

Minutes of the Engineering Alumni Society Board of Directors
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Monday, November 14, 2022 6pm, Virtual Only

Attendees:

<i>Executive:</i>		<i>Directors:</i>		<i>At-Large Members:</i>	
Dean Vijay Kumar		Yijie Hu	V	Jason Bethala	
Associate Dean David Meaney		Ramsey Kraya		Ed Chan	
Bernard Jones - Pres.	V	Ernest Churchville	V	Parth Chopra	
Dawn Becket - VP	V	Robert Berkovits	V	David Goldstein	V
Lyle Brunhofer - VP		Jim Brennan	V	Scott Levitt	
Jeffrey Ng - VP	V	Carl Clyde	V	George Lin	
Jonathan Lombardo – Sec.	V	Jonathan Dunsay		William McGill	
Jason Rifkin – Tres.	V	Lamis Elsayah	V	Vasiliki Papanikolopoulos	
<i>Past Presidents:</i>		Lauren Hedvat		Aastha Puri	
Brad Abrams		Paul McLaughlin		Manasi Puri	
Eric Benshetler	V	Heather Stern		Aditya Sreekumar	
Tim Carlsen		Ryan Wade		Kevin Turik	
Farnia Fresnel					
Marion Hubing					
Walter Korn		<i>Guests:</i>			
Matt Quale	V	Ken Chen			
Harris Romanoff		Emily Miller			
Sevile Mannickarottu	V	Jackie Moriniere			
Jay Olman	V	Sushmitha Yarrabothula		<i>Faculty/Staff:</i>	
		Shira Rieke		Jamie Grant	V
<i>Associate Directors:</i>		Michaile Rainey		George Hain	
Sandeep Bhat	V	Wendy Sandinsky		Brad Richards	V
Patricia Z. He		Ricky Rajani		Emily Parry	
Kush Mehta	V	Chase Bender		Monica Stepanow	
Craig Schorr					
Amrita Singh					

X=In-person T=Telephone V=Virtual

- I. **Call to Order** **B. Jones**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm
- II. **President's Welcome & Remarks** **B. Jones**
 - a. Bernard: welcome everybody. Wonderful Homecoming, enjoyed the reception, exciting game. Please make sure to preregister for alumni interview program. Thank you, Eric for arranging the presentation
- III. **Development Office Report** **G. Hain**
 - a. George is traveling to London
- IV. **Career Services Report** **J. Grant**
 - a. Jamie: Just did parent program, doing spring planning, trying to stay on top of changes in industry.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Approval of prior EASB Meeting Minutes Directors
 - i. Updated September Minutes - Minutes Approved
 - ii. October Minutes – Minutes Approved
 - b. Open Action Item Review J. Lombardo
 - i. None
 - c. Homecoming Recap B. Richards
 - i. Bernard: Brad did you have anything to update us on?
 - ii. Brad: beautiful day in Philadelphia. Significant delay in event because of a protest, but it was ok. Attendance down (60% of expectation), so we are seeing that road back to normal after COVID is bumpy.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. Regional Meetings/Updates B. Richards
 - i. Brad:
 - 1. .In Silicon Valley with Vijay and George. Perkins venture capital firm in Palo Alto, great event. Young alumni event in SF, was another great event. I think it was a win. First time doing them at same time.
 - 2. Penn Club in NYC – nice to see Dawn representing.
 - 3. Collaborations with Penn Medicine are upcoming
 - 4. We have a busy couple of weeks
 - ii. Bernard: There will also be meetings in India. Please attend if possible if you are in that area
 - b. EAS Website B. Jones

- i. Bernard:
 - 1. Where is most recent version of bylaws?
 - ii. Seville: website under "Meet the Board"
 - iii. Bernard: thanks – I want to review those and set up a governance committee
 - 1. We also need updates regarding the Board and welcome page
 - 2. Is that you, Jeffrey?
 - iv. Jeffrey: yes, definitely reach out to me
 - v. Bernard: great, thank you. I will email you separately for this.
 - vi. Bernard: also, I receive a week in Penn newsletter email. Are more you receiving these emails?
 - vii. Bob: are you referring to the calendar email?
 - viii. Kush: I have had great progress in engaging EDAB and ESAC. We talk about student alumni mentorship and relationship building. EDAB student leaders will be presenting their thoughts to the Deans for their feedback. Alumni Society could be part of that discussion. Also discussing mentorship opportunities. I recommended we discuss with career services programs that have worked well.
 - ix. Bernard: Bob and Ernest have mentioned having speakers. It has been difficult because of our virtual format. Any ideas for speakers?
 - x. Ernest: yes, possibly for January
 - xi. Bob: we had Konrad Kording. Also, there is a law professor from GW that would be good for presenting on the history of ENIAC to quantum computing.
 - xii. Ernest: the sooner the better because we can then have more than one speaker
 - xiii. Bernard: yes, possibly we could have one presentation for the Board and another to a larger audience
 - xiv. Bob: Professor Basset is also an expert in many areas and would be great presenter.
 - xv. Ernest: yes, I think January is the best shot
 - xvi. Bernard: Great, thank you!
- c. Meet the Board D. Beckett
- i. Dawn:
 - 1. I grew up as Dawn Vigliotti in Staten Island in a big Italian family
 - 2. Some family in Italy

3. Went to large public high school, top female GPA. My father was an aerospace engineer
4. Graduated Penn 1991 BSE Computer Science
 - a. English House, Eta Kappa Nu, Hexagon, SWE President, Dining Philosophers, Dr Badler was my academic advisor, Dr. Paul's TA for CSE 240 C Programming
5. Met my husband at Penn
6. My work experience blended business with technology
 - a. In early 1990s, offices were just being automated
 - i. Great time to be in technical consulting
 - b. Went back and received MBA from Wharton in Marketing and Management
 - c. Direct Marketing Product Manager and New Product Development Manager
 - d. Account Manager at Ad Agency in B2B marketing of tech products
7. Have two daughters. They were born in Philadelphia and went to Shipley school in Bryn Mawr, PA.
8. Met Farnia and was introduced by her to Penn EAS Board and then AWE
9. About 4 or 5 years ago moved back to NYC
 - a. One daughter at Syracuse now and younger daughter is a junior at Hewitt School
- ii. Bernard: thank you. I think Lauren agreed to do January, and Lamis for February?
- iii. Brad: there is no February meeting
- iv. Bernard: I must be thinking March or April.
- v. Matt: March is next
- vi. Lamis: I can do March
- vii. Bernard: Sandeep, I will put you down for April. Dawn, would you like to nominate someone for May or should we wait?
- viii. Dawn: yes, let's wait.
- ix. Bernard: thank you, Dawn for the presentation and the family photos!

- a. Bernard: Jim, I think we finalized our nominees and votes
- b. Jim: I am trying to confirm and will then send to Brad
- c. Eric: nothing from me. Homecoming was great
- d. Bernard: yes. I sent out a few photos. Jeffrey, could we have these posted to our website
- e. Jeffrey: yes
- f. Jamie: no updates. But what is the date for the January meeting?
- g. Bernard: January 9th
- h. Brad: no. great presentation, Dawn.
- i. Jon: nothing to add. Thanks, Dawn for the great presentation
- j. Seville: nothing to add. Thanks, Dawn for the great presentation
- k. Dawn: nothing further. Happy Thanksgiving!
- l. Bob: Nothing. I will be in touch with Ernest and will work on possible speakers. Will we be meeting in person soon?
- m. Bernard: Yes, I am happy to host a hybrid in person/virtual meeting. Who is interested? March/April time frame may work given weather.
- n. Bob: yes, March would be less risky given the weather
- o. Jeff: nothing from me. Have a good Thanksgiving
- p. Ernest: great presentation, Dawn. You and Bob and I should talk about a speaker before year's end. Let's work on that, choose one speaker
- q. Bob: that would be good thank you.
- r. Carl: I appreciate Dawn's walk down memory lane. My first job had a dual floppy IBM with 10MB of memory
- s. Lamis: Dawn, your presentation was really interesting. Good luck to your daughters
- t. Yijie: thank you, Dawn. Bernard, I will email you regarding the photos from Homecoming
- u. Matt: nothing to add, thanks!
- v. David: I wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!
- w. Sandeep: Loved the presentation, Dawn. Anyone coming to the Princeton game, I would love to see anyone there. Penn Club of Central NJ is hosting.
- x. Bernard: I will reach out to some of the committees and push some of the initiatives I am looking into such as the Governance Committee

VIII. **Adjourn**

B. Jones

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023 from (6:00pm to 7:00pm)

Minutes prepared by Jon Lombardo