

Penn Engineering Alumni Society Report (October 2009) **Submitted by Harris G. Romanoff, President ('98)**

The Penn Engineering Alumni Society (EAS) is off to a very productive year with a record breaking number of exciting new events and initiatives lined up. The Alumni Society Board, which governs the EAS, consists of more than 25 active members who attend monthly meetings on campus. The entire Board is currently comprised of 76% men, 24% women, and graduates from each decade going back to 1950. In addition the board is supported by an active group of associate members and alumni at large.

Our activities are guided by these goals:

- To connect Penn Engineering Alumni with each other
- To strengthen the bond between Penn Engineering Alumni and our School
- To provide educational programming for current Penn Engineering students

Our new initiatives under way this year are:

- Update the Penn Engineering wiki page (Completed)
- Hold a panel discussion for students on engineering licensure (Completed)
- Provide richer, more engaging content on our *Linked In* and *Facebook* pages
- Hold a 'Day in the Life of a Biotech' panel discussion for students
- Hold a career discussion panel for students during National Engineers Week
- Partner with a regional Penn Club to co-host an entrepreneurship night for alumni

Our staple events this year will include:

- Hosting a post game Homecoming reception for students and alumni
- Supporting the student mentoring program of Engineering Career Services
- Holding a competition for the year-long senior design engineering projects
- Participating in the Senior Awards Dinner
- Presenting our D. Robert Yarnall Award to a distinguished engineering alumnus
- Supporting Alumni Weekend activities
- Throwing a summer BBQ for graduate engineering students
- Managing and continually updating our website and social media pages
(www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/alumnisociety/index.html)

Current Society leadership:

At the May 11th, 2009 meeting, the Board voted upon and approved new Society leadership: President, Harris Romanoff, EE 1998; Vice President, Nancy Harris EAS 1987; Vice President, Russ Miller EE 1969; Vice President, Jim Brennan CE/SYS 1970; Secretary, Farnia Fresnel ENG 1998 and Treasurer, Stan Warchaizer EE 1958.