



Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, May 12, 2014 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt		Dawn Becket – D	X	Nisar Amin – AL	
Matt Quale – Pres	X	Robert Berkovits – D		Greg Bedrosian – AL	
Ernest Churchville – VP	T	Jim Brennan – D	X	Jason Bethala – AL	
Carl Clyde – VP	X	Jeannine Carr – D		Bob Boyce – AL	
Stan Warchaizer – VP	X	Dane Carswell – D		Alison Capone – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – Sec	X	Andrew Franklin – D		Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Henry (Hank) Guckes – Tres		Bill Kane – D		Richard Cisek – AL	
		Paul McLaughlin – D	T	David Goldstein – AL	
Brad Abrams – PP		Russ Miller – D	T	Ramsey Kraya – AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Jay Olman – D	X	Henry Ma - AL	X
Tim Carlsen – PP	T	Jason Rifkin – D		Jeremy Reeh – AL	
Farnia Fresnel – PP	T	Alan Schultz – D	X	Wayne Robbins – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP	X			Matthew Serota – AL	
Walter Korn – PP	X	Alison Capponi – AD		Nishal N. Shah - AL	
Dick Mulford – PP		Eileen McCarthy Feldman – AD		Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AL	
Harris Romanoff – PP		Nikos Lioutas – AD		David Solomon – AL	
		William McGill - AD	X	Dan White (CA) – AL	
Ellie Davis – F/S		Jocelyn Nelson – AD		Sherri L. Wykosky – AL	
Gabrielle Gary – F/S	X	Craig Schorr – AD			
George Hain – F/S		Harry Vartanian – AD			
Rosette Pyne – F/S	T				

Positions:

Pres: President

VP: Vice President

Sec: Secretary

Tres: Treasurer

PP: Past President

F/S: Penn Faculty/Staff

D: Director

AD: Associate Director

AL: At Large Member



I. Call to Order (M. Quale)

- Called meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

II. Dean's Welcome (E. Glandt)

- The Dean was not available.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

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

- Thanked the committees for senior design and awards event.
- Several board members served as senior design judges - There were a total of 43 judges.
- Awards event went really well. Dr. David Magerman (winner of the Yarnall award) and the faculty and students who received the awards were very enthusiastic.
- Thanked the student engagement committee for the AWE event.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

IV. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Gabrielle spoke on George's behalf.
- George was at the memorial service of George Heilmeier in Texas.
- Stan mentioned that Ralph Showers passed away recently. He was involved with courses related to RF.
- Tim mentioned that Dr. John Lepore passed away recently (former Civil/Systems Engineering professor).



Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

V. Career Services Report (R. Pyne)

- Running late due to a last minute question about negotiating salaries.
- Sent a last minute email to seniors reminding them that Career Services is around.
- Survey sent out to graduating seniors.
- Invites were sent out to all attendees of last year's Engineering Career Day. Requests all board members to request that their companies to attend.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Matt/Gabrielle – Prepare and send letter welcoming graduating seniors.

VI. Election of 2014/2015 Board (F. Fresnel)

- Thanked the 2013 and 2014 board for their service.
- Farnia and the Past Presidents presented the proposed Board slate at the last meeting.
- There are two Director positions still available.
- Unanimous approval by the board.
- Matt – Thanked the committee and last year's board.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

VII. Old Business:

a. Approval of the April 21, 2014 Minutes (Directors)

- Eric pointed out that President Gutmann's name was misspelled at three places.
- Eric pointed out that Bob's "around the table" mentioned his inability to attend the



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- May 17th meeting – should have been May 12th meeting.
- Minutes approved with corrections.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Action Items from April Minutes (S. Mannickarottu)

- **Matt** - Talk to Russ about moving up QuakerNet link on the website. – Done and moved.
- **Matt** – Change Article IV Section 9 in the by-laws to state that board members can attend either in person or by phone. - Done
- **Gabrielle** – Explore whether a WebEx account or something similar – Done – It is not available. It would be something that we would have to do.

Open Action Items:

ACTION: Matt – Look into creating an IT/WebEx exploratory committee. Matt would like to have something available for the planning meeting, however.

VIII. New Business:

a. Approval of the By-Laws changes (M. Quale)

- The approved by-laws would need to be approved by the larger Alumni society.
- Matt hopes to present it during the meeting which takes place over Alumni Weekend.
- The By-Laws changes were unanimously approved.
- Marion – Asked if people can be on the board if they just call in. Matt stated that they can call-in, but they should participate in at least one event. He pointed out how Jason Rifkin created and attended an event in NYC although he does not participate locally.
- Matt thanked everyone on the committee for their help.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Owner – None

b. Approval of 2014/2015 calendar (M. Quale)



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- Stan thanked Matt for putting together a calendar without conflicts.
- Matt explored creating an ICS calendar file of the EAS meetings.
- Calendar unanimously approved.

Open Action Items:

ACTION:

c. Alumni Weekend (S. Mannickarottu)

- Alumni Weekend is May 16-19th.
- The picnic is on Saturday at Penn Park this year, and not Hill Field.
- Matt will present and hand a check to President Amy Gutmann, so hopefully, all of the board will be available at 1:20pm when she arrives to watch.
- Reunions for the classes ending in '4' and '9'.
- Gabrielle – First time to be held in Penn Park. There are two entrances.
- Matt – plan to get there early.
- Russ – Can I get copies of the photos taken in the tent for the website?
- Gabrielle – There might be a bit more restrictions to access Penn Park if you are not registered.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

d. Graduate Student BBQ (H. Guckes)

- Hank was not available.
- Gabrielle provided an update.
- It will take place on July 17, rain date 18th.
- The BBQ setup might need to be moved due to complaints from nearby buildings.
- Matt – Make sure the caterer sets up four lines rather than two.
- Matt – advertisement should mention that a passport or US issued ID is required to receive alcohol.
- Who's attending: Russ, Farnia, Rosette, Matt, Marion, Dawn, Stan, Alan, Carl, Jim
- Matt – Ernest brought up security at the meeting last year. We should alert Penn security.
- Russ – Beer available from a reunion event if there are problems obtaining the keg!

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION: Gabrielle – Make sure security is confirmed



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ACTION: Gabrielle – Make sure email invite mentions the ID requirement.

e. Student Engagement Committee (J. Olman, D. Beckett)

- Dawn discussed the AWE-EAS event.
 - About 45 students attended. The goal was to congratulate students and introduce them to the society and the board.
 - About 7-8 board members attended.
 - AWE allowed us to email all participating seniors.
 - See if the date can be pushed back a little earlier and perhaps to set the timing to align with our board meeting.
 - Matt – Stated that it was a great event and thanked all for attending.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

f. Senior Design (W. Korn / S. Warchaizer)

- Walt – We had 43 judges which was a record.
- We were at a disadvantage due to the schedule change of the awards ceremony.
 - There was not enough time for more informal interactions between the students and judges.
- Winners were all participants who presented after lunch. This needs to be re-evaluated.
- As of now, Walt has not heard any concerns from faculty.
- Stan went back and looked to see if there was a relation with the order of presentation and competition winners. He did not think there was one.
- There was one Inquirer reporter who was present and put together an article.
- Matt – according to the rules, 15 minutes includes set up time.
- Gabrielle – there were teams that requested specific times which determined the times for presentations.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

g. SEAS Alumni Network Worldwide (J. Rifkin / J. Olman)



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- **Jay** – nothing to report.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

h. Maintaining EAS Website (R. Miller)

- Added approved March minutes.
- Worked with Gabrielle to include appropriate language for QuakerNet.
- Working on senior design page and the Yarnall Award.
- New board members should provide pictures and bios.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

i. Improving Social Network Presence Update (R. Miller)

- 3152 members on LinkedIn; 331 on Facebook.
- Encouraged everyone to indicate whether or not they are attending Alumni Weekend on LinkedIn.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

ACTION:

IX. Around the Table (All)

- Farnia – Matt, fantastic year and looking forward to the next year.
- Russ – Look forward to seeing everyone over the weekend.
- Ernest – Have a good year!
- Tim – Great year! Russ – congratulations on your 45th reunion.
- Alan – Will be here for Alumni Weekend to celebrate his 55th reunion.
- Walt – Will be attending Yale's graduation events this year. His grandson is graduating from Yale.
- Jim – 35th reunion from Wharton.



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- Stan – Congratulations to Matt and Gabrielle for a great first year.
- Henry – Will be graduating this year.
- Eric – Uses his AWE mug. New certificate printing for Senior Design went well.

X. Adjournment (M. Quale)

- Planning meeting is on July 21st.
- Meeting might be 1.5 hours; dinner will be provided.
- Suggestions for adding or removing to the slate of activities should be provided.
- Thanked everyone for a great year.
- The board meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2014 at 6:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall (Location to be confirmed).

Minutes prepared and submitted by Seville Mannickarottu.