



# Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

*University of Pennsylvania*

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, April 18, 2016 6pm, Room 307 Levine

## Attendees:

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

## 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 6:01 pm

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

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

- Great slate of debriefs.
- Let's get started.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Great year for the Development Office.
- The current fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a goal for 20 endowed chairs by 2020.
- We have 11 endowed chairs so far.
- Annual giving – \$50K challenge if we increase the number of donors by 100.
  - Well on our way there.
  - Thank the graduate committee for getting graduate students involved. Dayo (Oladayo) is on the committee.
  - First time doing and it worked well.
- Matt: Was it the graduate committee that put up the flyers and such? Dayo – Yes!
- Matt: Challenge the board to get one friend to contribute.
- George: The Wolf Hallac family gets the biggest shout out. Sarah Wolf Hallac got her mother and children to contribute. She's on the Board of Overseers.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None



#### IV. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Last week, I attended several Wall Street meetings between Wall Street firms and Ivy's and other top schools. They would like to move up internship recruiting to the fall.
- Surveys are up on line
- Alumni surveys are going out.
- Engineering career day companies have been invited to sign up.
  - Fitbit will be coming to the Engineering Career Fair.
  - Two day Fair – Companies with names starting with the letters A-G will attend on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and those starting with the letters H-Z will attend on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Presented to the MEAM Advisory Board about Career Services.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

#### V. Nominations Committee Report (F. Fresnel)

- Annually the past presidents gather together for succession planning for the board.
- We are excited to see a lot of new blood on the board, and they have shown interest in getting involved and leading activities.
- Review the board this month and at our annual meeting next month we will vote on the recommendations.
- Farnia read out the proposed slate.
- Matt: Lend my support to the nominations and thank you Farnia.
- Heather Stern: Can we have them emailed out? Matt: Yes.
- Please send any questions to Farnia.

Nomination list attached.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Matt** – Email out the nomination list

#### VI. Old Business:



**a. Approval of the March 14, 2016 Minutes (Directors)**

- Matt submitted corrections earlier.
- Minutes approved with corrections.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

**b. Open Action Item Review (S. Mannickarottu)**

- None.

Open Action Items:

**ACTION:**

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

- Approved February minutes and changed the Professional Licensure event to a past event.
- Currently there are 450 members on Facebook and 3664 on LinkedIn.
- George: How do we work this in with WeChat? This is Russell: Will research and look into it.
- Matt: Thank you Rosette for giving pictures to Russ.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Russell** – Follow up with George on WeChat.

**d. PE Licensure Event Debrief (T. Carlsen)**

- The presentation went off very well last night.
- We had an attendance of somewhere between 40 and 50, split between undergrad and grad students.
- Rosette was pleased, as was I.
- There were lots of great questions and a number of students hung around after to ask additional questions.
- Pizza was on-time and well received by the students.



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- I think Rosette snapped a few photos, so maybe we can have those forwarded to Russ for the website.
- Bill Kane had to bow out due to last minute travel plans.
- Harve Hnatiuk agreed to participate in future programs (immediate past president of NSPE, former Board member and Alumni Award of Merit winner).
- Rosette: Harv brought a lot of pens and such for the students.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### e. Philly Alumni Networking (S. Mannickarottu)

- The event was held on April 5, 2016 from 6-8 pm at Cavanaugh's Headhouse.
- Invited all graduates (Bachelors, Masters, and PhD) from the past 10 years.
- Approximately 45 people RSVPed, and 25 people attended (PhD, Masters, and Bachelors). 3 attendees were walk-ins.
- Matt welcomed the group and thanked them for attending, and told them about the events and programs of the Alumni Society.
- Almost everyone who came in asked as they signed in, if we have these events regularly and were concerned they might have missed previous events.
- Unfortunately, the NCAA Basketball championship game with Villanova was the day before, it was an inordinately cold day, and the EMAB event was the same week.
  - EMAB pulled from a similar alumni pool.
  - Some of the attendees for this event and alumni at the EMAB event actually got the events mixed up.
- Everyone had a great time. Many people met folks they knew in college but might have lost touch with; everyone met someone new.
- I think we should hold the event in the fall – probably in early October to help prevent having a number of alumni events held at the same time.
- Leah: Is homecoming in October? Seville – Yes! Good point.
- Matt: It was a great event. \$5 cheesesteaks, and happy hour prices.
- Gabrielle: Homecoming is the end of October (29<sup>th</sup>). Jay: We could hold the event in early October.
- Rosette: Possibly do it a couple of times a year and have it in different places.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**



**f. EMAB Alumni Mixer Debrief (M. Quale)**

- Great event. Standing room only.
- Students really enjoyed it.
- It was a great opportunity to engage with Masters students.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

**VII. New Business:**

**a. Penn Club Philly/EAS (E. Benshetler)**

- The registration link is [Pennclubphilly.com/foodpanel2016](http://Pennclubphilly.com/foodpanel2016)
- The event will be held on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, at the Sweeten Alumni center; until 8:30.
- \$10 registration fee. Includes dinner and vodka (Stateside Vodka).
- There will first be an hour of faculty and alumni presentations: Science, Technology and Business of food.
- The speakers are Ponzy Lu, Professor of Chemistry at Penn; Ernest Baskin, Assistant Professor of Food Marketing at Saint Joseph's University and Penn Alum (C'08, W'08); and Clement Pappas, Owner, Manager, and President of the Board, Federal Distilling, a startup stage Craft Vodka Distillery, and Penn Alum (WG'09).
- Please put it down on your calendar and please attend.
- Guests are invited as well.
- We expect a nice turnout.
- Russ: Eric put in on LinkedIn.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Matt** – Post invitation to the list-serv.

**b. Student Engagement – AWE/SWE (D. Becket)**

- Confirmed for the “Tassel and Toast” event.
- Graduating AWE seniors. Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Sweeten Alumni House.
- It will encompass very engaged students who are graduating. Might be a great time to



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introduce them to EAS. This is the group from where we might find board members.

- 5 yes and 1-2 maybes from the board. We could use extra people. They get large turnouts.
- 50-60 students were there last time.
- Marion: How long will the event be? Dawn: Last time it ended early, but I hadn't received a formal end time.
- It would be great to have a good crowd.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION:**

### c. Senior Design Competition – 4/28 (W. Korn)

- Two high schools represented. Science Leadership Academy, and Shipley School. That seems to be coming together.
- Jay will talk about automated scoring.
  - In years past, we did scoring on paper, but we are going to pilot trying to use Google forms. We'll see if we can provide iPads if folks want.
  - We'll then merge into a spreadsheet.
  - We'll try both and see what type of participation we get for the electronic method.
  - Classic scoring options will be available.
  - Seville: Van Pelt library can lend out iPads.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – Item

### d. Alumni Weekend (S. Warchaizer)

- Gabrielle spoke on behalf of Stan.
- The tent opens at 12:30 on 5/14 – in the same location as last year.
- President Gutmann will be there with Dean Kumar
- Electric cars will be there.
- Registration is open now. Closes May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- You will miss deadline if you wait for the last meeting.
- Matt: Should be a fabulous event.
- Coffee and conversation with Dean Kumar in the Glandt Forum in the Singh Center. Preregistration is required.



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### e. Pennovation Tour (A. Schultz)

- Under Penn News Weekly, Penn Engineering has launched PERCH: Penn Engineering Research and Collaborative Hub.
- Will be in the Pennovation facility.
- It is a work in progress.
- We may get a glimpse on our tour, Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at 35<sup>th</sup> and Gray's Ferry Avenue.
- We will see robotics demonstrations in Dean Kumar's lab, both inside and outside.
- Dawn: Our SWE-Philadelphia contact will expect about 15 people when I spoke to her last. I have not opened it up yet.
- Matt: if anyone here wants to go, I can sign you up.
- Marion: Is it within walking distance. Matt: No. We can determine carpooling at our meeting in May.
- Bob: I'll let you know if I can make it when I come to the meeting.
- Matt: Dawn – we can probably give AWE-Philadelphia 20 spots.
- Rosette: Perhaps open up to senior design judges? Matt: Sure.
- Bob: I'll have to sign up now – the ship I'm currently on has a transatlantic internet line!

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New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – Item

## VIII. Around the Table (All)

- Matt: Congratulations to the nominated board. I'm looking forward to my term as immediate past president, and Farnia, I'm sure is looking forward to no longer being the immediate past president. I'm excited that we have a full slate.
- Hank: Have we set date for the Graduate BBQ for July? Matt: We are waiting until we are closer to the summer but tentative it is July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Jay: Is the date of the planning meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>? Matt: Yes, it is a perfect meeting to get involved by joining a committee.
- Seville: Thank you for the nomination!





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- Dayo: First year PhD student in Bioengineering. Graduated from Penn Bioengineering in 2014, and a Masters in Robotics in 2015.
- Leah: 2<sup>nd</sup> year Biostat PhD student. Graduated from Penn's Bioengineering program in 2014.
- Lyle: Attended a meeting before. Graduated in 2014 in Bioengineering. Currently work at Accenture.
- George: I a little worried about turnout at the meeting the Dean event during Alumni Weekend. Please try to attend. Matt: Can I bring my 3 year old? George: Yes!
- Ernest: Congratulations Matt on a great job. And congratulations to the nominees!
- Heather Stern: It will be my 10 year reunion so I'll be at Alumni weekend!
- Marion: My younger brother will be a judge at the senior design competition. Matt: Happy Birthday, Marion! And he will enjoy being a judge.
- Eric: I hope to see a few people at the Penn Club event.
- Farnia: Looking forward to seeing folks at the AWE event.
- Will: Looking forward to my 5<sup>th</sup> year reunion.

### New Action Items:

#### **ACTION:**

## **IX. Adjournment (M. Quale)**

- Thank you everyone. Please get back to Farnia if you have questions regarding the nominations.
- The speaker will be next.
- Adjourned at 6:56 pm.

## **Speaker Series (R. Berkovits)**

Dr. Kenneth R. Foster, Professor in the Department of Bioengineering will be presenting "The Ethical and Regulatory Implications of 3D Printing in Biomedicine."

*The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2016 at 6:00pm in Levine 307 (Location to be confirmed).*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.



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### Proposed 2016-2017 Board of Directors

Position	Name	Term Start	Term Expires	Grad Year	Dept
President	Seville Mannickarottu	2016	2017	1999	EE
Vice President	Jim Brennan	2016	2017	1970	CE/SYS
Vice President	Dawn Becket	2016	2017	1991	CSE
Vice President	Paul McLaughlin	2016	2017	1986	CSE
Secretary	Jay Olman	2016	2017	2008	MEAM
Treasurer	Russ Miller	2016	2017	1969	EE
Director	Ernest Churchville	2014	2017	2004	ENG
Director	Carl Clyde	2014	2017	1983	EE
Director	Hank Guckes	2014	2017	1961	EE
Director	William McGill	2014	2017	2011	MEAM/ MME
Director	Craig Schorr	2015	2018	1990	M&T
Director	Heather Stern	2015	2018	2006	MEAM
Director	Robert Berkovits	2016	2019	1961	EE
Director	Lauren Hedvat	2016	2019	2005	ENG
Director	Bernard Jones	2016	2019	2001	SSE
Director	Jonathan Lombardo	2016	2019	2003	SSE
Director	Jason Rifkin	2016	2019	2007	GEN
Director	Alan Schultz	2016	2019	1959	ME