

# Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors

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Monday, January 14, 2019 6pm, Room 221 Singh

## Attendees:

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

- I. **Call to Order (S. Mannickarottu)**
  - Call to order at 6:03pm
- II. **President's Welcome & Remarks (S. Mannickarottu)**
  - Happy new year everyone.
  - I returned from India for three weeks. It was a lot of fun and my six year old had a blast.
- III. **Development Office Report (G. Hain)**
  - Brad: George sends his regards. I think he's in Mumbai right now, but I'm not exactly sure.
  - Saturday, February 16th, is the EAS board appreciation dinner here in the Singh Center (Glandt Forum), which will be followed by the men's basketball game against Harvard at 7pm. Dinner and drinks will take place from 5-7.
- IV. **Career Services Report (J. Grant)**
  - Seville: Jamie wasn't available tonight, so Tiffany is filling in from her office.
  - Tiffany: Things are going well with our externship program over the past week. We had 43 students out this year.
  - The mentoring program is going well. Kevin in our office is taking over for Jamie on this. Over the next two weeks, we're going to have two information sessions. We have 146 alumni volunteers. Student applications close January 29th. Matches will be announced in February.
  - The patent forum will be held in March.
  - We'll be holding another insider's panel in the spring.
  - We have the startup/venture capital/data analytics career fair coming up in Houston Hall on Valentine's Day this year. The data analytics piece is a bit of an experiment this year. We're pairing with the Penn student data science group.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. Approval of October 15, 2018 Minutes (Directors)
    - Jim attended in person, not on the phone.
    - Minutes approved pending the above changes.
  - B. Open Action Item Review (J. Olman)
    - Nothing here.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. Insider's Guide Panel (L. Hedvat)
    - We're working on an insider's guide panel for students transitioning into their careers.
    - We've been in touch with both Brad and Career Services.
    - Looking at right after spring break, but waiting to hear when looks best based on other events on the calendar.
    - We're also currently looking for panelists.

- Seville: This was a big hit last year. We had dozens of students in attendance, most of whom were Masters students. If you're interested in participating or know anyone who might be, send me an email.

B. Patent Presentation (J. Lombardo)

- I'm currently working on the patent presentation with Jon Dunsay.
- We have a date scheduled: March 20th, from 6:15 to 7:30pm.
- We're currently lining up panelists.
- Seville: In my job here at Penn, and even recently, I have students who are interested in using resources for the purpose of a startup. For people using university resources, at what point is something owned by Penn vs. owned by the students?
  - Jon L.: Yeah, we've heard that at every event I've been to. What we're looking at as a new topic is an overview of IP.

C. Philly Penn Club & EAS Event (D. Becket & F. Fresnel)

- Farnia: Dawn has introduced us to some folks at the Wistar Institute, located right on campus at 36th and Spruce.
- In collaboration with them, we're holding an event on Wednesday, February 13th, at 5:30pm that starts with a private tour and continues with a cocktail reception and a talk by Kathryn Wellen, who runs the Wellen Lab. She works on food allergies and inflammation and it's really interesting.
- The fee is going to be \$25 to attend. I want to give thanks to Penn Engineering: this is going to be one of the first events that the school has subsidized. The tour is for Penn Club and Penn Engineering people, but the later event is open to the public.
- It's currently posted on the Penn Club website—it just went up at the end of last week.
- Seville: If you send out an email to the EAS listserv, I can approve and send to everyone.
- Farnia: The \$25 rate is limited to the first 20 registrants. After that, it's the full \$50 rate.

D. Regional Engineering Alumni - Philly (J. Lombardo)

- We have two places that we've looked into where we can set something up within budget. We're still looking into dates.
- There's a new place called the Post opening up on 30th Street that looks like it'd fit our needs. The only downside is that they haven't opened yet, so we can't plan anything there yet, but they're opening later this month.
- Farnia: If you're still looking for places, there's a ping pong place called Spin on 15th Street. Not sure if you've looked into that yet.

E. Senior Design Competition (J. Olman)

- This year's event will be held on May 3rd.
- I'll get in touch with Brad in the coming weeks.

- Seville: The SEAS website has been updated recently, so you might want to check the website to make sure the information is correct.
- **ACTION:** Jay to make sure the website information is correct.

F. Yarnall Award (J. Brennan)

- The committee has met and we have a new winner!
- The awards ceremony may be moving to the end of March instead of the end of the semester, rekindling the format of a celebratory event that took place in the past.

**VII. Around the Table (All)**

- Jason Rifkin: We will have a New York event at some point and I'll probably have an update in the next meeting.
- Farnia: Another thing with the Penn Club: there's a Chinese New Year celebration on February 10th. It's a brunch event, if anyone wants to come.
- Brad: Saturday, February 16th, 5pm. I'll send out an invitation tomorrow.
- Matt: Nothing other than that we beat Villanova.
- Bernard: I actually received an invitation for the annual ASME event. I'm not available on that date, but I wanted to extend this invitation to anyone who may be interested.

**VIII. Adjourn (S. Mannickarottu)**

- Next meeting is March 4th.
- Adjourned at 6:48pm

***The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 221 Singh.***

Minutes prepared and submitted by Jay Olman.