

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, October 15, 2018 6pm, Room 221 Singh

Attendees:

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

- I. **Call to Order (S. Mannickarottu)**
 - Call to order at 6:04pm
- II. **President's Welcome & Remarks (S. Mannickarottu)**
 - Welcome everyone.
 - For those who don't remember, I'd like to welcome back Jason Bethala again who was involved with the board many years ago.
 - I've invited the speaker for 6:30, so I'm hoping that'll help folks be able to stick around.
- III. **Development Office Report (G. Hain)**
 - Not a whole lot to say today, but we're off to a great start.
 - Annual giving callers are getting started
 - Please come to homecoming!
- IV. **Career Services Report (J. Grant)**
 - No real big things in the works right now
 - Building on successes from Engineering Career Day
 - Lots of student appointments
 - I'll let Paul talk about the mentoring and externship programs
- V. **Old Business:**
 - A. Approval of September 17, 2018 Minutes (Directors)
 - Minutes approved without any changes.
 - B. Open Action Item Review (J. Olman)
 - I've connected with Brad in recent days about the senior design competition videos, which CETS is uploading to the SEAS website.
 - C. Website Update (J. Ng)
 - Photos from last year are now on the site
 - Verified that we're in the top spot in search results, so we're in good shape from the SEO perspective.
 - Seville: For senior design, the school is going to be maintaining that site. Do you have a link to the school's senior design site?
 - We can definitely link (or embed)
 - Seville: For those who haven't looked at the new site, please do so—it's really nice.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - A. Insiders' Guide Panel (L. Hedvat)
 - [skipping]
 - B. Regional Engineering Alumni - Philly (J. Lombardo)
 - Jon D.: Working on narrowing down the options to submit the top two or three for review. Looking for something with enough capacity and hoping for early 2019.
 - Brad: I think people want something to do in January and February.
 - Dawn: In past years, we've tried to link an SWE event with this one. Because of the new budget, we're thinking about doing a Penn-only event, right?

- Yes, we'll see how this goes and move forward from there.

C. Homecoming (11/10) (H. Guckes)

- Brad: Homecoming is coming up! We have our annual reception in the Levine Hall lobby following the football game. You can sign up on the website if you're going to attend. It's okay if you don't, but it's helpful for letting us plan.
- Seville: What time is the reception?
 - The game is at 1:00 this year, but I'd expect people to start trickling over around halftime. Probably 3ish to 5.
- Seville: Especially if you're in the Philly area, you should definitely try to attend the reception.

D. Back to Penn Engineering (R. Berkovits)

- One good possibility is a tour around the nanotech building, but maybe in March or April. Winter months might be difficult.
- Seville: how do folks feel about a tour of the Singh center?
 - Jay: Last time I had a tour, the building was still under construction and almost done. I'd be interested.
- Seville: Sounds like there's a lot of interest—go ahead and move forward!

VII. Around the Table (All)

- Eric: I'm in the middle of reaching out to ESAC, but nothing to report yet.
- Heather: Jason and I spoke last week about planning an event in NY, hopefully for the next month or two.
- Marion: I'd like to make a suggestion (I don't know if the board has done this). One time I got a tour of the drone robotics lab at Pennovation and it was really great.
- Brad: Come to homecoming!
- Paul: As Jamie mentioned, I met with the new lead at Career Services for externs. As always, we're looking for companies to host in January before the spring semester starts.

VIII. Adjourn (S. Mannickarottu)

- Adjourned at 6:36pm

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2018 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 221 Singh.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jay Olman.

