



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, January 11, 2016 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Vijay Kumar		Dawn Becket – D	T	Sarah Badin – AL	
Matt Quale – Pres	X	Robert Berkovits – D	T	Andrew Botelho - AL	
Russ Miller – VP	T	Jim Brennan – D	X	Lyle Brunhofer – AL	
Alan Schultz – VP	T	Ernest Churchville – D	T	Alison Capone – AL	
Stan Warchaizer – VP	X	Carl Clyde – D	X	Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – Sec	X	Hank Guckes – D	X	Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
Jason Rifkin – Tres	T	William McGill – D	T	David Goldstein – AL	T
		Paul McLaughlin – D	T	Lauren Hedvat – AL	
Brad Abrams – PP		Jay Olman – D		Bernard A. Jones Jr. - AL	T
Eric Benshetler – PP	T	Craig Schorr – D	T	Jonathan Lombardo - AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP	T	Heather Stern – D	T	Wendy Sardinsky - AL	
Farnia Fresnel – PP	T			Matthew Serota – AL	T
Marion Hubing – PP	T	Dane Carswell – AD		David Solomon – AL	
Walter Korn – PP	X	Bill Kane – AD			
Dick Mulford – PP		Nikos Lioutas – AD			
Harris Romanoff – PP		Harry Vartanian – AD		Ellie Davis – F/S	
				Gabrielle Gary – F/S	X
		Jeremy Wang - M	X	George Hain – F/S	
				Rosette Pyne – F/S	X

Positions:

Pres: President

VP: Vice President

Sec: Secretary

Tres: Treasurer

PP: Past President

D: Director

AD: Associate Director

AL: At Large Member

F/S: Penn Faculty/Staff

UG – Undergraduate

M – Masters student



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I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

II. President's Welcome and Remarks (M. Quale)

- Happy New Year!
- Thank you all for joining here, and on the phone.
- Hope everyone enjoyed their time with family over the holidays.
- The EAS appreciation dinner registration is now available. Thank you Gabrielle for putting it together. Families are welcome.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Gabrielle spoke on behalf of George.
- George is travelling.
- Thank you for all those who contributed to the annual giving.
- George should be back in February.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Moving ahead for summer surveys of seniors regarding their internship experience.
- Collecting the class of 2015 data now.
- Career fairs coming up in February.
- Mock interview is coming up on January 20th. Thank you Hank for agreeing to



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participate!

- Matt: Happy to say Dow hired a Penn Engineering senior who did not intern before.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

V. Old Business:

a. Approval of the November 16, 2015 Minutes (Directors)

- Approved.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Open Action Item Review (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Matt** – Update calendar to reflect Board Appreciation dinner – Done.

Open Action Items:

ACTION: Farnia – Provide Eric with food scientist contact. – Farnia was not available at the meeting – Farnia was not available. Eric will follow up.

c. EAS Website/Social Networking (R. Miller)

- Updated the website:
 - Updated the calendar. October meeting minutes have been posted.
 - Ned to post the homecoming pictures – working with Gabrielle to get the pictures.
- Facebook has increased to 437 people, LinkedIn, 3612.
- Gabrielle: Did the link I sent for the homecoming pictures, work? Russ: Still working on it.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Matt – Get last few years board reports to Russ.



VI. New Business:

a. PE Licensure Event (T. Carlsen)

- It is in great shape thanks to Rosette.
- Event will be held in Heilmeier Hall on March 23rd at 6pm.
- Presenters will be Tim, Bob Cargill, Penn Bioengineering PhD who assisted two years ago. He is also President-elect of the Philadelphia chapter of the PA Society of Professional Engineers.
- Reaching out to Bill Kane (from the Board).
- Reaching out to the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) for handouts. They have provided brochures and freebies in the past. Of note, the president of NSPE for the last year has been Harve Hnatiuk, a fellow Penn Alum and past Board member.
- Will reach out to Gabrielle to provide pizza and refreshments for the event.
- Rosette: Thank you, Tim.
- If there are any PEs at this meeting, please let me know if you are interested

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

b. Awards Committee (J. Brennan)

- Very good slate of candidates.
- We have chosen a winner.
- Unanimous choice of the committee.
- Committee recommends to the board that we nominate the candidate.
- Matt: Put the nomination to the vote.
- Candidate has been accepted.
- Tim: Jim did a very good job managing the Yarnall nomination and selection process.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Item



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c. Student Engagement – AWE/SWE (D. Becket)

- Reached out to SWE-Philadelphia and they are interested in a collaboration with EAS.
 - No method to separate the group's contact/distribution list as Penn alum and non-Penn alum.
 - Interested in a tour for both Penn and non-Penn people.
 - What are the thoughts on collaborations for Networking and tour?
 - Seville: Being the first event, I would rather not.
 - Other thoughts of tours?
 - Matt: I think the Pennovations (Penn Center for Innovation, PCI) event would be really cool.
 - They would be very interested.
 - Matt: Perhaps it can be organized as not just Board exclusive but a bigger event.
- In touch with AWE – Will see if they will be interested in the Spring event for seniors, similar to what was done two years ago.
- Matt: Dawn, connect with Alan to see if we can move forward to reach out to PCI.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Dawn – Connect with Alan to see if we can move forward with the PCI event.

d. Back to Penn Engineering (A. Schultz)

- Thank Gabrielle for reaching out to Dean Kumar's office and finding out that he and George will be in China during the March meeting when we hoped to do the tour.
- The Dean will be travelling extensively, making it difficult to arrange a tour.
- Matt suggested reaching out to a younger faculty member who can take us on a tour. Considering Prof. Daniel Lee.
- Does Gabrielle have any thoughts on options?
 - Gabrielle: Could Kuchenbecker provide a lab tour?
- Seville: How long is the tour? Alan: Perhaps one hour.
- Seville: Tour of the undergraduate labs, perhaps? It would be difficult to coordinate, however.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Item

e. Philly Alumni Networking (S. Mannickarottu)



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- Reserved a room at Cavanaugh's Headhouse in Old City.
- Reserved for Tuesday April 5 from 6-8 pm.
- Should be able to provide Happy Hour pricing.
- The bar recommended that we request pre-registration so that we can provide an idea of the number of people.
- The next step would be to email the alumni in the Philadelphia area.
- Requesting listserv/emails from the Development Office.
- Will send out email in mid-February.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

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f. Penn Club Philly/EAS (E. Benshetler)

- Bernard and I got an email from Stephanie to move forward.
- Determine speakers for the event and pick a date.
- Bernard: Have a contact who is not affiliated with Penn, but might be interested.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – Item

VII. Around the Table (All)

- Ernest: Got back from Arizona with the family to see my son.
- Paul: We wrap up our externship program tomorrow. Increase participation over last year. Will have full report in the next meeting.
- Russ: Happy New Year! Looking forward to another great year!
- Eric: Getting up to speed on the new job. Hope to be at the next meeting.
- Alan: Wish Matt, good luck with all the corporate organizational changes.
- Tim: Penn football was mentioned on this morning's "ESPN" national radio broadcast as the last collegiate football team to go 15-0 (1897!). If Clemson wins tonight, they will tie Penn's 119 year old record!
- Marion: Some kind of SWE event – any specifics? Matt: No.
- Carl: 1.3B PowerBall jackpot would be \$4.33 per person and not the \$4.33M mentioned in social media.
- Rosette: Thank you to Paul for all his work with the Externship program.



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- Bob – Ken Foster might be a good candidate for bioethics related to 3D printing of implants. Have a number of other possible candidates. Matt: Feel free to reach out to him. Sounds good.
- Jeremy: Update on Masters-Alumni Mixer. The event will be on February 18th. Everything finalized – need to double check with Dr. Sonya Gwak (SEAS Director of Student Life). Starts at 6 pm. Will be held at Sweeten Alumni House.

New Action Items:

ACTION:

VIII. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Thank you everyone for joining.
- Adjourned at 6:51 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 6:00pm in Levine 307 (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.