

Committee: **The University of Western Ontario Board of Governors**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Dr. Cecil Rorabeck**

Occupation: **Biotech Business Owner, Retired Orthopaedic Surgeon**

Work experience: • **Partner/Owner, Bone Solutions Inc.** • **Current Chair, Bone and Joint Institute, Western University** • **Orthopaedic Surgeon for more than 30 years** • **Professor Emeritus, Orthopaedic Surgery, Western University** • **President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 2013 to 2015** • **Chief Executive Officer and Scientific Director, Robarts Research Institute, 2005 to 2007** • **Site, Department of Surgery, London Health Sciences Centre, 2001 to 2005** • **Chair/Chief, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, London Health Sciences Centre, 1995 to 2005** • **President, Canadian Orthopaedic Association, 2000 to 2001**

Education: • **MD 1968 (Western), FRCS 1974, FRCS 2001 (Edinburgh)** • **Honourary Degree, Western University, 2009** • **Officer of the Order of Canada, 2012**

Skills: **As a volunteer with many organizations within the community of London and region, I hope to bring my experience in board governance, leadership, fundraising, business, and the advancement of strategic priorities to the University's Board of Governors. As an academic, surgeon and entrepreneur, I also have extensive knowledge of the private and public sectors, and how these areas can work well, and be stronger, together. My current and past volunteer roles include: • Current Board Chair, Canadian Medical Forum • Western Campaign Executive Committee, fundraising leadership for the "Be Extraordinary" Campaign • Former Chair, London Convention Centre Board • Former Member, London Economic Development Council, and Chair of the Nominating Committee • Former Chair, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame • Former Council Chair, Robarts Research Institute • Former Governor, Stratford Shakespeare Festival, including roles as Chair of the Nominating Committee, Development Committee and currently Campaign Cabinet for the new Tom Patterson Theatre**

Interest reason: **My professional and personal life are rooted deeply in the City of London and I am committed to building on the City's successes. I believe that a strong relationship between London and the University benefits both organizations, and all the people of London. Based on my ties to the University and my experience with various city organizations, including the LEDC to help attract business, Robarts Research Institute and the London Convention Centre Board, I can help strengthen the connection; integrating business and academics to achieve growth for the City.**

Contributions: **I have a deep understanding of the academic community and the role of the University in advancing teaching and research. As a long-term citizen of London, a surgeon here for many years, and as someone who is well connected to the business community, I believe I can represent a variety of points of view in discussion on university matters and areas of mutual interest to the City and Western. My experience in biotechnology, innovation and tech transfer will enable me to play a leadership role in advancing the City and the University in these areas, which is critical to London's future.**

Past contributions: **I have played a leadership role on many boards and committees, some of which are listed above. In all of my work and volunteer activity with various organizations, I strive to be a community advocate and integrate the needs of stakeholders. As a member of the LEDC and the London Convention Centre Board, I worked to help attract business to London. As CEO of the Robarts Research Institute, I provided guidance for the merger of Robarts with the University. I serve as a volunteer fundraiser with Stratford Festival and the University. As an academic and surgeon, I have also provided leadership and mentorship to many highly skilled individuals.**

Interpersonal: **Over many years of service to my home community and professional organizations, I have learned and strive to exemplify the importance of listening to others, encouraging open discussion and being collaborative and respectful of all individuals. There is something to be learned from the points of view and different experiences presented during dialogue. In 2004, I founded the Canadian Chapter of Operation Walk. For 13 years, I coordinated the efforts of 60 volunteer medical professionals to provide free hip and knee replacement surgeries to low income patients in Guatemala. We also train people on the ground to carry on the surgeries and rehabilitation work. Today, I am still an active participant, acknowledging that the next generation of skilled surgeons was ready to**

take on management of the chapter. Our collective efforts, skills, mutual respect and ability to work together and with our partners in Central America, have made Operation Walk possible. So far, more than 1,200 people have been helped.

Interview interest: **Yes**