

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2006  
MINUTES**

**Members in attendance:** Jeffrey Akman, Blaine Atkisson, Zoë Beckerman, J.P. Blackford, Jason Chautin, Jay Cohen, Edmond Collier, Alma Collier, Richard Crespin, Laura Downs, Carol Engel, Jeffrey Flaks, Steven Frenkil, Stan Grube, Marc Goldsmith, Jeremy Gosbee, Richard Heideman, Kamden Hoffman, Mark Hughes, Stuart Kassin, Frank Kent, Issa Khozeimeh, Joseph Kiehl, Eugene Lambert, Jeannie Lesko, Michael Lesko, Cameron MacKenzie, John Manning, Jeff Marootian, Eric Mendelsohn, Douglas Mickle, Melissa Nachatelo, Tejbir Phool, Audrey Plonk, Camille Stillwell, Lamar Thorpe, Sean Walsh, Deborah Wheeler, Christopher Young

**Via Teleconference:** David Ozag, Phillip Tahtakran

**Members not in attendance:** Alex Barned, Sylvia Benatti, Kristen Betts, Marlynn Brown, Penn Chabrow, David Cleary, Debby Demaree, Cheryl Gunn, Pastor Farinas, Sebastian Filgueira, Allan From, Gerald Lazarus, Kristy Ortiz, Jeanette Michael, Alan Nadel, Tamara O'Neil, William Quinn, Rick Richmond, Tony Sayegh, Anna Sevilla, Audai Shakour, Ramona Stoltz, Winnie Strzelecki, Breanna Templeton, Allen Thompson

**Staff in attendance:** Laurel Price Jones, Scott Mory, Amy Aldrich, Karen Ancillai, Joe Bondi, Ginger Daniel, Cristy Donnelly, Sasha Guyetsky, Nic Katona, Raina Lenney, Rebecca Leonard, Kelly McKaskill, Zipporah Mbuthia, Jason Miller, Sarah Morgan, Kerry Murphy, Anita Ponchione, Barbara Tesner, Laura Violand, Nancy Washington

**Guests in attendance:** Ravi Alfreds, Dianne Fox, Stephanie Gardner, Philip Zeeck

**Call to Order, Opening Remarks and Approval of Minutes**

- President Chris Young called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. in the Elliott School Building at 1957 E Street, NW.
- Nelson Carbonell, chairman of the Board of Trustees Advancement Committee, spoke to the Association regarding his work on the presidential search committee and the vision committee, as well as about the upcoming Leadership Weekend, which would focus on developing a vision for the University.
- Jeremy Gosbee moved that the minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

**Nominating Committee Report**

- President Young reported that the Nominating Committee had acted to reappoint Dr. Jeff Akman as the faculty representative to the Board of Directors. On behalf of the Committee, Scott Mory moved that the Association accept the nomination. The motion carried without objection.

## President's Report

- President Young recognized the following Board members whose service is concluding:
  - Joseph Baca, Law Alumni Association President
  - Kristen Betts, Immediate Past President
  - Edmond Collier, Graduate School of Education and Human Development Delegate
  - Sebastian Filgueira, Elliott School of International Affairs Delegate
  - Joseph Kiehl, Elliott School of International Affairs Delegate
  - Eugene Lambert, Alumni Trustee
  - Cameron MacKenzie, Vice President for Student-Alumni Initiatives
  - Jonathan Pompan, GWAA Parliamentarian & Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Delegate
  - William Quinn, School of Business Alumni Association President
  - Tony Sayegh, Recent Alumni Trustee
  - Anna Sevilla, Public Health Alumni Association President
  - Audai Shakour, Student Representative
  - Sean Walsh, Engineer Alumni Association President
- President Young announced his appointments for the coming year of the following officers and members at large of the Board of Directors:
  - Laura Downs, Vice President for Student-Alumni Initiatives
  - Cheryl Gunn and Rick Richmond, Members-at-Large
- President Young noted that the following members would be joining the Board of Directors as trustees, school association representatives or student representatives:
  - Zoë Beckerman, Recent Alumni Trustee
  - J.P. Blackford, Engineer Alumni Association President
  - Jason Chautin, School of Business Alumni Association president
  - Steven Frankel, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
  - David Ozag, Graduate School of Education and Human Development
  - Steven Ross, Alumni Trustee
  - Winnie Strzelecki and Alan Thompson, Graduate School of Political Management (College of Professional Studies)
  - Lamar Thorpe, Student Association president (student representative)
  - Camden Hoffman, School of Public Health and Health Services
  - Richard Heideman and Douglas Mickel, Law School

- President Young introduced two members of the Student Association, who addressed the GWAA: Stephanie Gardner, director of alumni affairs; and Kirk Haldeman, chief of staff.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Scott Mory presented the FY 2006 Treasurer's Report on behalf of Treasurer Pastor Farinas.
- Mory presented the proposed FY 2007 budget, which had been recommended for approval by the Executive Committee. John Manning moved to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

### **Staff Report**

- Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Scott Mory reported that 25 members of the Board of Directors had signed up to attend Leadership Weekend.
- Mory announced the FY07 meeting calendar for the Board of Directors, noting that it had been approved by the Executive Committee. The schedule had been adjusted to include two day-long meetings of the Board and the annual meeting, rather than four evening meetings. Mory also announced that the Alumni Service Awards would be presented in conjunction with the spring Board meeting, rather than at the annual meeting.
- President Young announced that Mory had recently been promoted from the position of Executive Director to Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.
- Mory announced that a new logo for the Association had been adopted by the Board of Directors. Copies of the new logo were provided to all present.
- Mory thanked the Board of Directors for its support of his initiatives, as well as for supporting the members of his staff in their responsibilities.
- Mory announced that several new staff members had recently been hired to join the Alumni House staff. Andrew Kaufteil would be the new director of reunions and Lars Johnson the new assistant director of student-alumni programs. Mory also announced that two Presidential Administrative Fellows would be assigned to the Office of Alumni Programs in the coming year: Ellen Wexler, who would be working on a young alumni network, and Phil Zeeck, who would be tasked with building affinity programs.
- Mory thanked President Young and President-Elect Richard Crespin, acknowledging them as good partners over the past year. He also thanked Vice President for Advancement Laurel Price Jones and Trustees Advancement Committee Chair Nelson Carbonell for their support in raising alumni programs and the annual fund higher on the University's agenda.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

- Assistant Vice President Mory reported that the Nominating Committee had considered candidates for three at-large members of the Board of Directors. He moved on behalf of the Committee that Jeffrey Atkisson, Frank Kent and Camille Stillwell be elected to serve as at-large members of the Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **Programs Committee Report**

- Programs Committee Chair Audrey Plonk introduced Director of Alumni Programs Raina Lenney, and then thanked the Alumni House staff for its support this year.
- Plonk reported that the recent Spy Museum event had attracted 65-70 attendees. She thanked Board member Joe Kiehl for speaking at the event.
- Plonk announced that the Association had been asked to participate in the opening session at each Colonial Inauguration student orientation program over the summer.
- Plonk noted that regional strategic planning was being conducted by chapter leaders in the New York, Boston, Philadelphia and South Florida regions.
- Plonk encouraged Board members to attend more of the events being sponsored by the Association throughout the year.

### **Student-Alumni Initiatives Committee**

- Committee Chairman Cameron McKenzie reported that the Dinner with Alumni program had successfully hosted 25-30 dinners this year, and that approximately 275 alumni had registered online to be career advisors to students.
- McKenzie also reported that the “zero-year reunion” held for the Class of 2006 had drawn over 500 seniors to attend.

### **Vice President for Advancement’s Report**

- Vice President for Advancement Laurel Price Jones thanked the Association for its support during her first months in office.

### **Old Business**


There was no old business for the Association to consider.

### **New Business**

- Mark Goldsmith noted that the Association should consider sponsoring a one-year reunion for the Class of 2006 since their Commencement Week event had been a success.
- Goldsmith moved that the Board of Directors express a resolution of thanks to Scott Mory and the Alumni House staff for their efforts during the past year. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremy K. Gosbee  
Secretary