



HARVARD CLUB  
*of* QUEBEC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
15 May 2024, 5:30PM

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

### I. OVERVIEW

The Harvard Club of Québec is the official association of Harvard University Alumni in Québec. It is registered as a non-profit legal person with the Registraire des entreprises du Québec.

There are nearly 800 Harvard Alumni in Québec, about 750 of which can be reached by email. The Club operates without membership dues. Active membership is calculated on the basis of Alumni participation to Club events and activities.

Active members	
2012	8
2013	100
2014	165
2015	194
2016	236
2017	254
2018	292
2019*	211
2020	230
2021	253
2022	260
2023	275
2024	286

\*Beginning in January 2019, the Club has implemented a periodical verification of Club membership in order to provide a more accurate count.

In 2012, the Club was reactivated under the leadership of André Du Sault. Since then the Club has focused on the following priorities:

- 1) Build a solid and well-run organization to serve the Harvard Alumni community;
- 2) Offer the Alumni community a diverse set of high-quality social and professional events at

affordable costs;

3) Live up to the standard of excellence of the Harvard brand.

This past year, the Club has continued to work on strengthening our organization and operations and providing a diverse calendar of stimulating and fun events to Club members.

Since last June we have held the following events and activities.

- 1) Thought & Splendour of Indigenous Colombia (private tour) at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (August 30, 2023)
- 2) \*Welcome to Your City at Pigeon Café & Bar (September 27, 2023)
- 3) \*Exploring AI Trends in Healthcare at Gazette (October 25, 2023)
- 4) \*The Game – Harvard vs. Yale #139 at Ye Old Orchard (November 18, 2023)
- 5) \*Montreal Metropolitan Orchestra - cocktail & performance at Maison Symphonique (November 18, 2023)
- 6) Volunteering at Le Magasin du Chaînon (February 17, 2024)
- 7) \*Global Networking Night at Sesame (March 13, 2024)
- 8) \*Sugar Shack at Sucrierie Bonaventure (April 27, 2024)
- 9) \*Harvard Law School Professor I. Glenn Cohen at Club Atwater (May 6, 2024)
- 10) Harvard Club of Quebec Annual General Meeting & \*Cocktail at Club Atwater (May 15, 2024)

\*Denotes event open to other Alumni associations

Club members typically sponsor the Harvard Prize Books, whose sponsors and recipients are posted on our Club website. This year, Sami Boutaleb, MBA 2019, presented awards at College Ste-Anne and College Saint-Sacrement. The Club will build on this momentum in the year ahead.

We are delighted to announce the establishment of the Harvard Club of Quebec Prize for the Kiuna Institution. In 2023, our fellow alumnus, Dr. Hilliard Goldfarb, with the encouragement of our Board, worked closely with the Kiuna Institution, the only CEGEP established in Quebec dedicated to the education of First Nations peoples. Since the inauguration of the Kiuna Institution in 2011, it has offered collegial education, culturally adapted to the heritages of First Nations people, while also seeking, through academic achievement, to create positive leadership, with pride in cultural patrimony.

Recognizing the achievements of Indigenous students, the Harvard Club of Quebec Prize denotes leadership and mentorship as well as achievement in the academic domain and in the sociocultural life of Quebec and of Canada. It is thus a statement of recognition and encouragement by the Harvard Club of Quebec. The inaugural Harvard Club of Quebec Prize was presented at the Kiuna Institution on May 11th, 2023, to Jusi Ainalik-Coulombe. Jusi received a book, *Alanis Obomsawin Lifework*, along with a check for \$1000—representing the \$500 annual award commitment from the Club and \$500 raised across our alumni community.

We are grateful to those who generously contributed to the inaugural prize and look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. The next Harvard Club of Quebec Prize will be awarded at the December 2024 graduation ceremony.

We have also strengthened our external communications and social media presence with a Facebook Group (286 members) and a LinkedIn company page.

**II. 2022-2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Club keeps transparent accounts and implements a strict expense policy.

<u>Balance (12 August 2012)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Balance (03 June 2013)</u>	<u>\$974</u>
<u>Balance (03 June 2014)</u>	<u>\$2 562</u>
<u>Balance (22 June 2015)</u>	<u>\$3 261</u>
<u>Balance (15 June 2016)</u>	<u>\$3 048</u>
<u>Balance (30 June 2017)</u>	<u>\$7 030</u>
<u>Balance (12 June 2018)</u>	<u>\$9 677</u>
<u>Balance (23 May 2019)</u>	<u>\$12 489</u>
<u>Balance (10 June 2020)</u>	<u>\$10 448</u>
<u>Balance (16 June 2021)</u>	<u>\$10 448</u>
<u>Balance (14 June 2022)</u>	<u>\$10 998</u>
<u>Balance (29 June 2023)</u>	<u>\$10 527</u>
<u>Balance (15 May, 2024)</u>	<u>\$10 628</u>

### **III. GOVERNANCE**

The Board of Directors meets formally four times a year, for about 1.5 hours each meeting. We expect Board members to attend meetings or link by phone or virtually. Directors and Officers are required to sign the HAA Operating Guidelines and Conflicts of Interest form. The HCQ must abide by the following HAA policies:

- Harvard Alumni contacts policy
- Harvard Clubs operating guidelines
- Harvard University Trademark policy

The Club coordinates activities and collaborates with the other Canadian Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), the local Ivy League Clubs and the local Russell Group University Clubs (UK).

In 2023-24, the following Club Board and leadership meetings were held:

- 1) First Board meeting: July 25, 2023
- 2) Second Board meeting: November 1, 2023
- 3) Third Board meeting: January 23, 2024
- 4) Fourth Board meeting: April 2, 2024
- 5) Annual General Meeting: May 15, 2024

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2023-2024**

1. André Du Sault, MPA'00, Chair
2. Marc Novakoff, MBA'03
3. Hilliard Goldfarb, AM'74, PHD'80
4. Jean René Halde, MBA'72
5. John Parisella, KSGEE'88

**PROPOSED DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2024-25**

Nominating committee: Sami Boutaleb, Joseph Cianflone, Samuel Shapiro

1. PRESIDENT	Sami Boutaleb	HBS 2014(19)
2. EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT & TREASURER	Joseph Cianflone	AB 2007
3. SECRETARY	Samuel Shapiro	AB 2008
4. VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS	Alessandro Tonini	HBS PLDA 2024
5. DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH	Michael Looft	MDV 2009
6. DIRECTOR, ARTS	Hilliard Goldfarb	AM 1974, PhD 1980
7. DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Suzanne Bays	UFI 2019
8. DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Kendra Gray	ALM 2011
9. DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Carl Dholandas	MPA 2019

Departing directors: Marco Cianflone, AB 2013.

*Marco Cianflone*

Marco Cianflone, AB 2013

Outgoing President