

Chair of the Membership Committee Report for the Annual General Meeting April 7, 2025

Dear Members,

I hope this report finds you in good spirits as we come to the end of the 2024/2025 academic year. With the support of the UWFA members committee, I intend to continue as chair for the next fiscal year, and I am happy to report on the work of the committee during the Winter term.

In March, our committee hosted our Spring Bowling Event at the Coronation Bowling Alley. Thank you to Jay Maillet for being the lead organizer for this event and thank you to all members who attended and congratulations to our Bowling Bingo Champions.

This Thursday we are looking forward to supporting the Inaugural Harry Crow Lecture Series at the WAG Gallery. I would like to thank Alyson Brickey and the Communication Committee for organizing the event and Zabeen Khamisa our communication committee liaison. Zabeen and I will be there early for the cocktail hour to greet you and demonstrate our mastery of small talk. All this before Dr Eve Haque's highly anticipated lecture. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next, I am happy to report that under the leadership of Iain Smythe, we hosted several successful pub events at the now re-opened Faculty Club. It has been wonderful to be able to meet with Faculty members after work for a drink, and I hope I will continue to have the opportunity to see you at these events. A special thank you to Bill Buhay for his work in coordinating communications between our committee and the Faculty Club.

Our committee will meet again in April to review our funding for the fiscal year of 2025/2026 and begin coordinating an overview for events that we will host over the next upcoming year.

Over the summer, members of our committee intend to walk the Pride parade and the Labour Day parade. I intend to walk in both parades. If you can participate in these marches, I would be honoured to walk with you in solidarity with our unions and in support of our SLGBTQ+ community.

In closing, I would like to thank Lisa McGifford and Marissa Dudych who do administrative work of the committee. In the strange times we live in, I feel privileged to belong to a community of scholars, and I hope our committee work will contribute to collegiality and solidarity of this faculty. Thank you for the important work you do for the university and happy end of term.

Sincerely,

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