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Robert Astley elected chairperson of WLU's board of governors

Robert Astley, president and chief operating officer of Mutual Life of Canada, was elected chairperson of the board of governors at Wilfrid Laurier University at a meeting May 29.

He succeeds Eileen Mercier, vice-president of corporate development at Abitibi-Price Inc. She will continue to serve on the board's executive committee as a member-at-large.

On the board since May 1987, Astley has also served as vice-chairperson.

David Pady, president of Chardonnay Consultants Ltd. of Thornhill, was elected vice-chairman. He has been a member of the board since September 1988.

Douglas Brock, vice-president and manager of the Kitchener office of Wood Gundy Inc., was elected board secretary. He has served on the board since May 1988 and was a member-at-large of the executive committee last year.

Elizabeth Sims, president of Chicopee Manufacturing in Kitchener, will serve as board treasurer for a third year.

Frank Millerd, chairperson of the economics department, was re-elected to the executive committee as a member-at-large.

The board is the governing body of the university.