empowering Your Future

Mission Statement

Celebrating Alumni by creating connections and opportunities

2015-16 Accomplishments & Activities Summary

Over the past year the Alumni Association celebrated a number of accomplishments that can be measured in numerous ways. We've presented the OCAA's activities to help illustrate the impact we made in the last fiscal year.

Golf Tournament/Silent Auction

\$8,910 raised

A group of dedicated staff and alumni volunteers provided support to the OC Foundation Golf Tournament in May 2015. The OCAA hosted the silent auction, which raised \$8,910. These proceeds go to support the netCommunity, our primary communication tool and OCAA programs and services, including student bursaries.

Convocation

Approximately 750 graduands

Each year, a representative or Alumni Association president is part of the convocation procession and provides graduands with a small gift once they cross the stage. We use it as an opportunity to welcome graduates to the Association. In addition, volunteers work as event greeters and at the sales table where frames and other alumni gifts are sold, which raises money to support alumni programs.

Alumni Awards

13 alumni of 60 attendees

On Thursday, October 15, 2015 we celebrated the success of our Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Sareena Sharma Nickoli (Bachelor of Business Administration, 2001) and our Young Alumni Award recipient, John Perrot (Bachelor of Business Administration, 2003). These awards, along with the coinciding event, provide the Association to recognize and celebrate the successes of the alumni who do amazing work in their communities and/or respective industries.



Pay It Forward

Value of helping our community: priceless

For the 10th anniversary of the Pay It Forward challenge, we went out to the community and invited alumni to set up donation boxes at their places of employment. Alumni in Vernon, Kelowna and West Kelowna accepted the challenge and collected warm blankets and clothing for the homeless shelters in their communities. Hundreds of pounds of donated items were distributed to the following community organizations: Inn from the Cold, Kelowna Gospel Mission, Kelowna Women's Shelter, Common Threads (Vernon).

A very special thank you to alumna, Sarah Comba, who has returned year after year to help coordinate this initiative as well as Kal Tire's corporate offices, Crowe-MacKay in Kelowna, District of West Kelowna and all of our volunteers.

OC Works

32 alumni attendees

3 events hosted

We continued our involvement with and support of the OC Works program. This is essentially a sponsored coffee break for organizations that employ more than 5 OC/OUC alumni in our communities. Three OC Works events were hosted throughout the year at Kingfisher Boats (Vernon), School District 23 IT Services (Kelowna) and Okanagan Dodge (Kelowna)

Student Awards

3 students received awards

\$3,000 awarded

Our board of directors is extremely proud of the continued support we provide to students through our financial awards. In 2015/16, we provided awards to three very deserving students who achieve academic success while being active in their communities.

College to Career

55 student participants

7 alumni volunteers

Working in partnership with the Student, Graduate, and Co-op Employment Centre staff, the OCAA offers a variety of employment focused workshops and initiatives. This year, we hosted the Finding your Future workshop, which was focused on helping students prepare for the Business Expo and Employment Fair.

We also invited alumni from various industries to campus to provide feedback on student resumes and to conduct mock-interviews to help prepare students for their job search.

50/50 Raffle

\$1,026 raised

10 student/alumni volunteers

In February, we were invited back to Kal Tire Place to host the 50/50 raffle at the Vernon Vipers game. We had a group of 12 enthusiastic tickets sellers that included current students and alumni who sold to a crowd of 1800-2000 fans. We even took a photo of three generations of student leaders who came out to sell tickets: Vincent Yew (ACE), Jonathon Gardner (SIFE) and Aaron Gregory (Enactus). See the image below. The proceeds raised from the event support bursaries for Okanagan College students.

New Student Orientation

Support to all four campuses

In an effort to have a presence and provide support to students at all four campuses, the Association provided a beverage fridges loaded with snacks and refreshments to be used as a prize draw on orientation day. They were very popular with the students and well-received by orientation event organizers as well.

CS Discount

11 alumni qualified for the discount

\$326.73 saved by alumni

Graduates from certificates, diplomas and degrees continue to be provided a discount for Continuing Studies part time vocational and general interest courses. Alumni have used this discount for 11 Continuing Studies courses in Kelowna and Penticton. This discount is relatively new and we hope that with increased awareness more alumni will take advantage of this discount in all four regions.

Are You Smarter Than – OC Edition

30 trivia contestants

In the spring we hosted a trivia event that played on the “Are you smarter than a 5th grader” game show that pitted students against alumni. Despite a few technical glitches, the event received positive reviews from all attendees. It was a great engagement opportunity for the Association and raised \$341.58 for Enactus. With the wrinkles identified, we hope to host a bigger, better event next year.

Congratulations to team “Knockout Sharp Shooters” and the “Copy Kats” who took first and second place respectively.



Affinity Partnerships

More than \$3,750 earned

We continue to maintain strong relationships with our two main affinity partners: Industrial Alliance and Canadian Direct Insurance (CDI).

In the fall, a campaign conducted in partnership with Industrial Alliance provided Okanagan College & OUC alumni and their spouses with the opportunity to sign up for a \$25,000 or \$50,000 life insurance policy without the need for a medical exam. A total of 44 applicants took advantage of this program, which not only saves them money but also provides support to our Association. Although no personal information was disclosed, the final demographic report provided by Industrial Alliance gave us an idea of who uses the program. We know that average age of the applicants is 37 years, 2/3 of the alumni applicants are male and that 71% of the applications included a spouse on their policy.

We are still in the relatively early stage of our partnership with CDI yet they demonstrate support of our partnership through sponsorship of our events. Thanks to CDI, we were able to host a second event for alumni living in Calgary that was well attended.

Chapters

25 members

2 events

The alumni leading the charge for the Calgary chapter continue to demonstrate passion for their alma mater and supporting alumni in their area. The OCAA helped the Chapter to host two events. The first was hosted in the fall that brought alumni to Sunterra Market for a cooking class. The small but enthusiastic group of 9 alumni attendees came together to blend good food and great company with a learning opportunity!

The second event was sponsored by CDI and invited alumni to come together at the Garage sports bar in the winter for a casual pub night. These events have brought alumni together to build their professional and social networks in a city away from home and we are happy to be a part of that connection.

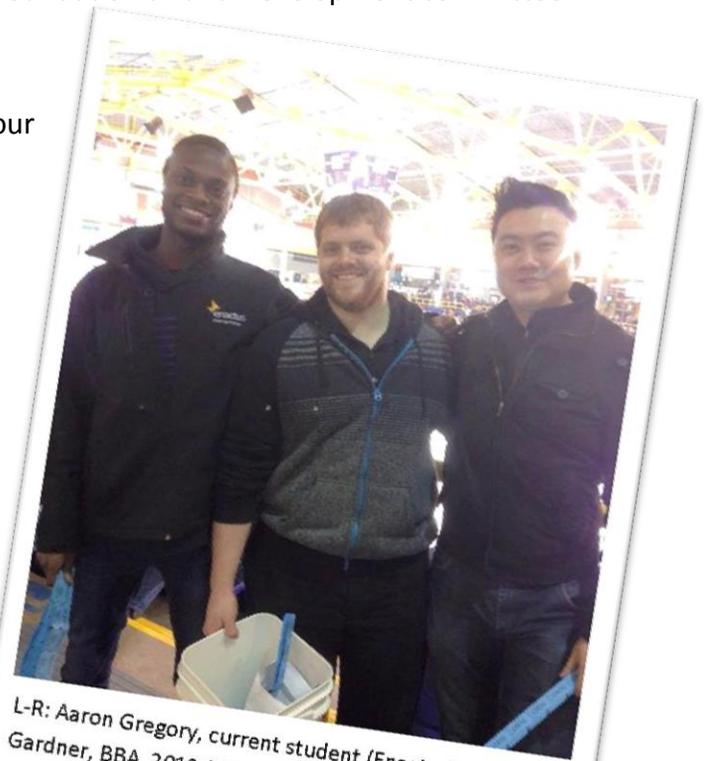


Alumni Representation

*Okanagan College
Okanagan College Foundation*

We are so very pleased that Okanagan College recognized the importance of “Strengthening relationships with alumni” in their new strategic plan. This most likely came from the many consultation sessions in all four regions that alumni were invited to participate. In addition to the College’s strategic planning process, an alumni representative was invited to participate on the College’s Tributes Committee and the Okanagan College Foundation’s Fund Development committee.

Looking forward we are very excited about the opportunities to support our alumni. A big thank you to our volunteers, especially the hard working OCAA Board of Directors, who have contributed to another successful year for the OCAA.



L-R: Aaron Gregory, current student (Enactus), Jonathan Gardner, BBA 2012 (SIFE), Vincent Yew, BBA 2007 (ACE)



Donations to the PIF Challenge in Kelowna and West Kelowna were sorted at the Kelowna campus.



L-R: Sareena Nickoli (DAA recipient), Kara Kazimer (OCAA president) and John Perrott (YAA recipient) at the 2015 Alumni Awards Reception

Motion to approve the report as presented (G. Ficke, Carried)

(4) 2015/2016 Financial Statements

Nick Moffatt presented the financial statements, explaining the numbers and that the statements were prepared by the Okanagan College Finance department.

Motion to accept the 2015-16 financial statements as presented (N. Melemenis, Carried)

(5) Election of Directors

At 5:32 pm, Kara Kazimer passed the gavel to Nick Moffatt to chair the meeting.

Nick Moffatt explained that three existing board who let their names stand for re-election of a two year term, Gordon Ficke, Kara Kazimer and Nick Melemenis.

Motion to elect the slate of member elections by acclamation (K. Hay, Carried)

Nick Moffatt explained that as part of the board recruitment two new board members have agreed to serve on the board for a two year term Sarah Comba and Vince Yew.

Motion to elect Sarah Comba and Vince Yew to the OCAA board for a two year term (K. Hay, Carried)

Nick asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

(6) Waiver of Auditor

As per the by-laws, every year the Association must either appoint or waive an auditor.

Nick Moffatt explained that all OCAA financial statements are coordinated by the Okanagan College Finance Department and all their accounts are audited. It was also pointed out that the OCAA's budget is relatively low, therefore, Nick recommended that the members waive the requirement of an external auditor.

Motion to waive the auditor (G. Ficke, Carried)

(7) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 5:37 pm by K. Hay.