



## Engineering Alumni Society

### SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, April 21, 2008**  
**6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall**

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#### AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome .....H. Romanoff
- II. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
- III. Approval of March 24, 2008 Minutes..... H. Romanoff
- IV. Senior Design Competition Update (May 2, 2008).....W. Korn
- IV. Alumni Weekend Planning (May 17, 2008).....A. Schultz, D. Carswell
- V. Presentation of BOD Nominees for 2008.....T. Carlsen
- V. Graduate Summer BBQ (July 17<sup>th</sup>, Rain Date July 18<sup>th</sup>).....H. Vartanian
- VI. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
- VII. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
- VIII. Around the Table..... All

**NEXT MEETING Monday, May 12, 2008**



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Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, April 21, 2008 in Room 307, Levine Hall

### Attendees:

Brad Adams	Carl Clyde	Dick Mulford	Craig Schorr*
Jim Brennan	Dick Fallows*	Jocelyn Nelson	
Tim Carlsen	Farnia Fresnel*	Matt Quale	
Jeannine Carr*	David Goldstein	Janice Rafferty	
Dane Carswell	Hank Guckes	Wayne Robbins*	
Ernest Churchville*	Walter Korn	Harris Romanoff	*via teleconference

### President's Welcome and Remarks

Harris Romanoff called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and welcomed everyone. Harris thanked everyone for attending in light of the campaign rally at the Palestra. Harris shared his thoughts regarding the Alumni Award of Merit gala that included Tim Carlson as an award recipient. Tim echoed Harris's comments and mentioned Lolita Jackson as another recipient from Penn Engineering.

### Approval of March 24, 2008 Minutes

Minutes from the 3/24/08 meeting were approved as written

### Senior Design Update

Walt updated the Board on the Senior Design Competition. There are 50 registered judges for this year – an indoor record! Some emergency help has been lined-up for data entry. The EE department has approached Walt with the idea of recording the entire competition and archiving it for future viewing. Funding has already been approved and has no impact on any Board



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activities. Harris forwarded an email from Walt to the Board with specific details about the proposal. Walt recommended we proceed with this activity. Farnia reminded the Board that we had discussed this in previous years as a great way to improve the overall quality of the presentations. Tim asked about the mechanics of the archiving – i.e., could students easily access the recorded videos via the web? Tim also suggested we ensure the departments understand the videos are not to be used to question the final judging decisions. Harris also asked if there were any concerns regarding the videos being misused in any way. Tim also suggested the group videotaping not record the judges since they have not provided consent to be included. The need for student waivers would also needed to be evaluated. A motion was made to approve the videotaping of the senior design competition pending the above stipulations. The motion passed.

### **Presentation of BOD Nominees for 2008**

Tim discussed the Proposed Board for 2008-2009. Carl Clyde will move from Director to Secretary and Alan Schulz is moving from Secretary to Director. Robert Berkovits will become a Director. There are two open positions for Directors on the Board for future consideration. Jason Bethala and Lauren Berryman-Neal will both move from Directors to Associates based on the expiration of their three-year Director terms. Mr. Goldstein was added as an Associate member. Tim presented the proposed board to Harris and Harris tabled the motion for a vote at next month's meeting.

The complete slate for the coming school year is as follows:

#### **OFFICERS**

President – Harris Romanoff  
VP1 – Nancy Harris  
VP2 – Russ Miller  
VP3 – Jim Brennan  
Secretary – Carl Clyde  
Treasurer – Stan Warchaizer

#### **DIRECTORS**

Farnia Fresnel ('06-'09)  
Ernest Churchville ('06-'09)  
Matt Quale ('07-'10)  
Jocelyn Nelson ('07-'10)  
Dane Carswell ('07-'10)  
Hank Guckes ('07-'10)  
Eileen M. Feldman ('07-'10)  
Harry Vartanian ('07-'10)  
Robert Berkovits ('08-'11)  
Wayne Robbins ('08-'11)  
Alan Schulz ('08-'11)

#### **ASSOCIATES**

Jason Bethala  
Lauren B. Neal  
Jeannine Carr



### **Alumni Weekend Planning**

Janice updated the team on the Alumni Weekend events. 99 people have signed-up for the lecture, 26 for the tour, and 60 for the Penn Engineering tent. Harris reminded the Board to spread the word and help to drum up attendance as part of the responsibilities of being on the Board. Janice also spoke to ESAC and they will be providing a student or two to be in the Engineering tent during the event.

### **Graduate Summer BBQ**

Harris updated the Board that the Graduate Summer BBQ is scheduled for noon on July 17<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Janice asked for any suggestions regarding improvements to the BBQ. Harris reminded the Board that volunteers are needed for help with setup (arriving at 11:30am). Janice confirmed that the EAS materials were ready for distribution. Tim suggested that there be a mechanism to capture contact information from those who are interested in joining the Board (a Box, a Hat, etc.). Harris suggested simply adding another column to the current sign-in list; Janice took that as an action item.

### **Mentoring Program**

Matt Quale is meeting with his mentee. He and Nancy Harris met with freshman students to remind them how to contact their mentors. There are 48 matches so far with no outstanding mentees.

### **Guest Speaker Planning**

Walt mentioned he had spoken with his contact at the Franklin Institute and they need a schedule for next year. Harris has provided the tentative schedule to the Board and will resend them as well. Hank also mentioned a meeting at the Boathouse and the room would be tight and there is no significant presenter area. He is still enthusiastic about the option of meeting there. Harris then asked if there had been any other meetings in the past outside of the Penn Engineering building vicinity. Tim mentioned that with the difficulty of getting attendance offsite (public transportation, the University attendees), especially in light of the new attendance requirement, would make this difficult. Tim suggested that meetings held anywhere on Penn's campus would be OK. There was then a discussion around merging the science of the rowing Shell and the



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history of Penn rowing. Ernest mentioned that Dawn Brownell is on-board with presenting at a future meeting and will confirm her available dates for the fall.

### **Around the Table**

- Farnia asked about any ideas for her mentee to get an internship experience. Three options were discussed:
  - The career services office
  - Contact the REU (research experience for undergrads)
  - Speak with professors for summer opportunities.
- Tim mentioned that he has seen an increase in contacts from the QuakerNet.
- Jocelyn let us know that she is now back in Philly!

### **Adjournment**

Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2008.**

*Minutes prepared and submitted by:  
Matthew Quale*