
68TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA

3:30-4:00 pm Reception & Refreshments

1. **Call to Order, Greetings & Land Acknowledgment** – Paul Rossi, President
2. **Approval of Minutes of 67th Annual General Meeting** – Paul Rossi
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Ameer Abdulla for Neil Bailey, Treasurer
4. **Appointment of the Auditors for 2019** – Ameer Abdulla for Neil Bailey
5. **Confirmation of the Acts of the Board for the preceding year** – Paul Rossi
6. **Recognition** – Paul Rossi & Elaine Read
Resignations from Board of Directors:
 - Bettina Burgess (2014-2018)
 - Andy Mao (2018-2019)
 - Glenn Marcus (2015-2018)
 - Manju Rose (2016-2019)
 - Aaron Stauch (2018-2019)
 - Shelley White (2016-2019)
 - Cong-Rong Xie (2010-2019)
7. **Nomination & Election of Directors** – Paul Rossi (presenting nominees for election)
8. **President’s Report** – Paul Rossi
9. **Executive Director’s Report** – Noel Blake and Diane McGregor, Interim Co-Executive Directors
10. **Adjournment of Meeting** – Paul Rossi
11. **Volunteer of the Year Award** – Dejana Bjelogrljic
12. **Guest Speaker** – Cynthia Martin, Wellbeing Waterloo Region
13. **Closing Remarks** – Paul Rossi

Watch kwcounselling.com for further details about our upcoming 2019 events:

- May 22, 2019 – Leejay Levene Memorial Calendar Launch
- June 18, 2019 – Home Hardware Charity Golf Tournament
- September 26 and October 3, 2019 – Surprise Movie Night
- February 1, 2020 – 80s Dance Party
- Next AGM: Tuesday May 26, 2020

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New Director Bios

Ameer Abdulla: Ameer Abdulla holds a HBBA degree from Wilfrid Laurier University with an Accounting concentration and has held progressive senior roles at EY Private Client Services providing tax and advisory support for clients. He gives back to the community through his volunteer work in a leadership role in his church and has also been involved in a campaign committee for United Way. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, golf and soccer.

Raheem Adam: Raheem Adam completed his Bachelor of Science degree (Honors Computer Science) at McGill University in Montreal where he graduated at the top of the graduating class. Raheem started his career with Google in 2013 and works there as a software engineer. He has demonstrated his interest and passion in the value of connection through his involvement in organizing events in the technology community. He has also volunteered with the Alzheimer's Society, the Community Action Service in Nairobi and volunteered in Developer Relations with the Blue Dot program. In addition to English, Raheem speaks Swahili and French and enjoys traveling, piano and improv theatre.

Jeff Desbiens: Jeff Desbiens has been the Vice President, Human Resources at Economical Insurance for the past three years. As of April 1, Jeff will be transitioning into a leadership role of Economical's Broker Assistance Centre. Jeff is a pragmatic and hands-on HR Executive and business partner experienced in aligning HR strategic plans to positively impact the achievement of business results and employee engagement. Capitalizing on strong leadership and team building skills, Jeff thrives on creating and delivering HR services in complex organizations.

Jeff holds a bachelor of Commerce from the University of Windsor, an MBA from Royal Roads University and is a Certified Human Resources Leader. Jeff lives in Waterloo with his wife and three children. Jeff and his family canvass for the Heart and Stroke foundation and are active supporters of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Jodi Marner: Jodi Marner holds a Bachelor of Commerce that she obtained from University of Guelph. With over 27 years of experience in business and HR, Jodi helps companies achieve organizational greatness by aligning talent to business strategies. She is a passionate HR expert, focusing on people being successful in their roles and helping create inclusive cultures. Jodi holds a senior role in HR and has past experience volunteering for Kids up Front and donation drives. She resides in Waterloo with her two teenage boys and is an outdoor enthusiast!

Amanda Reed: Amanda graduated with high honours from Sheridan College's Paralegal program in 2011 and was her class's Valedictorian. During her studies, Amanda was awarded the "Passion For Law and Learning Award" in recognition of her academic achievements and dedication. She has worked for a Legal Aid community legal clinic, and is currently the leading litigation paralegal at a local firm.

Amanda was a volunteer member of Sheridan College's Paralegal Professional Advisory Council and has volunteered with an animal sanctuary, a neighbourhood Syrian family sponsorship group, and makes quilts for children living in foster care. Amanda is an avid runner and competitive snowboarder.

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