

Good Evening, and welcome everyone to our first hybrid AGM. Two weeks ago, several of our executive members attended the spring Convocation and reflected on whether or not we had previously met in person. Due to Covid, it has been some time.

We are very grateful that you decided to spend your time with us this evening as we reflect on our 2022/2023 fiscal year. Our Annual General meeting is an opportunity for the Alumni Association to demonstrate how we fulfilled our mission and objectives. We hope you are pleased with our efforts. It has been a very exciting year commencing with our keynote speaker at our AGM last year. On June 20, 2022, we hosted Dr. Deepy Sur, the Chief Executive Officer for the Ontario Association of Social Workers. This year we are very grateful to have our Professor Rupaleem Bhuyan, provide our keynote. Before introducing professor Bhuyan, we have much to share with you.

### **1. Bi-monthly/Continuing Our Practice Events**

In our 2022/2023 fiscal year we hosted five significant Events with renowned and prominent guest Speakers.

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Participant</b>
October	Somatic Experiencing © & Indigenous Ways: Strengthening trauma-informed care & practice.	Anita Charleson-Touchie	80 Participants
November	Harm Reduction: Not What I Thought	Candice Brimner, Joanna Dickinson, Michelle Lewis, Hope Ramsay	41
December	Clinical Conversations: A Guide to Clinical Hypnosis for Mental Wellbeing	Jennifer Shields	45
March	The Effects of Early Trauma on Brain Development: Relevance in 2023	Geraldine Crisci	61
May	FIFSWAA Reading Club: An Evidence-Based Approach for Treating Stress and Trauma due to Racism	Angela Haeny	13

This fall we plan to continue with our Reading Club and host 2-3 sessions annually, in addition to our Continuing Practice Event.

It is named a “Reading Club” because it may not be a book that we meet and discuss. Many articles are out in the Knowledge Exchange universe and people like myself can miss them. So we thought we would select a few articles or chapters from a book to have a closer look.

## **2. Convocation Luncheons**

We also hosted three Convocation Luncheons to celebrate and welcome our newest Social Workers to the field. O, the excitement of graduation. A very exciting time to celebrate accomplishments and beginnings.

Spring Convocation Celebration 2022	June 17, 2022	431
Fall Convocation Celebration 2022	November 10, 2022	149
Catch-up Post Covid Celebration FIFSW’s Classes of 2020 and 2021	December 7, 2022	247

## **3. Social Media Presence:**

### **Facebook**

2022-2023 membership: 1,107 members

2021-2022 membership: 886 members

Facebook group’s statistic insights tells us that Wednesday is the day when most posts are made.

### **Twitter**

2022-2023 membership: 121 followers

2021-2022 membership: not reported

1. Brand Identity and Visual Constancy
2. Facebook & Twitter Community Management
3. Program & Event Promotion

We thank Angelina Coccimiglio for her active presence on our Social Media accounts.

#### **4. Scholarships**

We distributed 3 scholarships. We distributed year 1, year 2 and Advance Standing Scholarship this year. Thanks to Covid for highlighting the humanity in all but differential impact of social inequity, social determinants of health and the various intersections that impacts our society. Please continue to consider the faculty when you are making your donations as it supports scholarships for our students.

#### **5. Thank you**

We are very grateful to the Advancement office and to the IT and technology department for their support and guidance with each and every event. We could not have done it without you. I extend my gratitude to the alumni members who are a part of our Board and our Sub-Committees. They have participated in our meetings and have demonstrated their commitment to keeping our Alumni Ass. successful and responsive on behalf of all Alumni.

#### **6. Engagement Request**

I do need to ask for your help to identify Alumni members to join our board. We had three very active members move out of our timezone and are not able to continue in their roles.

If you or if you know anyone who may be interested, please contact the faculty. We shall be sending out a reminder in our Digest this week, and we hope you will consider this request. You only need to be a graduate of the Faculty to be a member.

- We meet approximately every 4-6 weeks for 1.5 hours and would need you to dedicate an additional 1.5 hours monthly.

This summer, we shall be hosting a Strategic Planning session to establish a plan for moving the Alumni Association forward for the next 2-3 years. Please consider joining us for this activity on September 9 or 23<sup>rd</sup>, the date is still to be confirmed.

We look forward to hosting a year of similarly responsive events, including sessions on Trauma, Treatment Modalities, Self Care and Private Practice, to name a few.

For now, I will end my report and say to you we appreciate your attendance at our events and encourage you to stay tuned and connected as we plan another wonderful year for you. Enjoy the rest of our AGM.

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