

Mico Alumni Association, Ontario.

Annual General Meeting Dec 12, 2022

President's Report.

FOCUS is to grow membership for sustainability and meet the needs of our current members:

- Seniors /elders
- Recently Retired Members
- Active-Duty Members
- Members experiencing varying levels and forms of abilities
- New Members

Organizational leadership has been consistent, reliable, and dedicated. The commitment of your executive leadership has been stellar. And we continue to experience a high level of dedicated support from past leaders of the association, especially in the areas of organizational knowledge and collaboration with partners such as the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (AJAA).

We are a relatively small organization however we have provided outsized support to MOSA, and the college in a variety of ways including our support of live events, the 100th Anniversary celebrations, and scholarships.

I now take this opportunity to remind each of us to make it our priority to pay our membership fees. Membership fees are part of the operating funds of our organization. E-transfer works! In person works too!

We continue to participate in the annual fundraising Walk-A-Thon. I am encouraging us to increase our participation levels to at least 50% of our membership. This supports collaboration, builds relationships, foster longevity, and provide funds for our organization. We also are searching for new additional fundraising ideas.

Our Picnic was a successful social endeavor – Thanks for the great leadership.

Our Flagship Mentoring Programme continues to be attractive to aspiring, educators, new teachers' college graduates, and educators who have relocated here – including educators who have Jamaican connections and did not attend the Mico.

We are thankful for the leadership of Ms. Inez Johnson, Ms. Sharifah Thomas, and others who continue to make this program function.

In the spirit of Article 3 of our constitution, let us faithfully serve this organization with our talents, our skills, and our wisdom, and continue to promote educational, cultural, and social activities for the benefit of our membership, foster camaraderie and collegiality among members, assist Miconians and alumni of other teachers' colleges to resume their teaching careers in Ontario, and we provide assistance where possible to our alma mater.

Should we be regularly engaging in small interest-based, social-activity based ... a mix of virtual & In-Person?

Games night/evening/hour?

An evening/afternoon of beverage and conversation?

Guest speakers/presenters/party at someone's...?

Mini Bar-BQs?

Virtual Article/Short Book/Poetry Club?

Let us also continue to channel our passion toward *Creating Exceptional New Futures*.

Let us look forward to this next year as our opportunity to meet the goals we establish for our organization. And let's be each other's supporting Mico Alumni.