



Engineering Alumni Society

SEAS Alumni Society Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2006

6:00PM, Room 307 Levine Hall

AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome & Remarks.....T. Carlsen
- II. Results from Penn Alumni Retreat (10/13 & 10/14).....T. Carlsen
- III. Dean's Remarks..... E. Glandt
- IV. Approval of September 25, 2006 Meeting Minutes.....A. Schultz
- V. Homecoming (10/27 & 10/28)..... C. Clyde
- VI. Yarnall Award Follow-up.....M. Kaufman
- VII. Mentoring Program Update.....N. Harris / J. Carr
- VIII. Contact with Student Groups/Programming.....H. Romanoff/D. Carswell
- IX. Website Review - ON-LINE.....R. Miller
- X. Development Office Report.....G. Hain
- XI. Career Services Report..... R. Pyne
- XII. Around the Table..... All

* NEXT MEETING Monday, November 27, 2006 *

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

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Attendees:

Brad Abrams	Carl Clyde	Marion Hubing	Harris Romanoff
Eric Benshetler*	Dick Fallows	Walt Korn	Jennifer Sabatini
Robert Berkovits	Eileen McCarthy	Feldman	Russ Miller
	Craig Schorr*		
Jason Bethala*	Farnia Fresnel*	Dick Mulford	Alan Schultz
Jim Brennan	Hank Guckes	Jocelyn Nelson	
Tim Carlsen	George Hain	Mike Ostrow*	
Ernest Churchville	Nancy Harris	Matt Quale	

*via teleconference

President's Welcome and Remarks

Tim Carlsen called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and welcomed everyone present and five people via teleconference. The Alumni Award of Merit Gala is scheduled for October 27 with Homecoming events on October 27 and 28, 2006. Lauren Berryman got married and presented a technical paper. Jeannine Carr requested to be moved to Associate Director because of other commitments. Tim thanked Jeannine for her dedication and past contributions to the Board.

Results From Penn Alumni Retreat

Tim Carlsen attended Penn Alumni meetings last weekend and gave a summary from the Alumni Retreat. Although Penn is second to Harvard in alumni giving, we are low in dollar volume per alum. In the last ten years, Penn increased over 140%. The new alumni relations calendar will coordinate speakers and activities among all Penn groups. Interest was expressed from alumni in receiving more e-mail from Penn. George Hain will follow up to make sure all SEAS Alumni receive the "Did You Know" e-mail.

Homecoming

Carl Clyde reminded everyone that Homecoming main events are on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Penn Engineering Office mailed a post card showing all events scheduled with the e-mail address to register. George Hain requested that Board members attend the nanotechnology presentation in Skirkanich Hall at 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 28.

Yarnall Award

Tim Carlsen reported that the initial nominee fell through due to a scheduling conflict. The second option is in process and will be finalized by November per Mickey Kaufman.

Mentoring Program

Nancy Harris is compiling a mentor database to facilitate matching. Liz Stanley is working on a "meet and greet" event in the fall. Rosette Pyne stated there are 67 students and 127 mentors in the database. A brochure will be passed out during Homecoming with matches scheduled by Thanksgiving. Tim Carlsen will mention the mentoring program at Homecoming. Russ Miller will check the web site to make sure there is a place for mentors to respond.

Contact with Student Groups/Programming

Harris Romanoff stated that Dane Carswell is following up with Weiss Tech House. Harris asked ESAC for a date during spring semester to be coordinated with Rosette Pyne. A speaker on Intellectual Property needs to be scheduled in advance. A Happy Hour for young engineering alumni is set for the last week in November in conjunction with the Penn Alumni Club of Philadelphia.

Website Review

Russ Miller presented an on-line review of the SEAS Alumni Website. Russ showed how to access the site, including SEAS Alumni Activities, on-line registration, calendar of events in PDF format, picture gallery from Alumni Weekend, Yarnall Award Nominee form, and minutes from BOD meetings.

Development Office

George Hain reported that Susan Levin is no longer with the Engineering Staff. George's wife is helping out temporarily and a part time employee will be hired. George is still working on a \$20 million ask for the nanotechnology building. Annual Giving is very strong.

Career Services

Rosette Pyne stated Engineering Career Day in September was very successful with 96 companies registered and 10 on a waiting list. Over 1100 students participated. Dates are already scheduled for next year. Rosette thanked Russ for names of companies in bioengineering field.

Around The Table

Eric Benshetler mentioned a recent Inquirer article about Iron Hill Brewery, which is a local restaurant chain partly owned and operated by Mark Edelson, a Penn Chemical Engineering graduate. Ernest Churchville has contacted Drew Brown from Philadelphia Water Department who has agreed to give a presentation on the Water Works at the November 27, 2006 BOD meeting. Russ Miller mentioned there are 40 Penn Alumni Members in the Amateur Radio Club. Tim thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2006 at 6 PM in Levine Hall Room 307

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Alan J. Schultz