

# **Public Statement**

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2018

As of late Wednesday March 14, 2018, the Chief Returning Officer became aware that the Presidential Candidate Anthony Dalla Bona may not have met the eligibility requirements to stand as a candidate for President pursuant to the UWSA's Elections By-Law.

After an investigation by the CRO, which included meeting with Mr. Dalla Bona, it was determined that he was not eligible to stand for election as he had previously been removed from the UWSA's Board in March, 2017 and therefore did not meet the requirements of UWSA By-Laws listed below.

At this time Mr. Dalla Bona has been informed he is no longer a candidate.

Please see below the following Policies and By-Laws that qualify the above statement.

### **UWSA BY-LAWS**

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**BY-LAW 100: ACCOUNTABILITY** 

100.01: Ineligibly

Any Director or Executive shall cease to be eligible to remain in such office if they:

- a.) Fail to become a member of the UWSA for the academic year in which they hold office by the first day of the Fall session;
- b.) Cease to be a member of the UWSA;
- c.) In the case of Directors, become disqualified to act as a director under the Act;
- d.) At any time becomes of unsound mind or is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be mentally incompetent or
- e.) Submit a written resignation, from such office, to the Board

BY-LAW 50: BOARD OF DIRECTORS 50.03.01: Qualifications

All Directors shall be:

- a.) Members of the UWSA;
- b.) In good academic standing with the University of Windsor and the UWSA;
- c.) not disqualified from being a director under the Act;

A Board of Director must read and acknowledge the job description of "Board of Directors"

### **UWSA ELECTIONS POLICY**

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### **SECTION 30: ELIGIBILITY** *30.02 Candidate Eligibility*

#### 2. General Eligibility

- a. Every Member is eligible to run as a Candidate, except:
- a. Any Member who has been removed as a Director or Executive within the preceding twelve (12) months;
- b. Any Member who is disqualified from being a Director under the Act;
- c. Any Member who is a party in litigation with the UWSA; or
- d. Any Election Official.

## **SECTION 60: ALL CANDIDATES MEETING** *60.03 Meeting Agenda*

1. The All Candidates Meeting is held (but not limited) to: a. Introduce the Election Officials, and their duties and functions, to the Candidates;

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- b. Introduce the Candidates to each other:
- c. Introduce the governance structure and function of the UWSA;
- d. Review the UWSA job description for each contested position (i.e. Director, Senator, Vice President and President positions);
- e. Review the Election Calendar;
- f. Review the Elections Policy and other pertinent UWSA By-Laws and policies;
- g. Review the appeals process and inform the Candidates of the EC's designated UWSA email to which they must send appeals;
- h. Provide contact details for the CRO and DRO(s); and
- i. Allow Candidates an opportunity to address any questions or concerns.

2. It is the responsibility of each Candidate to understand the information provided at the All Candidates Meeting.

### **SECTION 10: INTERPRETATION**10.01 Definitions

In this Elections Policy, unless otherwise defined below, capitalized words have the meanings assigned to them in the By-Laws. Unless the context requires otherwise:

• "Candidate" means any individual who has met the eligibility requirements of Section 50 of this Policy;