



SLATE OF CANDIDATES

TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE UCDA SEAT

1. COLIN ABBOTT

2. JOSEPH WADE

Brief biographical sketches of each candidate are attached.

BIOGRAPHIES

COLIN ABBOTT

Colin Abbott, F.I.M.I., started work in 1960 as an “Indentured Apprentice” at a BMC/Leyland dealership in Shropshire, England. He studied for 7 years on a day release program at the Shrewsbury Technical College, passing the City and Guilds Mechanic, followed by the National Craftsman’s Certificate, the City and Guilds Technicians Certificate, and finally the Institute of the Motor Industry management finals. Over the 17 years he worked in England, he covered every aspect of the Automotive Industry before immigrating to Canada in 1977. Since entering Canada, he has continued to work in the automotive industry, eventually opening his own company, Car-o-line Auto’s in 1984. His dealership carries out service, sales and financing. He also owns his own finance company.

He also owns Concord Apartments and Green-Ber Estate.

In England, he taught Automotive night courses at Tenbury Wells. He was also a volunteer training officer in the Royal Observers. He was also Vice Chairman of the Shropshire Border Liberal Association.

The designation F.I.M.I. was granted to him by the Institute of the Motor Industry in recognition of his life time work in the Industry. The designation stands for “Fellow to the Institute of the Motor Industry”.

JOSEPH WADE

Joseph Wade has been the President and Partner of Lease-Well Inc. for the past 15 years. Prior to this, he was Leasing Manager for 12 years for both domestic and import dealerships, where at times, he doubled the annual sales.

During the last 10 years he has also been providing lease and financial information, along with interpretation of lease contracts and financial calculations, to law firms, accounting firms and consumers.

He has a special interest in computers and has developed separate software programmes for present-future value calculations, missing variable analysis and warehouse inventory management, respectively.

Despite his hectic schedule, he finds time for charity work in the community.

ROBERT POSITANO

Robert Positano has been a metro General Motors dealer since January 1988 and has been a General Motors dealer operator since 1981.

He is President of Woodbine Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd. He was Vice-President and General Manager of Marvin Starr Pontiac Buick GMC Limited from 1975 to 1988. Prior to this, he was a golf professional at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club (1973-1975) and the Islington Golf and Country Club (1971 - 1973).

He graduated from the De La Salle College in 1975 and from the Schulich School of Business (honours) in 1975.

His community activities include serving on the Board of Directors of the Sterling Hall School, Lawrence Park Community Church and the Bayview Golf and Country Club. He is President of General Motors Dealer Association and Vice-President and Secretary of General Motors Regional Marketing.

RON SCAGNETTI, Sr.

Ron Scagnetti, Sr has been a GM dealer in Sudbury for the last 27 years.

He is a director of the Ontario Automobile Dealer Association.

He is a past President of the Automobile Dealer Association of Greater Sudbury and a past President of Club Montessori (Business and Professional), Sudbury.

Ron is also a past director of the Dealer Council - General Motors of Canada.