

Minutes

Bishop Bedford-Jones took the Chair at 12:04 p.m. and called the Annual Meeting of the Corporation to order. The Secretary read an acknowledgement of the traditional Indigenous land on which Trinity College operates, and instructions for how members should use the Zoom platform.

1. Prayer

Dean Britain offered a prayer to open the proceedings.

2. Resolutions

The Secretary read the following three resolutions for departed Members of Corporation:

R. Brian Parker

Prof. Brian Parker died in Toronto on July 25, 2020. His absence leaves a void where he had provided a dynamic field of force from his first years at Trinity College through more than two decades of retirement.

Brian's life-journey began in Bunbury, Cheshire, UK, a village in northern England which he enjoyed citing, even in his CV, because its name features in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Liverpool, the University of London, and, finally, the Shakespeare Institute at the University of Birmingham. He wrote his PhD dissertation under the supervision of Allardyce Nicoll, founding director of the Shakespeare Institute: "A Critical Edition of Robert Greene's *A Quip for an Upstart Courtier* (1592)."

In 1957, Brian moved to the United States as a Fulbright Fellow, lecturing for a year each at the University of Texas, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Colorado. Appointed in 1960

as a Lecturer for the Department of English at Trinity College, he received promotion after promotion until he became a Full Professor in 1969, less than a decade after he arrived.

Brian's own pedagogy remained successful throughout his career, in undergraduate and graduate teaching. When he received an honorary degree at Trinity College or annual evaluations, the assessments in speeches and print depicted a professor who inspired his students, especially in the subject of theatre, the transfer of a text from page to stage. He accompanied groups to performances, discussing productions in gatherings that occurred afterwards or around his desk when he completed the formal part of a class.

In his publications, Brian passed on his expertise in Renaissance and modern drama. He became internationally known in the process. Early in his career, he showed an interest in Canadian drama, as general editor of several new plays. He became widely known as a specialist in Tennessee Williams, analyzing the manuscripts, the drafts and revisions of several plays, his research supported by prestigious fellowships from Canada and the US.

Brian's skill-set and temperament made him a model administrator: Director of the Graduate Centre for the Study of Drama, Director of Graduate English Studies, and Dean of Arts and Vice Provost of Trinity College. His success in these offices resulted from remarkable negotiating skills and infinite diplomacy, tact, and patience. Among these roles, the first combined two of his major interests: teaching and theatre. After assuming the directorship of the Graduate Centre for the Study of Drama, he was quoted in the *Globe and Mail*: "I should love to explore the psychology of drama, and the concept that learning is in the form of a play. In the educational pattern of tomorrow, drama is the growing-point of modern thought." It was this belief that governed his whole career. Brian will be greatly missed.

Judith Ransom

Judith Ransom died Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at the age of 79. Born in Trail, B.C., she was raised in Galt (Cambridge) and, upon winning two scholarships, chose her mother's alma mater, Trinity College, where she studied German, French, and Spanish. During her four years at St. Hilda's

(1959-1963), she served on the University of Toronto Student Administrative Council, ending as the Vice-President, but she always had time to spend with her year mates and others in residence.

After graduation, she spent much of her time serving abroad as one of two U of T delegates to Poland, with CUSO (Canadian University Service Overseas) in India where she assisted in a leper colony, and teaching English in Cuba, Indonesia, and China, before, now with a MEd, teaching at George Brown and Seneca Colleges. In twenty years of retirement, in addition to Trinity activities, she travelled to over fifty countries, was active in the North York University Woman's Club, enjoyed art, books, French, and status of women groups while spending a lot of time with her family.

Judy always travelled extensively, but, when back in Toronto, she was deeply involved with Trinity College. She was an active year rep for over fifty years, very active in the Friends of the Library, the annual Book Sale, the Corporation, the Chapel, the St. Hilda's Alumna Organization, served on the Senate, and was on the Nominating Committee to hire a new Director of Alumni Affairs in 1983. It is not surprising, then, that Judy was honoured with an Arbor Award. Even in the last few months, despite her illness, she, insisted on getting a letter out to her class about the 6T3 Scholarship fund.

Judy will be deeply missed by the members of 6T3 as well as by her many friends and colleagues at Trinity. Her warmth, humility, kindness, intelligence, linguistic ability, stories of other countries, and her unfailing support of so many aspects of College life will be deeply missed.

Arthur Richard Andrew Scape

Arthur Scape died Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the age of 81. He attended the University of Toronto Schools, graduating in 1956, before coming to the University of Toronto and Trinity College. He graduated in 1960 and left for Harvard and Oxford (as a Rhodes Scholar) before returning to Canada to attend Osgoode Hall Law School, graduating in 1965.

Following his post-secondary education, he embarked on a career in tax law, joining McCarthy Tétrault in 1967. By 1972 he was a partner and would eventually serve as both a managing partner in Toronto and the national chairman. He is remembered at the firm not only as a brilliant lawyer, but as a mentor and inspiration to those he worked with. He was always willing to share his knowledge of Canadian tax law with the next generation of legal minds, literally writing a book about

it and teaching at Osgoode Hall and U of T. He also served as a bencher and Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

It would be impossible to talk about Arthur's legacy, however, and not mention his unassailable philanthropic spirit. He offered his time as a director for many educational and cultural organizations, including the William and Nona Heaslip Foundation, the University of Toronto Schools, and the Canadian Opera Company. Arthur and his wife, Susan, were dedicated members and benefactors of the University of Toronto community ever since they met during their undergraduate years at Trinity. Recently, as part of U of T's Landmark Project, the Scaces have funded a row of trees along Tower Road, within view of Trinity, which will be named in their honour.

Arthur was well-recognized for his life's achievements. He was made Queen's Counsel in 1986, received honorary degrees from York University, the University of Toronto, and Trinity College, an honorary fellowship at Corpus Christi College in Oxford, and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 2004. Arthur was a larger-than-life figure in all the communities that were fortunate enough to call him a member, and his absence will be sorely missed.

George Ronald Williams

George Ronald Williams was a Professor of Biochemistry, Principal of Scarborough College, and a Fellow of Trinity College. Ron Williams was born In Liverpool in 1928 and attended Merchant Taylor's School before entering the University of Liverpool. He joined the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Toronto after immigrating to Canada in 1956 with his wife, Joyce. He remained a member of the department until his retirement, serving as the Chair of the Department from 1970 to 1977. He became the 6th Principal of Scarborough College (now the University of Toronto Scarborough).

His interest in the chemistry of life was evident from an early age and it evolved into a concern for the health of this planet and its environment. His last published work was a book entitled *The Molecular Biology of Gaia*, in which he considered the possibility of studying the earth as an organism in its own right.

But his interests were much wider than this - he and his wife Joyce were strong supporters of the United Church of Canada. In his youth he was a successful middle-distance runner and later in life hiking became his passion, particularly enjoying mountain walks in the Canadian Rockies, North Wales, Scotland, and in Europe. He also loved music and was frequently seen at concerts in Toronto and at performances of the Canadian Opera Company. Like many Trinity Fellows, Ron was very much a polymath and many enjoyed stimulating conversations with him in the Senior Common Room. Paul Gooch defines a polymath as one having the 'mind of a scientist and the heart of a humanist'. Ron Williams will be greatly missed.

The Corporation **resolved** to express its gratitude for the life and service of these three members to the College and that these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes and copies sent with the sympathy of the Corporation to their families.

A moment of silence was held for these members.

3. Minutes

The Secretary then read a summary of the minutes of the Spring Meeting of Corporation, held on April 23, 2020.

The Secretary moved, seconded by Ms. Katherine Dunlop, **that** the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on April 23, 2020 be approved.

The motion was **carried**.

4. Motion to Excuse Absent Members

Mr. Shashwat Aggarwal moved, seconded by Ms. Cindy Lui, **that** the members who advised the Secretary of their inability to attend be excused.

The motion was **carried**.

5. Report of the Provost

Provost Moran delivered her report on the status of Trinity College. This report is appended to the minutes.

Provost Moran notified the Corporation that Prof. Robert A. Spencer, Honorary Fellow of the College, would soon be celebrating his 100th birthday. The Corporation send their greetings and best wishes to Prof. Spencer on such an auspicious occasion.

A video, "[Trinity College First Year Student Experiences](#)", was played for the Corporation.

Assistant Provost Jonathan Steels and Associate Director, Community Wellness Ramata Tarawally reported to the Corporation on the background and structure of the Task Force on Anti-Black Racism and Inclusion.

Registrar Nelson De Melo reported to the Corporation the recipients of this year's Chancellor William C. Graham Awards. The report is appended to the minutes.

6. Report of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew McFarlane, Chair of the Board of Trustees, delivered his report on the activities of the Board. This report is appended to the minutes.

7. Appointment of Auditors

Mr. MacFarlane moved, seconded by Ms. Sharon Geraghty, that KPMG be appointed Auditors of the College for the year ending April 30, 2021 and for the Pension Fund for the year ending June 30, 2021, at a fee to be set by the Board of Trustees.

The motion was **carried**.

8. Notices of Motion

No notices of motion were given.

9. Other Business

No other business was raised by the Corporation.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Darcey Lazerte pronounced the benediction.

Bishop Bedford-Jones adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Chair

Michael Bedford-Jones

Secretary

Christopher Hogendoorn
