

Attendance

Members Present (Remote):

Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik, Paul Dupuis, Rebekah Gwynn, Sonja Kosuta, Rose Linklater, Mike Moraca, Jake Pastore, Mark Pitcher, Paul Quesnele, Shelley Schell, Shannon Taylor, Mario Turco, Asima Vezina

Members Absent:

Kristen Gauthier, Elaine Pitcher, Hugh Stevenson

Guests Present (Remote):

Craig Fowler, Krista McCracken, Isabel Molina, Donna Rogers, Kramer Rousseau, Mary Wabano-McKay

1. OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

1.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on sacred lands set aside for education as envisioned by Chief Shingwauk for our children and for those as yet unborn.

1.2. Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the board cycle and shared her excitement for the upcoming term. She acknowledged and recognized the significance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and shared her appreciation for the work of staff to engage the wider community in meaningful learning and reflection opportunities.

1.3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

2. APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

To approve the motions that were made in the Closed Session.

Motion moved by Rose Linklater and motion seconded by Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik.
Carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

That all items listed under the 'Consent Agenda' be approved as recommended.

Motion moved by Shannon Taylor and motion seconded by Paul Dupuis. Carried.

3.1. OPEN Agenda for Board Meeting

 [Open Board of Governors Agenda - Sept 29, 2021.pdf](#)

3.2. OPEN Minutes for Previous Meeting

 [BOG OPEN Minutes June 17, 2021 - Special Meeting.pdf](#)

 [BOG OPEN Minutes June 24, 2021.pdf](#)

3.3. OPEN Committee Minutes

3.3.1. Board Executive Committee

 [BE OPEN Minutes June 15, 2021.pdf](#)

3.3.2. Board Finance Committee

 [Risk Finance OPEN Minutes June 15, 2021.pdf](#)

3.3.3. Nominating and Governance Committee

 [NOM-GOV OPEN Minutes June 2, 2021.pdf](#)

4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT (Presenters: Asima Vezina)


[September 2021 President's Report \(FLIPBOOK VIEW\)](#)

 [President's Report - September 2021.pdf](#)

The President began with a moment of reflection in honour of the late Elder Shirley Jane Roach-baa, Ozawa D'bik Giiziz Ikwe, Mukwa O'Dodem. She then provided an overview of the September 2021 President's Report, outlining key milestones accomplished within the six strategic priorities and expected next steps. The Board acknowledged their appreciation and congratulations to all involved for the accomplishments and ongoing progress on various initiatives.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Research Advisory Committee: Dr. Isabel Molina (Presenters: Dr. Isabel Molina - Canada Research Chair in Plant Lipid Metabolism, Department of Biology)

 [BOG REPORT OPEN September 29, 2021 Research Presentation-Dr. Isabel Molina.pdf](#)

 [BOG - Research Slide Deck - Dr. Isabel Molina.pdf](#)

D. Rogers introduced Dr. I. Molina who shared a slide deck on research related to exploring the multiple facets of protective plant lipid barriers. Prior to offering their thanks for the presentation, the Board asked for further clarification about the competition related to NASA and the research methods for developing fresh food for in-flight astronauts, as well as the potential to explore the influences that seed coats could have on forest fires and the regeneration of tree species.

5.2. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Presenters: Krista McCracken - Interim Director, Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre)

A presentation on Algoma University's acknowledgement of, and activities related to, the September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Orange Shirt Day](#)

 [BOG - National Day For Truth and Reconciliation..pdf](#)

M. Wabano-McKay introduced K. McCracken who provided an overview of Algoma University's acknowledgement of, and activities related to, the September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Board thanked K. McCracken for the presentation and encouraged all members of the Board and the AU community to participate.

6. BUSINESS ARISING - N/A

7. ITEMS FOR DECISION / DISCUSSION

7.1. Audited Financial Statements April 30, 2021 (Presenters: Kramer Rousseau)

 [BOG OPEN Audited Financial Statements 2020-21 Slide Deck.pdf](#)

K. Rousseau presented a slide deck on the Audited Financial Statements for April 30, 2021.

Motion:

That the Board of Governors approves the Draft Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2021.

Motion moved by Mark Pitcher and motion seconded by Shannon Taylor.
Carried.

7.2. Audited Statements of the Pension Plan (Presenters: Kramer Rousseau)

 [Audited Statements of Pension BOG Sept 2021.pdf](#)

K. Rousseau presented the June 30, 2021 Audited Statements of the Pension Plan. The Board discussed the notes on the actuarial evaluation and the frequency of such evaluations.

Motion:

That the Board of Governors approves the June 30, 2021 Pension Plan Financial Statements.

Motion moved by Mario Turco and motion seconded by Jake Pastore. Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS - N/A

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1. Fall 2021 Board Retreat Reminder - October 28, 2021

The Fall 2021 Board Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, October 28. All Board members are encouraged to RSVP via OnBoard and prioritize this session that will have a focus on Enterprise Risk Management.

9.2. Questions on Information Items (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

No questions were asked on any of the information items.

10. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

That Board of Governors move into an additional Closed Session.

Motion moved by Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik and motion seconded by Mario Turco. Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

That the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Motion moved by Shannon Taylor and motion seconded by Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik. Carried.

SIGNATURES



Chair



Secretary