



# Engineering Alumni Society

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

*University of Pennsylvania*

Philadelphia, PA 19104

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Monday, November 19, 2012 6pm, Room 307 Levine

## Attendees:

Dean Eduardo Glandt		Jim Brennan – D	X	Nisar Amin – AL	
Farnia Fresnel – Pres	X	Jeannine Carr – D		Greg Bedrosian – AL	
Carl Clyde – VP	X	Dane Carswell – D		Jason Bethala – AL	
Henry (Hank) Guckes – VP	X	Richard Cisek – D		Bob Boyce – AL	
Sevile Mannickarottu – VP	X	Andrew Franklin – D		Alison Capone – AL	
Matt Quale – Sec	X	Bill Kane – D	T	Ashish Chauhan – AL	
Ernest Churchville – Tres	X	Eileen McCarthy Feldman – D		David Goldstein – AL	T
		Russ Miller – D	X	Nikos Lioutas – AL	X
Brad Abrams – PP	X	Jay Olman – D	X	Jeremy Reeh – AL	
Eric Benshetler – PP	X	Jason Rifkin – D	T	David Solomon – AL	
Tim Carlsen – PP		Alan Schultz – D	X	Dan White (CA) – AL	
Marion Hubing – PP		Stan Warchaizer – D	X		
Walter Korn – PP					
Dick Mulford – PP		Robert Berkovits – AD			
Harris Romanoff – PP	X	Alison Capponi – AD		Priya Kumar (EDAB)	
		Paul McLaughlin – AD	X	Margaret Wang (VP EDAB)	
Ellie Davis		Jocelyn Nelson – AD		Wanlin Lee (Masters Student)	X
George Hain	X	Wayne Robbins – AD		William Kriebel	X
Joe Lynch	X	Craig Schorr – AD			
Rosette Pyne		Jane Fried Sheinfeld – AD			
Jamie Grant		Harry Vartanian – AD			



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### President's Welcome and Remarks (F. Fresnel)

- Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.
- AOL received a notification from someone on the large distribution list that identified the list as SPAM. If you do not wish to receive these emails contact the Board President (Farnia Fresnel) or Secretary (Matt Quale) and we would be happy to remove your email address.

### Approval of October 22, 2012 Minutes (F. Fresnel)

- Approved with one typo correction.

#### Open Action Items:

#### New Action Items:

**ACTION: George** – Follow-up with Yarnall winner via phone call.

### Review Action Items (M. Quale)

#### Open Action Items:

**ACTION: Stan** – ~~Draft a letter to go to the Yarnall winner with signatures from Stan and Farnia~~

**ACTION: Farnia** – Send letter from the Board to Dean Glandt recommending the program containing the winner's names be reinstated beginning this year; also recommend a return to the dinner format (letter has been drafted but not yet sent)

**ACTION: Joe** – ~~Finalize the Board Appreciation date – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 (Cornell)~~

**ACTION: Committee Chairs** – ~~Fill out the Activity Planning Sheet by the November Meeting to be reviewed at that meeting~~

#### New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Tough time of year, but the numbers are very good
- With uncertainty over potential tax law changes, there are a number of phone calls coming in to accelerate donation payment schedules
- The office is down three people – jobs are posted!
- Numerous trips on the schedule
- Reminder to provide feedback on the phone solicitations for donations to George
  - Specifically, want to hear that the company is asking for an increased gift



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Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

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

- Not able to attend this evening.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **EAS Website (R. Miller)**

- A number of updates applied to EAS Calendar
- Approved September meeting minutes were added to the archive
- Homecoming moved to a past event
- Homecoming photos (thanks, Eric!) are on the website

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Wiki Pages (J. Brennan)**

- Pages are under review

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Social Networking (R. Miller / B. Kane)**

- Facebook up to 246; LinkedIn we are up to 2232
- Career Services is constantly posting job opportunities on the LinkedIn page which is very helpful

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:



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**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Back to Penn Engineering Recap (A. Schultz)**

- ESE-111 – Electric, Computer and Systems Engineering with Dr. Daniel Lee
- 9 EAS Board Members attended
- The experience was “more than worthwhile”. Dr. Daniel Lee led the lecture and some graduate students presented their work to the class (Freshmen) so they could see what was coming their way in future classes.
- The graduate students had robots roaming the aisles and quad-copters following the ground robots around
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Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Committee Planning Sheet Review (All Committee Chairs)**

- Planning sheets were reviewed and discussed
- Speaker Series – February and April as possible dates
- Alumni Worldwide – considering January 22<sup>nd</sup> to have an event in NYC at an alumni’s apartment who has volunteered his space; still need to work the details

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Committee Chairs** – Update the planning sheets and send to Farnia

### **Student Mentoring (J. Carr / M. Quale)**

- Study Break held today for current Mentees (Pizza and Soda)
  - Jamie from Career Services and Matt from the EAS attended and fielded questions and got feedback on the program
- Kick-off event with new students in January before Board Meeting.

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Jeannine/Matt** – Note to the Board if attendees are needed for the January event

### **SEAS Alumni Worldwide Network (J. Rifkin)**

- Potential event in NYC in January (see notes above)



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Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Engineering Student Event (J. Olman / S. Mannickarottu)**

- Potential event in February, but still working the details

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **EDAB Networking Mixer (J. Brennan / S. Mannickarottu)**

- There is some confusion in EDAB over if there is enough budget for the event next week as well as a networking event in the Spring
- The committee will need to finalize the plans and communicate to the Board if the event does take place in January

Open Action Items:

New Action Items:

**ACTION: Owner** – None

### **Around the Table (All)**

- Alan – very pleasant surprise this week: contact from a friend that had been out of touch for 52 years! The EAS website provided the contact information for Alan to facilitate this reunion.
- Ernest – has started his own business! Let him know if you are looking for engineering support.
- Harris – men's health awareness month (Movember)
- Jay – brief mention on his product in the Philadelphia Inquirer!
- Wanlin Lee - Graduate Mixer is on March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Russ – Amateur Radio Club has been recreated as an Alumni organization and has sought student involvement for the past 6 years; have erected an antenna on the roof of the Moore building and participated in "Sweepstakes" which is a national competition along with some students
- Hank – Penn won the Ivy League championship outright! (Football)
- Paul – met with the new Deputy Dean of Research; the group is rebuilding this infrastructure and will be back in touch as they progress



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- Bill Kriebel – thanked the group and said he would love to help anyway he can
- George – Homecoming was a tremendous success; the RSVP list was a complete mismatch from the number that attended – not a surprise since the weather was good as was the football game
- Nikos – make sure you fully thaw your turkey before deep frying it!!
- Farnia – Homecoming was fantastic and we generated interest in the Board from a number of attendees; Walt is travelling this week

### **Adjournment (F. Fresnel)**

The board meeting was adjourned at **7:17** pm.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2012 at 6pm in Room 307 Levine Hall.*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Matt Quale.