

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, March 2, 2020 6pm, Room 221 Singh

Attendees:

Executive:		Directors:		At-Large Members:	
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	X	Qi Fang	T
Jonathan Lombardo - VP	T	Hank Guckes		David Goldstein	T
Bernard Jones – Sec.	X	Yijie Hu	T	Lamis Elsayah	
Robert Berkovits – Tres.	T	Ramsey Kraya		Patricia He	
		Paul McLaughlin	T	Scott Levitt	
Past Presidents:		Jeffrey Ng		George Lin	
Brad Abrams		Jason Rifkin	T	William McGill	
Eric Benshetler	T	Craig Schorr	T	Kush Mehta	T
Tim Carlsen		Heather Stern		Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos	
Farnia Fresnel				Aastha Puri	
Marion Hubing		Associate Directors:		Manasi Puri	
Walter Korn		Ernest Churchville		Aditya Sreekumar	
Matt Quale	X			Ryan Wade	X
Harris Romanoff					
Sevile Mannickarottu	X			Faculty/Staff:	
				George Hain	X
				Jamie Grant	
				Brad Richards	
				Guests:	
				Ken Chen	

X=In-person T=Telephone

- I. **Call to Order (J. Olman)**
 - Called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm
- II. **President's Welcome & Remarks (J. Olman)**
 - **Penn Alumni Volunteer Leadership Retreat**
 - Great event with break out sessions
 - Saw UPenn Museum's exhibit on Mesoamerica
 - Discussed communications with memberships and creating a pipeline to make alumni feel more welcome
 - Should we have a Young Alumni Award?
 - Yarnall Award is age based
 - George – Yarnall named by brother
 - Seville – can money be included or could it be named after someone?
- III. **Development Office Report (G. Hain)**
 - A. In Memoriam – Dick Mulford (ME '52)
 - Lost two people: Allen Schultz and Dick Mulford
 - Dick won both Yarnall and Award of Merit
 - Eric – there were eight other double winners including Dr. Verdonia and Sarkes Tarzian
 - Seville – Allen was very active until he left 2 years ago
 - Helped with Back to Penn Engineering including Electric Car
 - B. February Challenge, many members came through at last minute
 - Tripled the number of donors since two years ago, from 100 to 300, and gifts are still being received
 - There was a great push during the last two weeks of February
 - Harlan Stone (SP?) is tentative name for new Data Science Building
 - Final details still being worked out - 4 floors of 80k sqft
 - (1) Possibly adding 5th and 6th floor based on donations
- IV. **Career Services Report (J. Grant)**
 - Jamie not present
- V. **Old Business:**
 - A. January 13, 2020 Minutes approved with one modification (Directors)
 - Add Jim Brennan to attendance
 - B. Open Action Item Review (B. Jones)
 - One correction for Jim
 - C. Board Appreciation Night on 2/1 (B. Richards)
 - Brad was stuck in transit due to cancelled event for Corona Virus – it was a great event

VI. New Business:

A. Yarnall Award (J. Brennan)

- March 26th will be Overseers Dinner – very prestigious event
- Social event is on prior Thursday night before Overseers Dinner, which is on a Friday
- Harrison – recognizes folks that have put UPenn in their will

B. Insiders' Guide Panel (L. Hedvat)

- Lauren no present

C. Regional Engineering Alumni – Philly (J. Lombardo)

- Late April/Early May is target – Sunset Social Bar, not available until after May 1
 - Question to board: is this date acceptable (May/June)
 - (1) Matt – Check school calendars
 - It's still possible to get something in April if we keep looking
 - Jay – why not do both?
 - (1) One in April and one in Summer (mid-June?)
 - (a) Funding is a concern, but it's per event, so it should be ok
 - (2) We would like this to become an annual event so it can be set well in advance on everyone's yearly calendar
 - (a) Seville – preference is for June because the timeframe may entice more folks to come to July planning meeting and weather may be better in June rather than April

D. Senior Design Competition (L. Brunhofer)

- Lyle met with Brad last week
 - Tech is in good shape
 - Agenda expected to be released tomorrow
 - List of judges will be finalized in early April
 - May 1st is scheduled date
 - Hoping most folks will be comfortable with electronic scoring
 - Board members are encouraged to be judges

VII. Around the Table (All)

- Jay – owes Qi note
- Eric – found 8 double winners
- Kush – Work with Bob to see when product talk can be planned, perhaps in April
- Bob – do we want speaker after April 6 meeting or May 11?

- Possible options:
 - (1) School of design/Sys Eng on drones...
 - (2) Ken foster for 5G and RadHaz Biomed
- May 11 EASB meeting is Deans meeting, which usually has better attendance
- Jason – trying to plan NY event with Brad and Heather
- Yijie – will update Facebook
- Dawn – can help plan event with Jon
- Matt – folks can get Upenn alumni card for \$30
 - Gives free access free museum, 10% discount at bookstore, free access to Morris Arboretum, library on nights and weekends
 - Perhaps we can arrange the EASB group to get access together to Towne
- Jay – Perhaps we can organize more community events

VIII. Adjourn (J. Olman) – at 6:59pm

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in 221 Singh

Minutes prepared by Bernard Jones.