

01 December 2021

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TORONTO BRANCH UELAC

Date: 19 January 2022

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Locations: ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 restrictions

Purpose:

1. Receiving of annual reports
2. Election and installation of 2022 Board of Directors

With this new format, we will ask that you reply via email to Trish Groom [patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance. Once confirmation of your membership status has been made, you will receive a zoom link by 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022 to enter the waiting room at the time of the meeting. Please print or have this package available to you at the time of the meeting.

### **Sip and Share**

The formal AGM will be followed by a sharing session. This is your opportunity to share a Loyalist 'a ha' moment. This might be learning about your ancestor, a story about your loyalist ancestor or some general loyalist information that you have found and think others would be interested in. So that everyone has a chance, each session will be held to 5 minutes.

If you have something to share we would like to hear from you. Please contact Linda at [lindayoungue@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoungue@hotmail.com)

When you contact us we will work through the details of sharing any documents, pictures, maps, etc. that you might want to include in your sharing session.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Get your favourite story and beverage ready!

Loyally,



Patricia Groom UE  
President,  
Toronto Branch UELAC

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**Toronto Branch, UELAC**  
**19 January 2022**  
**7:30 p.m.**

## **Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence for those who have passed away during 2021
3. Approval of the agenda
- ✓ 4. Approval of the minutes of 31 Jan. 2021 AGM
5. Business arising
6. Report from CIBC Wood Gundy
7. Treasurers report
- ✓ 8. Budget 2022 ✗
9. Presidents report ✗
10. Approval of reports from Membership, Archives, Programme, Newsletter, Library, Genealogy, Social ✗
11. By-Laws: no changes for 2022
12. Approval of actions of the Board of Directors for the year 2021
13. Appointment of auditor for the fiscal year 2022
14. Nominating committee report ✗
15. Installation of the Board of Directors for 2022
16. Closing remarks
17. Adjournment
18. Sip and share

**Annual General Meeting  
Toronto Branch UELAC  
Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Agenda**

1. **Call to order of the meeting.** The meeting was called to order by **Trish Groom** at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Moment of silence.** This was observed in memory of branch members who died in 2020: Mary Isobell Alford UE, William Bruce Bennett and Wallace Edmund McLeod UE.
3. **Approval of the agenda.** Motion to approve the agenda by **Peter Markle**, seconded by **Jim Currey**. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the AGM minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Motion by **Martha Hemphill**, seconded by **Sally Gustin**. Motion carried.
5. **Business Arising.** None.
6. **Finance Committee Report.** Lira Lamaca of CIBC Wood Gundy presented a report on the 2020 performance of our portfolio, with a look ahead to 2021. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, our portfolio was valued at \$223,266. The portfolio's performance in 2020 over 2019 was -3.18%, after withdrawals. It should be noted that the \$223,266 does not include real estate holdings. The portfolio is positioned with 40% in the BMO Monthly High Income II Fund, a 100% Canadian fund whose largest holdings include TD, Bank of Nova Scotia, Enbridge and Royal Bank. The remaining 60% of the portfolio is in the Edgepoint Global Growth and Income Fund, representing exposure beyond Canada. Its largest holdings include Bank of America, Shiseido and Mattel. There are no changes recommended to the Toronto Branch portfolio at this time. The membership thanks Lira for her report and for Wood Gundy's work on behalf of the branch.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Susan reviewed branch expenditure in 2020, noting that all expenditures were in line with what had been projected. In some cases, expenditures were lower owing to activities that were cancelled because of the pandemic. For example, there was no expenditure for the Christmas luncheon as it did not take place. Expenditures for meetings were lower than anticipated since there were fewer meetings than normal during the year. Susan then reviewed the 2021 budget, noting that just over half of the planned expenditures are fixed, related to monthly maintenance fees for the

branch office, plus property taxes and insurance. The Board of Directors will continue to work to manage expenses and to be responsible stewards of the Branch resources.

8. **Budget 2021.** **Jim Currey** moved that the 2021 budget as outlined in the AGM package be approved. Seconded by **Lorna Laughton**. Motion carried.
9. **President's Report.** President Trish Groom's full report was available in the AGM package that was sent to members. She added her thanks to Membership Chair Linda Young for the many hours she spent in 2020 learning the new online membership system. Trish also thanked Branch Genealogist Martha Hemphill for all her work in 2020, handling an unusually high number (27) of certification applications.
10. **Approval of the reports** of Library, Genealogy, Membership, Outreach, Social, Newsletter, Programme, Archives. **Peter Markle** made a motion to accept the reports, seconded by **Diane Reid**. Motion carried.
11. **Approval of the actions of the Board of Directors for the year 2020.** Motion to approve in trust by **Jim Currey**, seconded by **Lorna Laughton**. Motion carried.
12. **Appointment of the auditor for financial year 2021.** **Susan Ellsworth** moved that the directors be empowered to appoint an auditor to review the books for the past year. Seconded by **Linda Young**. Motion carried.
13. **Nominating Committee.** **Ed Cass** moved acceptance of the nominations committee report. Seconded by **Kathryn Steckley**. Motion carried.
14. **Installation of officers for 2021.** All seven members of the incoming Board of Directors were in attendance at the AGM.
15. **Closing Remarks.** **Trish Groom** thanked the members for coming to the AGM and for their online participation. She also spoke about the upcoming national conference which will take place online at the end of May. Full access to the conference will cost just \$50. More details will be made available in the next issue of the branch newsletter.
16. **Adjournment.** The annual general meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

## Toronto Branch UELAC 2022 Budget Projections

### Income

McCleary Estate	\$10,000
Investment Income	\$12,500
Membership Dues	\$6,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>

### Expenses

Annual Conference (Dominion)	\$250
Archives	\$300
Auditor	\$750
Bank Service Charges	\$100
Bell Phone/Internet	\$1,400
Christmas Luncheon	\$1,500
Condo monthly maintenance Fee	\$20,350
Dues & Subscriptions	\$200
Genealogy	\$400
General Office	\$500
Insurance	\$1,100
Library	\$500
Loyalist Day	\$500
Meetings (speakers & food)	\$900
Membership per capita	\$5,000
Newsletter	\$600
Occupancy	\$1,200
Postage	\$400
Printing	\$400
Property Taxes	\$4,000
Website	\$600
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,950</b>

**Net Income** **-\$11,950**

## President's Message AGM January 2022

Hello All,

Well, it is hard to believe we are almost at two years! Your board of directors hopes you are all keeping well. We are certainly managing better than 2020!

We hope you are enjoying our Zoom speaker series and we are amazed at how many of our members have embraced zoom. Watch for many more in 2022.

The date for our ZOOM AGM, to take place on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:30 pm, and your package is attached. Please contact [patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com) for the link & to confirm your attendance.

Thank you for renewing in Toronto Branch this year as every Branch certainly needs your support and while you are working from home, please consider volunteering to help out your branch where ever you can.

A special thanks to your Board – Linda Young, Susan Ellsworth, Martha Hemphill & Diane Reid, Sally Gustin & Beth Adams. A special note to Chris Moffitt – even though he retired from the board of directors last year, he continues to help with office schedule and duties! Thanks to all!

Loyally,



Patricia Groom, UE

## Membership Report 2021

This year our membership stayed almost constant with 156 members compared to 157 last year.

We welcomed 26 new members with the full spectrum of ages from baby to octogenarian along with a library. Our new members came many places including the state of Maine. Canadians came from Toronto and area including Oshawa, Newmarket, Oakville, etc; Quebec; and Alberta.

Our membership includes 1 Australian and 8 Americans from 8 different states. Of the 165 Ontarians, 60 live in the City of Toronto.

We look forward to getting to know all of you.

Even in these strange times there are many opportunities for involvement including attending our regular meetings now on ZOOM, writing an article for our newsletter, sharing research, historical insight, etc. In this digital age there are many ways to stay in touch and to support the organization from a distance. We would love to hear from you.

Our branch is your branch and is only as good as you want to make it.

This year Dominion exerted significant effort in implementing a reliable and flexible on-line membership system. It is fully operational for the 2022 membership year.

Respectively submitted by

Linda Young UE

## Archives Report 2021

Again this year, due to the covid virus the office has been closed so very little on-site work has been done.

Current work includes collecting and cataloging archival material from recent years.

Priority for the upcoming year includes:

- acquiring Archival items from the most recent few years.
- developing a priority list for digital work and subsequent scanning.
- reviewing recently acquired material to determine whether it is appropriate for the archives.

The maintenance of a well kept archive is an ongoing effort. If you have time and an interest in supporting this important collection we would like to hear from you!

Respectively submitted by

Linda Young<sup>UE</sup>

## Report from the Programme Chair for 2021

It was apparent at the beginning of 2021, that, due to Covid restrictions, it would not be possible to host in-person meetings. We began the year with Dominion setting up the meetings, sending us the link to post and opening each meeting for us, however, in the summer we were able to get our own Zoom license through Dominion.

The Speaker Series was publicized on the Toronto UEL website and Facebook page, through branch newsletters and sent out via email to all members. During the latter part of the year it was shared through Loyalist Trails, as well.

Speaker presentation attendance has varied from 20 or so attendees up to close to 40 including Toronto UEL members and guests. This represents large increase over attendance at in-person presentations and in addition we were able to host attendees from the US, the UK and many other parts of Canada.

## The 2021 Speaker Programme

February 10 – **Dan Buchanan**, "The History Guy of Brighton" spoke about his latest book, **The Wreck of the HMS Speedy**, more than a tragic loss of twenty lives but rather having shocking and far reaching repercussions for the young colony of Upper Canada. He also spoke about the modern day search to find the vessel in the waters of Presqu'île Bay.

March 10 – **Darlene Montgomery-Fawcett**, a member of St. Lawrence Branch UELAC and fellow member, Laurie McDonald, developed a cookbook, **Loyalists at Table**, a compilation of recipes from our ancestor's time. Darlene discussed the history of food preparation around that time and talked about adapting and testing a variety of loyalist recipes including some Indigenous ones.

April 23 – **Randy Saylor** shared his extensive knowledge of Quakers and the pressure they were under for their refusal to bear arms. Some Quakers did assist the British and were disowned by Quaker Meetings for not maintaining their neutral position. Some of these "**Loyalist**" Quakers claimed a grant as UE Loyalists and remained Quakers within Canada.

May 18 - **Brian McConnell** discussed his latest book, **The Loyalists of Digby**, which explores the experience of the United Empire Loyalists and the Black Loyalists who arrived in Digby and Digby County, Nova Scotia, in the 1780s.

September 23 – **Beth Adams**, member of Toronto Branch UEL, shared **A Member's Journey into Her Loyalist Family History**, her own experience delving into her loyalist family's history from the shores of New Jersey to Digby, NS, and further on to the area of Lake Erie. She shared some of the adventures she and her cousins had visiting the places her ancestors lived.

October 26 – **Serge Paquet**, from the Archives of Ontario, **discussed how to best access the Archives of Ontario records pertaining to United Empire Loyalist research** and determining lineage (church and marriage records, land records, estate files and wills). He also highlighted resources available on the Archives' website, and how to access them and some lesser known record sources.

November 18 – **Stephen Davidson**, historian and author, compiled **25 facts from Loyalist history** that might have escaped the notice of your Canadian history teachers — facts that prove to be far more fascinating than many of the myths that have clung to these "friends of the king" over the centuries.

## Report from the Newsletter Chair – Nov. 2021

Fidelity is now a quarterly newsletter that gives Toronto Branch information on upcoming meetings, new members, new certificate recipients, and other relevant articles. With weekly newsletters from Loyalist Trails available to members, and a lack of submissions for articles, the Board approved a suggested change to a seasonal publication schedule in 2020.

With COVID still affecting everything in our world, there was not enough material to warrant the expense of a "winter issue" last year, so there have only been 3 issues so far this year. With the increased use of ZOOM, our meetings have resumed, a "new normal" has been established and publication has resumed.

The newsletter editor tries to fulfill the mandate of the newsletter, which are

- to give members a sense of what goes on at the regular meetings
- to keep members advised of branch events that occur outside the regular meetings

Thank you to everyone else who has contributed articles, photos or information for publication in the last year. In particular, thanks to Trish Groom and Martha Hemphill for their contributions, and a HUGE THANK YOU goes to Linda Young for her photos and articles!!

Thanks must also be given to Doug Grant, of Governor Simcoe Branch, for sharing his sources and articles from Loyalist Trails, which continue to fill up our pages.

Thanks to those who have sent photos of events and of themselves with their new certificates. If you have received your certificate recently, or know of a relative that has, we would love to publish a photo and/or the story of your Loyalist. Contributions are always welcome to [beththerover@Hotmail.com](mailto:beththerover@Hotmail.com)

We are always on the lookout for ideas for content in Fidelity. Please feel free to make suggestions.

Lastly, we want to be clear that while reading about our meetings is interesting, attending and thus getting the full content of the presentations, as well as having an opportunity to share stories with fellow members, browse the library and share a cup of tea and a sweet, is MUCH better!

Hope to see you at a meeting soon!

Loyally,

*Beth-Lynn Adams*

Beth Adams UE

Newsletter Editor

## Genealogy Report

2021 was a busy year. A lot of our members spent the days at home working on their genealogy (those who didn't, I'll be in touch in the new year!)

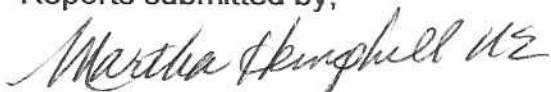
Our congratulations for successfully documenting their loyalist heritage to:

Teresa Young	Loyalist: Edward Jones	MC15892-21
Brenda Mundy	Edward Jones	MC15917-21
Angela Birrell	Peter Valleau	MC15894-21
Angela Birrell	Alexander Campbell	MC158-93-21
Janice Nickerson	Robert Perry	MC15890-21
Olivia Renouf	John Mann	MC15976-21
Olivia Renouf	Isaac Mann	MC 15975-21
Olivia Renouf	Thomas Sherar	MC 15977-21
Olivia Renouf	Joshua Beebe	MC 15974-21
Elizabeth McLeod	Alexander Rose	MC15973-21
Joan Lindsay Weiner	Jeremiah Storms	MC15972-21
Gregory Lindsay	Jeremiah Storms	MC15971-21
Louise Lighthouse	Daniel Lighthouse	MC15955-21
Michael Young	Henry Redner	MC15981-21
Teresa Young	Henry Redner	MC15982-21
Bison Beauregard Dadd	Nathaniel Gaffield	MC16105-21
David Wires	Amos Pine	MC16139-21

## Library Report

A physical inventory of our library was conducted and the catalogue and spreadsheet are being updated. A list of duplicate books is being compiled.

Reports submitted by,



Martha Hemphill UE

Toronto Branch United Empire Loyalist  
Social Chair Report

With the health issue of Covid still in the news, the Toronto Branch was unable to have any in person events, especially our Loyalist Day in June. We were fortunate enough to have the assistance of the Governor Simcoe Branch of the UEL to help put a zoom event together on June 19, 2021. With Doug Grant hosting and giving a historical talk on the beginnings of the organization and few of the members sharing their family history.

I am also pleased to say that a Christmas event will be held at the Campbell House Museum. Although not our regular luncheon, it will be a presentation of baking a plum pudding in the historical kitchen with refreshments.

Acceptance of my Social Report  
Diane Reid UE  
Social Chair

# Toronto Branch UELAC Board of Directors 2022

## Nominations

Beth Adams UE

Susan Ellsworth UE

Patricia Groom UE

Sally Gustin UE

Martha Hemphill UE

Diane Reid UE

Linda Young UE