



NSCAD Alumni Association Update – October 2026

Dear Members of the NSCAD Alumni Association,

The Board of Directors is writing to share an important update about the NSCAD Alumni Association, as well as a change to the date of the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

For many years, the Association has helped connect graduates, supported the university, and strengthened the NSCAD community. That work has been made possible by dedicated volunteers who have generously contributed their time and expertise.

Over the past several months, the Board has been reviewing the Association's structure, finances, and legal status to determine the best path forward.

As part of that work, the Board examined the Association's status as an incorporated society. The society has been in default with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks since 2020 because of outstanding annual filings. Restoring it to good standing would require significant administrative work, professional support, and ongoing compliance obligations.

At the same time, the role of the Alumni Association has evolved. Today, it is primarily a volunteer-led body focused on alumni engagement, connection, and representation, and no longer operates independent programs or services on a scale that requires the legal, financial, and administrative structure of an incorporated society.

For these reasons, **the Board voted unanimously at its August 4, 2026, meeting to pursue the surrender of the Association's Certificate of Incorporation and continue as an unincorporated alumni association.**

This was not a decision the Board made lightly. After careful consideration, the Board believes it is the most responsible and sustainable path forward and will allow the Association to focus more of its time and resources on supporting alumni, students, and the NSCAD community.

The Board also considered how the Association's remaining assets, approximately \$25,000, could have the greatest impact. At its August 25 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to divide the funds equally between two priorities:

1. Head, Heart, and Hand Fund: Powered by NSCAD Alumni

Fifty percent will support initiatives that enhance the student experience and strengthen the learning environment at NSCAD.

2. Alumni mentorship and engagement

The remaining fifty percent will support alumni engagement, including a new mentorship program that creates opportunities for alumni to share their experience and support the next generation of NSCAD artists and designers.

Most importantly, surrendering the Association's incorporation does not mean the end of the NSCAD Alumni Association. The Association will continue as an unincorporated, volunteer-led organization, and alumni voices, ideas, and participation will remain an important part of the NSCAD community.

The transition also requires updates to the Association's bylaws. To provide members with the required time to review the proposed amendments, the 2026 Annual General Meeting, originally scheduled for October 6, has been postponed to November 3, 2026.

At the AGM, members will be asked to consider the proposed bylaw amendments and the Special Resolution authorizing the surrender of the Certificate of Incorporation. The proposed amendments and formal meeting information will be shared with members in advance in accordance with the Association's bylaws.

The Board recognize that members may have questions about these changes and welcomes the opportunity to discuss them. Questions can be directed to alumni@nscad.ca.

The Board also encourage alumni interested in shaping the future of the NSCAD alumni community to get involved. Information about Board elections and other volunteer opportunities will be shared as the revised AGM timeline is confirmed.

Thank you,

The Board of Directors

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