

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, January 22, 2018 6pm, Room 307 Levine

Attendees:

| Executive: | | Directors: | | At-Large Members: | |
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| Dean Vijay Kumar | | Robert Berkovits | T | Oladayo Adewole | |
| Seville Mannickarottu - Pres. | X | Lyle Brunhofer | T | Sarah Badin | |
| Dawn Becket - VP | T | Hank Guckes | T | Andrew Botelbo | |
| Jim Brennan - VP | X | Lauren Hedvat | | Alison Capone | |
| Paul McLaughlin - VP | | Yijie Hu | T | Parth Chopra | X |
| Jay Olman - Sec | X | Bernard Jones | X | David Goldstein | |
| Carl Clyde - Tres | X | Jonathan Lombardo | T | Nimay Kulkarni | |
| | | Ramsey Kraya | | Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos | |
| Past Presidents: | | Jason Rifkin | T | Aastha Puri | X |
| Brad Abrams | | Craig Schorr | T | Manasi Puri | X |
| Eric Benshetler | X | Alan Schultz | X | Matthew Serota | |
| Tim Carlsen | | Heather Stern | | Jane Fried Sheinfeld | |
| Farnia Fresnel | T | | | David Solomon | |
| Marion Hubing | X | Associate Directors: | | Aditya Sreekumar | T |
| Walter Korn | | Ernest Churchville | X | Jeremy Wang | |
| Dick Mulford | | William McGill | | Stan Warchaizer | |
| Matt Quale | T | Russ Miller | | | |
| Harris Romanoff | | Jeffrey Ng | | Faculty/Staff: | |
| | | Leah Suttner | | George Hain | |
| | | | | Jamie Grant | T |
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I. Call to Order (S. Mannickarottu)

- Called to order at 6:02pm

II. President's Welcome & Remarks (S. Mannickarottu)

- Happy new year and happy new year to folks on the phone
- I'd like to introduce Jonathan Dunsay on the phone
 - Jonathan: I'm a '94 alum, currently a patent attorney with Volpe & Koenig
 - I went to a couple events last year and I'm looking forward to getting involved more.
- Other new folks:
 - Manasi Puri: '08 alum currently with GlaxoSmithKline; hoping to get more involved
 - Aastha Puri: '09 biotech alum; worked as a scientist at Bristol-Myers Squibb
 - Both found out about EAS through the SWE happy hour event
- Parth Chopra:
 - 2013 alum (did two Master's programs, including robotics)
 - Has attended a few meetings and happy hour events; hoping to get more involved

III. Development Office Report (G. Hain)

- Brad: George is not able to make it tonight (still reacclimating to Eastern time zone)
- As many of you know, George makes an annual trip to India in January
 - George and Dean Kumar left January 2nd
 - Excellent events in Mumbai and Delhi
 - George then went to Dubai to do a middle east event
 - Then spent time with alumni in London
 - Everything went really really fantastic, very successful on the development side
- Now I can be me: The annual EAS board appreciation event is coming up on Saturday, February 3rd (the day before the Super Bowl)
 - Hosting board for dinner (5:30 at the Glandt Forum)
 - Then Penn/Yale basketball game at 7:00
 - Let me know in person
 - Families invited

IV. Career services report (J. Grant)

- Jamie: I'm Jamie Grant—I've worked with Rosette for almost 9 years
- As of today, I've assumed her role as senior director, so I'm hoping to meet with you all more often
- We recently wrapped up the externship program (slight increase in the number of applicants, slight decrease in the number of hosts, but some hosts had multiple students (52 students overall)). There'll be pictures to be shared, a blog article, and can be found on website. Companies

included Bloomberg, GSK, Honeywell, Comcast, NTSB, Oracle, and the Philles. Proud of Tiffany for pulling this off

- A bunch of career fairs coming up (creative and common good fair, startup fair, spring career fair)
 - Spring career fair has a waiting list for companies
- Undergrad career survey report was published in December on website
 - Delighted to say that salaries have jumped, employment rate is significant, and Penn engineers are in demand across the country
- Aditya: I did see that the career fair coincides with the grad student industry day, which limits my company's ability to participate

V. Old Business

- A. Approval of November 27th Minutes (Directors)
 - Update date of current meeting
 - No changes
- B. Open Action Item Review (J. Olman)
 - Bylaws have been added to meet-the-board page
- C. Website (S. Mannickarottu)
 - Everyone should review profiles on the website
 - Development is moving along
 - New site is about three months old
 - We want to avoid errors
 - Check it out at eas.seas.upenn.edu
- D. Social Networking (Y. Hu)
 - LinkedIn group now has 3933 members
 - I think the member application slowed after graduation
 - Hopefully we'll have more activity in the new year
 - Let's try to get over 4000
 - Seville: I encourage everyone to join, be active, and try to increase activity
 - Brad: I'm going to be sending out in the next week an email welcoming our new alums from December graduation event. About 100 people. One of the things I'll include is a link to the group
 - Facebook: currently we're a group which has about 400 members
 - Because this is a professional organization, I was considering making this into a page
 - Brad: joining a group doesn't give access to profiles of members
 - Pages tend to be really static, so groups are the way to go
 - Seville: sounds good, I'm glad I asked

VI. New Business

- A. Insider's Guide Panel (L. Hedvat)
 - Lauren wasn't able to make it today, but she emailed the following update:

- We have suggested alumni panel members from Dean Kumar and alumni relations. We are hoping to have representatives covering the following sectors: traditional engineering, consulting, finance, and tech/startups. As Vasiliki also mentioned, we are aiming for a date a couple of weeks after spring break (around the third full week of March) and waiting for Jamie to come back with some proposals. If any of the board members have other recommendations for individuals, we would love to have them submit names as well.
 - Brad: Sweeten house event in the third week of March; it'd be good to avoid conflict with these events and avoid cross-programming
- B. Alumni society awards (J. Brennan)
 - Jim: Award presentation will be on Friday April 27th; same day as senior design
 - Brad: Thanks Jim for coordinating; please everyone set aside that day for senior design—you're all invited
 - Seville: Thanks to Jim and your committee
- C. PE Presentation (T. Carlsen)
 - Reached out to Rosette in December, now working with Jamie
 - Proposed 4 dates in March after spring break
- D. Senior Design Competition (J. Olman)
 - Jay will coordinate with committee before next meeting

VII. Around the table (All)

- Bob: talking about speaker for February 26th
- Hank: who should I talk to about my email address?
 - Brad: you can definitely email me and tell me the best way to reach you
 - Seville: double check email on website
- Dawn: welcome to new members—thanks for coming
- Farnia: Penn Club of Philadelphia: we normally have an event with them annually, and this year we've just started brainstorming about events to have. Looking for suggestions
 - Carl: I'll be in touch
- Marion: There's a book that's going to be published called *Penn Women of the Class of 1964* (my class) and there's a chapter on me. The introduction will be written by Amy Gutmann. Currently looking for a publisher and awaiting the introduction.
- Manasi: It's been so exciting to come back to campus and meet all of you
- Aastha: I enjoyed my first meeting, thanks for inviting me. I hope to get more involved.

VIII. Adjourned (S. Mannickarottu)

- Adjourned at 6:56pm

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2018 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 307 Levine Hall.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jay Olman.

