

**Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors**  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
*Philadelphia, PA 19104*  
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**Monday, January 13, 2020 6pm, Room 221 Singh**

**Attendees:**

<b>Executive:</b>		<b>Directors:</b>		<b>At-Large Members:</b>	
Dean Vijay Kumar		Dawn Becket	T	Jason Bethala	
Jay Olman - Pres.	X	Jim Brennan	X	Ed Chan	
Carl Clyde - VP	X	Lyle Brunhofer		Parth Chopra	
Lauren Hedvat - VP		Jonathan Dunsay	T	Qi Fang	X
Jonathan Lombardo - VP	T	Hank Guckes		David Goldstein	T
Bernard Jones – Sec.	T	Yijie Hu	T	Lamis Elsayah	
Robert Berkovits – Tres.	T	Ramsey Kraya		Patricia He	
		Paul McLaughlin	X	Scott Levitt	
<b>Past Presidents:</b>		Jeffrey Ng	T	George Lin	
Brad Abrams		Jason Rifkin		William McGill	
Eric Benshetler	T	Craig Schorr		Kush Mehta	
Tim Carlsen		Heather Stern	T	Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos	
Farnia Fresnel				Aastha Puri	
Marion Hubing	T	<b>Associate Directors:</b>		Manasi Puri	
Walter Korn		Ernest Churchville		Aditya Sreekumar	
Matt Quale	T			Ryan Wade	X
Harris Romanoff					
Seville Mannickarottu	X			<b>Faculty/Staff:</b>	
				George Hain	
				Jamie Grant	T
				Brad Richards	X
				<b>Guests:</b>	
				Ken Chen	X

X=In-person T=Telephone

- I. **Call to Order (J. Olman)**
  - Called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
- II. **President's Welcome & Remarks (J. Olman)**
  - A. Happy New Year's to all
  - B. We are looking forward to a good calendar year!
- III. **Development Office Report (G. Hain)**
  - A. George Hain on travel with Dean Vijay Kumar to India
- IV. **Career Services Report (J. Grant)**
  - A. Externship went well, photos to come
  - B. Mentoring program is just about to start
    - About 100 alumni volunteered, but students haven't applied yet
    - Goal to have all matching done by 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.
    - Seville requested blurb to post on Facebook
  - C. Big career fair starting in a couple weeks.
    - Spring career 31 Jan. Friday
    - Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - Start up and venture capital/data analytics fair 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb.
    - An all Ivy Sustainability event is coming up later in the Spring
    - See slides from Jaime
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. Approval of October 7, 2019 Minutes (Directors)
  - B. Open Action Item Review (B. Jones)
    - Jay's Action Item - Senior design videos have been posted to website – per Brad
  - C. Regional Engineering Alumni – NYC (11/19)
    - Heather – Great event held at same location as last time.
      - Brad - Stellar turn out, 48 total attendees
      - Jay - What brought folks there?
        - (1) Provided food via funding from Penn
        - (2) Also expanded invite based on geography
      - Dawn - her first event, many folks seemed interested, had a great social component with emphasis on connections and involvement
      - Jay - possible branding issue, does anyone think LinkedIn is all Alumni entails?
      - Brad – repetition means learning, so events are becoming efficient and more effective.
        - (1) Professionalism was conveyed more and word will spread going forward
        - (2) Free swag (hats and stickers) was available and networking was a key part of event as well
- VI. **New Business:**
  - A. Board Appreciation Night - 2/1 (B. Richards)
    - Everyone should have received an email with info

- February 1<sup>st</sup> will be the next Annual Board Appreciation Night at 430pm in Singh's Glandt Forum with drinks and dinner followed by 6pm Men's basketball vs Dartmouth
- Dean Vijay Kumar will attend along with George Hain
- Please respond to email if you haven't already by Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> with total number of attendees per your party
- All Engineering Alumni Board family members are welcome to attend
  - Bob – asked if a tour of Nanotech Facility would possible?
    - (1) Too short notice and security is tight in event location

B. Yarnall Award (J. Brennan)

- Date is still TBD due to other potential conflicts and an upgrade of the event to improve honoree experience
  - Brad – The Yarnall Award will be separated out from other student awards
  - Primary recipient has been determined, pending vote
  - Back-up candidate option has been selected as well
  - Bernard - Are past candidates ever reconsidered?
    - (1) Brad – All candidates are put back into the pool, closer to top usually
    - (2) Brad - Updated list to add more women and diverse candidates

- Venue and scope of event is changing this year

C. Insiders' Guide Panel (L. Hedvat)

- Lauren was Not on call
- When is the appropriate time to hold event?
  - Event last year was in early April

D. Alumni Interview Program (J. Olman)

- Jay - Help more potential engineering students be interviewed by alumni
- Remote interviews are an option
- If interested, please respond to Jay's forthcoming email
- Jay will post on LinkedIn
  - General call for volunteers to be involved

**VII. Around the Table**

**All**

- A. Jeffrey can't attend dinner because he'll be volunteering at robotics competition
  - Held in Chestnut Hill academy, so feel free to attend
- B. Bob Berkovits – spoke to Dean Stiner at the School of Design event, he will ask Professor Ryer about creating a possible drone presentation...or show a video

on the movement of a 12-ton Sphinx at Penn museum...or host a panel discussing the hype on 5G from electrical engineering (Ken Foster)

***The next meeting is scheduled for **March 2, 2020** from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 221 Singh.***

Minutes prepared by Bernard Jones.