

**Canadian Federation of University Women Edmonton**  
**Academic Awards Fund**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**January 18, 2016**

President Joy Hurst of CFUW Edmonton convened the January 2016 meeting at 7:10 p.m. She welcomed all CFUW members and their guests.

Anne Valentine, Chair of the Academic Awards Fund, opened the AGM for the Academic Awards Fund at 7:20 and welcomed the scholarship recipients, their guests and advisors.

Deb Tyson as Scholarship Committee Chair introduced the 2015 Margaret Brine scholarship winners, 3 of whom were there in person to present on their projects, and the first in the program, Beatrice Poletti, who in absentia provided a digital version of her presentation to be viewed.

The successful candidates were:

- **Beatrice Poletti, PhD Arts:** Dept. of History and Classics, Classical Languages.  
Thesis topic: Dionyssus of Halicarnassus as an Augustan Historian
- **Brienne McKenzie, PhD Science:** Medical microbiology and immunology.  
Thesis topic: Central Nervous System Inflammasomes in Multiple Sclerosis
- **Christie Morrison, M Sc:** Biological Sciences
- Thesis Topic: Life History strategies of Northern Form Dolly Vardin Char in the Western Canadian Arctic
- **Christine Lesiak, Master of Arts:** Theatre Practice  
Thesis topic: An Immersive Theatre Adaptation of “Le Petit Prince”

Deb Tyson thanked all the scholars and introduced Judy Pagano as the new Scholarship Chair for the Academic Awards Fund.

### **Refreshment Break**

#### **CFUW Edmonton Academic Awards Fund 2015 Annual General Meeting (Business Portion)**

Anne Valentine convened the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

- **Minutes of 2014 AAF AGM** is to be presented for approval as circulated by Barbara Blakely through email to members.
- **Undergraduate scholarship winners**, for first year students Linkun Miao, and Brynne Lewis were introduced, as were second year students Adam Sinclair and Melissa Wang. Each student received \$1,000 from the CFUW endowment fund now handled by the U. of A.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** outgoing treasurer Heather Pick provided the Treasurer’s Year End Report (see attachment) and the unaudited financial statement for information purposes, copies of which were available digitally before the meeting

and in hard copy at the meeting. The official audited statement is expected in mid-2016. General and casino funds on hand December 31, 2015 were \$89,478.

- **AAF 2016 Budget:** Heather Pick proposed that the budget be accepted as presented. Deb Tyson seconded. Carried.
- **Selection of Auditor:** Heather Pick moved that the club appoint past auditors, Doyle and Company to audit the 2015 financial statements. Cathy Garvey seconded. Carried.
- **Bursary Committee Report:** Beverley Sohnle, 2015 Convener shared details of her report with the club (see attachment). There were 21 successful applicants, 1/3 receiving less than \$1,000; 1/3 receiving between \$1,000 and \$2,000, and the remaining third receiving between \$2,000 and \$6,000.
- **Casino Revenue:** Anne Valentine thanked Audrey Keen for her great effort and success in organizing the club's biggest fundraiser event, and asked members to sign up for a shift at Baccarat Casino, April 20 or 21, 2016.
- **Thanks to members** supporting AAF's efforts in 2015. She requested that the AAF want input on any new ideas/suggestions for fundraising activities. Also in the new year, information will be forthcoming about the placement of the large endowment fund that the club is withdrawing from the U. of A.'s management.
- Anne Valentine personally extended her appreciation and thanks to her executive and to:
  - **Bursary Committee members: Beverley Sohnle convener,** Dale Wilke, Léa Belter, Darlene Fraser, Lilly Ann Selby, Christine Rapp, Judy Pagano, Mary Chibuk, Katherine Braun, Janet Clark, Mary Davenport, Lynn Masters and Audrey Keen
  - **Scholarship Committee members: Debbie Tyson, outgoing convener,** Judy Pagano, PhD Arts coordinator, Joyce Law, Janet Clark, Katherine Braun; Anne Valentine, Masters of Arts coordinator, Lil Selby, Audrey Keen, Jean McIntyre; Jackie Foord, PhD Science coordinator, Karen Lewis-Caron, Heather Pick, Shirley Reid; Masters of Science, Myrna Snart coordinator, Beryl Sayer, Léa Belter, Janet Smith.

**Adjournment of the 2015 AAF AGM:** Anne Valentine adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M

**CFUW Edmonton January 2016 meeting was continued by President Joy Hurst:**

- **2016 AAF Executive Slate of Officers:** Anne Valentine, chair; Léa Belter, secretary; Ollie Triska, treasurer.
- **Approval of 2015 AAF Conveners:** Judy Pagano, scholarship convener; Bev Sohnle, bursary convener; Audrey Keen casino coordinator

Tammy Irwin moved and Shirley Gifford seconded to accept the new executive slate and to approve the conveners as presented. The motion carried.

- Joy Hurst reported that CFUW Edmonton has 132 members and is once again a 5-vote club. She thanked the membership chair, Lynn Masters and Amy Macleod, Suzanne Lewis, and Anne Valentine for their work on the Membership Directory.

- **Re: input/feedback about GWI membership:** Joy Hurst reminded members to go to the national CFUW website and take part in the webinar. Deadline is January 30.
- **Announcements:**
  - CFUW Alberta Council has lots of vacancies: regional director, secretary, treasurer and are looking for applicants. AGM is April 22 and 23 in Calgary.
  - Alberta Women’s Centennial for women getting the vote is coming up on April 19, 2016. Joy is hoping to coordinate with Shirley of the CFUW Strathcona County Club in some celebratory event.
  - Joy Hurst informed us that a training session for club members interested in the “Edmonton Reads” project would happen on February 25.
  - Joy thanked Rutherford House interpretive staff for a framed print and the history book about Rutherford House “Bricks and Lilacs” and reminded club members that the restoration and designation of Rutherford House as a historical building and its continuation as an educational tool is due to efforts of CFUW Edmonton in the past.
  - President Joy Hurst adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting is February 22 at the Faculty Club at 7:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Yvonne Chiu**, Co-executive director, Multi-Cultural Health Brokers Coop

**Topic: The Changing Face of Edmonton**

**Music: Stephanie French; North Ladies Singing Group**

**Poetry: Arlene Ambrose**

Léa Belter

Anne Valentine

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Secretary Academic Awards Fund

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