



Engineering Alumni Society

SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2008
6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

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AGENDA

- I. President's WelcomeH. Romanoff
II. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
III. Approval of Nov 26, 2007 Minutes..... H. Romanoff
IV. PE Presentation Wrap Up.....T. Carlsen, E. Feldman
V. Leed / Green Building Tour w/ Penn Club Phila.H. Vartanian
VI. Increasing Alumni on Reunion Committees.....E. Benshetler
VII. Mid-Career Award Update.....J. Brennan
VIII. Yarnall Award Update.....M. Kaufman
IX. Mentoring Program Update..... N. Harris, M. Quale
X. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
XI. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
XII. Review of Alumni Society By Law Revisions.....R. Miller
XIII. Around the Table..... All

NEXT MEETING Monday, February 25, 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, January 28, 2008 in Room 207, Levine Hall

Attendees:

Brad Abrams	Carl Clyde	Nancy Harris	Wayne Robbins
Eric Benshetler	Ellie Davis	Walter Korn	Harris Romanoff
Robert Berkovits	Dick Fallows	Russ Miller	Alan Schultz
Jason Bethala*	Eileen Feldman	Dick Mulford	Liz Stanley
Jim Brennan	Farnia Fresnel*	Jocelyn Nelson*	Harry Vartanian
Tim Carlsen	Eduardo Glandt	Rosette Pyne	Stan Warchaizer
Dave Carswell	Hank Guckes	Matt Quale	
Ernest Churchville	George Hain	Janice Rafferty	*via teleconference

President's Welcome and Remarks

Harris Romanoff called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and introduced Janice Rafferty, the new Director of Annual Giving. Harris met with Andrew Rosenthal, President of the Penn Club of Philadelphia., to discuss Green Building Tours.

Dean's Remarks

Dean Glandt wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded us of the Board Appreciation Dinner in February. Recently, he spent time in China and India where he gave a presentation to high school students who are very enthusiastic about Penn. Engineering is at the mid-point of their \$150 million goal. Architects from Toronto, Montreal, and New York are coming to Penn for presentations on design of the new nanotechnology building. Ground breaking for the 80,000 sq. ft. building should occur in early 2009, with completion by 2012.



Approval of November 26, 2007 Minutes

The minutes were approved after a spelling correction from daft to draft.

PE Presentation Wrap Up

Harris congratulated Tim Carlsen, Eileen Feldman, and Dick Mulford for their presentation to students about exams and licensure. There was much interest from approximately 45 students, many of whom asked excellent questions at the end. Ellie Davis, Rosette Pyne, Liz Stanley, and Janice Rafferty were thanked for arranging the Wu and Chen facility, refreshments, and advertising in the DP. The board discussed having the PE Presentation every other year.

Leed/Green Building Tour

Harry Vartanian mentioned a EAS tour of the Comcast Center in conjunction with the Penn Club of Philadelphia. The tour, with other Penn Alumni, would begin at 6 PM and last approximately one hour. The board voted for Harry to proceed with arranging this tour.

Increasing Alumni on Reunion Committees

Eric Benshetler reported that 8 board members have 5-year reunions in 2009. The PRLC meeting is scheduled for April 4 and 5 of 2008. Class reunion planning of activities and gift giving will begin by this summer. The goal is participation in committees, attend reunion events, and visit the engineering tent in May 2009. George Hain stated that restricted gifts sent to engineering will be included in the class' honor roll final publication.

Mid-Career Award

Jim Brennan updated the board on his research of young groups up to age 30. Per George Hain, Dean Glandt feels we should concentrate on the Yarnall Award and not dilute it. Harris will look at candidates in the 30 to 39 year old group and check into Engineering Overseers. Jim and Harris will follow up with George and the Dean.



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Mentoring Program

As reported by Liz Stanley, the program was restructured to begin with freshmen instead of sophomore students. There are 35 students and 132 Penn Engineering Mentors on record. Matt Quale and Nancy will give students an overview on February 25 of how to deal with mentors. Rosette thanked Liz for doing a great job.

Development Office Report

George showed the board a Penn research booklet emphasizing nanotechnology and distributed a Penn engineering publication, titled: "The Future Starts Here, Making History Through Innovation". So far, \$76 million has been raised toward the \$150 million goal, with \$40 million for the nanotechnology building. Annual giving and unrestricted gifts are doing very well. Harris asked board members to earmark their gifts to Penn Engineering. Russ Miller volunteered to help get "The Future Starts Here" on the web page.

Career Services

Rosette reported that the survey is complete. She will send Harris the e-mail link.

Review of Alumni Society By-Law Revisions

Russ Miller reported that his committee had reached agreement on a list of proposed changes to the Alumni Society By-Laws. A marked-up copy of the By-Laws was distributed by Harris via e-mail to everyone prior to the meeting. Russ led the discussion and started by saying that the By-Laws were in very good shape and that the recommended changes reflected the committee's finding that additional clarification and minor name changes constituted the bulk of the changes recommended. Corrections and minor edits were recommended during the discussion. The one point that raised the most interest and discussion centered on the proposed change in wording on Article IV Section 9 having to do with meeting attendance. It was decided during the meeting that EAS Board Members would e-mail to Russ their proposed wording changes for this specific section and that Russ would provide a list of Board Member suggested language for Article IV Section 9 at a future EAS Board Meeting where a vote will be taken to resolve this issue. Russ will also update the proposed Alumni Society By-Laws changes to reflect the input received on the other portions of the proposed Alumni Society By-Laws changes and make this updated document available for EAS Board Member review prior to the next EAS Board meeting.



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Around The Table

Robert Berkovits is promoting the EAS in the Baltimore area. Brad Abrams mentioned the Auto Show which benefits Children's Hospital. Janice reminded the board about Appreciation Night this Saturday, February 2. She will send an e-mail. Nancy Harris will hold a mentoring meeting on February 8. Walt Korn thanked the board for their good wishes to Marlene following the loss of her sister. Walt stated that Senior Design, scheduled for May 2, will use the same criteria and award levels as last year. Tim Carlsen thanked Russ Miller for putting the PE Presentation on the web site. Dick Mulford said Engineer's Week lunch is on February 14, when the Engineer of the Year will be honored. Ernest Churchville has speakers lined up for February and March meetings. Alan Schultz reminded those attending Volunteer Appreciation Night that parking is at the tiered garage adjacent to University Museum.

Adjournment

Harris Romanoff adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 25, 2008.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Alan Schultz