

### **SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors**

## Monthly Meeting Monday, May 12, 2008 6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

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### **AGENDA**

I.	President's WelcomeH. Romanof
II.	Dean's Remarks E. Gland
III.	Approval of April 21, 2008 Minutes H. Romano
IV.	Senior Design Competition Wrap-UpW. Kor
V.	Yarnall Award Wrap UpS. Warchaize
IV.	Awards Night Wrap Up
VI.	Voting on BOD Nominees for 2008T. Carlse
V.	Alumni Weekend Planning (May 17, 2008)A. Schultz, D. Carswe
VI.	Graduate Summer BBQ (July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 11:30 AM setup)H. Vartania (Rain Date July 18 <sup>th</sup> )
VII.	Website UpdateR. Millo
VIII.	Guest Speaker Updates W. Korn, E. Churchvill
IX.	Career Services ReportR. Pyr
Χ.	Development Office ReportG. Hai
XI.	Around the Table

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

www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/

Monday, May 12, 2008 in Room 307, Levine Hall

### **Attendees:**

Brad Abrams	Carl Clyde	Walt Korn	Harris Romanoff
Eric Benshetler*	Ellie Davis	Russ Miller	Craig Schorr*
Robert Berkovits	Dick Fallows*	Jocelyn Nelson	Alan Schultz
Jim Brennan	Eileen Feldman	Rosette Pyne	Harry Vartanian
Tim Carlsen	Hank Guckes	Matt Quale	Stan Warchaizer
Dane Carswell	Nancy Harris	Janice Rafferty	
Ernest Churchville	Bill Kane	Wayne Robbins*	*via teleconference

### President's Welcome and Remarks

Harris Romanoff called the meeting to order at 6 PM and welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year. He introduced Bill Kane, a Material Science Graduate, who is working as a senior engineer. Harris mentioned Yarnell Award, Senior Design, Alumni Weekend and other activities converging at this time. A tentative list of 2008-2009 EAS meeting dates was distributed to board members. Harris will look at the calendar and discuss actual dates at the July planning meeting.

### Approval of April 21, 2008 Minutes

Three names- Brad Abrams, David Goldstein, and Jocelyn Nelson- were added to the list of attendees. Spelling of Dawn Bonel was corrected to Dawn Brownell. The minutes were approved as corrected.



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## **Senior Design Competition Wrap-Up**

Walt Korn reported that the day went smoothly. There were 53 judges registered with 45 present for the entire competition. Video recording the students lengthened the day by only 5 minutes and caused no problems. Some students requested copies for their parents. At the start judges were also recorded, but these videos will be deleted. Walt suggested that next year the instructions be attached to score sheets and judges be required to be present the entire day. Winner's projects were: 1<sup>st</sup>- Weather Satellite Recovery, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Browser Enhancer, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Polarization Processor for Low Light Imagining. Student presentations were better this year. Harris thanked Walt, his committee, and Janice Rafferty.

### Yarnall Award Wrap-Up

Stan Warchaizer met Dr. Gallager who came and gave a short and sweet speech. He was very appreciative of receiving the Yarnall Award from the Penn EAS. Harris, who sat next to Dr. Gallager at the dinner and introduced him, thanked Stan and his committee.

### **Awards Night Wrap-Up**

Janice commented on the success of Awards Night and no changes are contemplated for next year. Rosette Pyne said there were approximately 250 people present, a record number.

## **Voting on BOD Nominees For 2008**

Tim Carlsen moved Wayne Robbins from director to associate due his employment obligation in Delaware. Also, two associates-David Goldstein and Craig Schorr- were added to the proposed list from the April 21, 2008 meeting. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the new slate as shown below.

#### **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 Feldman ('07-'10)
Harry Vartanian ('07-'10)
Robert Berkovits ('08-'11)
Alan Schultz ('08-'11)

#### **ASSOCIATES**

Jason Bethala Lauren B. Neal Jeannine Carr David Goldstein Craig Schorr Wayne Robbins

Harris thanked Tim and his committee.

### Alumni Weekend Planning (May 17, 2008)

Janice gave the schedule of events for Saturday as follows: breakfast in Levine at 9am, tours of Skirkanich at 9:45, lecture at 10:45, picnic in Engineering tent (moved to 33<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut) at noon with Dr. Gutmann arriving by 1:30pm. The lecture in Wu and Chen is full. Harris asked board members to come to the tent before Dr. Gutmann arrives. Alan Schultz thanked Janice and the Engineering Staff for all their work and volunteered to help on Saturday.

## Graduate Student BBQ - July 17, 2008

Harry Vartanian will be present and volunteers are needed to come at 11:30 am to help setup. Harris asked for a show of hands to setup and work the graduate student lines. Approximately 10 board members responded.

### **Website Update**

Per Russ Miller the website is up to date. Harris suggested that engineering events be linked to senior design competition. Russ Miller agreed and will resolve this. Tim asked that EAS be moved to a direct link from the Penn website. Harris will contact people he knows at the University who are involved in the Penn website.

## **Guest Speaker Update**

Ernest Churchville will contact Dawn Brownell about a November date. Walt will follow up with the Franklin Institute for a speaker.

### **Career Services Report**

Rosette invited undergraduate/graduate coordinators to a meeting explaining what we do and how we do it. There is a video on the web page of last years senior design competition.

### **Development Office Report**

Ellie Davis reported tentatively a record of \$36.2M with \$38M possible by year end on June 30, 2008. We need help with annual giving and a strong pipeline going into next year.

### **Around The Table**

Tim thanked Alan for taking minutes over the past 3 years. Hank Guckes is pursuing a program with Penn Rowing. Jim Brennan said we had a great year. Carl Clyde is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup>



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reunion on Saturday. Bob Berkovits had a tour of Penn's radio station, WXPN. Russ needs photos and bios for those missing on the website. Rosette attended a presentation on sleep which concluded that 8 hours and 12 minutes is optimum. Ernest was impressed with senior design competition. Nancy Harris asked about a thank you letter to judges. Walt said it is coming soon from SEAS. Eileen Feldman is glad to be back. Dick Fallows granddaughter is graduating from Colgate.

### Adjournment

Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

The next meeting (annual planning) is scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2008 at 6:00 PM. Harris Romanoff will confirm and send an e-mail notice in advance to the BOD.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,

Alan J. Schultz