

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2007

Board of Directors Members in attendance:

Jeffrey Akman, Rudy Alvarez, Blaine Atkisson, J.P. Blackford, Celeste Bondon, Sally Cacheris, Nicole Capp, Penn Chabrow, Jay Cohen, James Core, Richard Crespin, Lindsey Davidson, Debbie Demaree, Steven Frenkil, Marc Goldsmith, Nicole Kapp, Mark Hughes, Stuart Kasson, Frank Kent, Issa Khozeimeh, Jeannie Lesko, Laurie Lowe, John Manning, Lindsay Marsh, Eric Mendelsohn, Jeanette Michael, Douglas Mickle, Robert Miller, Scott Mory, Melissa Nachatelo, Alan Nadel, Tamara O'Neil, Tejbir Phool, Sreedhar Potarazu, Pilar Rivera, Steve Ross, Christina Sarchio, Brian Schoeneman, Jonathan Tarnow, Christopher Young

Via Teleconference:

Alma Collier, Carol Engel, Allan From, Richard Greene, Jonathan Klonsky, Gerald Lazarus, David Ozag, Audrey Plonk, Deborah Wheeler

Board of Directors Members not in attendance:

Paul Antony, Alex Barned, Zoe Beckerman, Cheryl Bolding-Gunn, Jason Chautin, Amy Chmar, David Cleary, Montrose Cones, Oscar David, Laura Downs, Pastor Farinas, Jeffrey Flaks, Stephanie Gardner, Minnie Harman, Richard Heideman, Kamden Hoffmann, Rex Holloway, Jeff Marootian, Arlinda Mezini, Douglas Mickle, Jodie Moxley, Kristy Ortiz, Richard Popiel, Beverly Roberts, Camille Stillwell, Ramona Stoltz, Winnie Strzelecki, Phillip Tahtakran, Breanna Templeton, Allen Thompson, Lamar Thorpe

Staff in attendance:

Paul Bradley, Kevin Corbett, Andrew Kaufteil, Raina Lenney, Matt Lindsay, Stephanie Medwid, Anita Ponchione, Maggie Wilson

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- President Chris Young called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in Room B12 of the Elliott School Building at 1957 E Street, NW, in Washington, DC.
- Jeremy Gosbee moved that the minutes of the April 13, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

Outgoing President's Report

- President Young recognized the following members of the Board of Directors, each of whom was concluding their service on the Board: Alma Collier, Alex Barned, Sylvia Benatti, Marlynn Brown, Jason Chautin, David Cleary, Pastor Farinas, Jeffrey Flaks, Jeannie Lesko, Eric Mendelsohn, Alan Nadel, Tamara O'Neil, Audrey Plonk, Camille Stillwell, Ramona Stoltz, Phillip Tahtakran, Breanna Templeton, and Lamar Thorpe. Each received a certificate to commemorate their tenure on the Board of Directors.
- President Young announced his appointment of Sally Cacheris to serve as a member at large of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Pastor Farinas presented the FY 2007 Treasurer's Report. He noted that two recently-matured certificates of deposit would be reinvested.
- Farinas thanked Finance Committee members Penn Chabrow and Marc Goldsmith for their service during the year.
- Farinas presented the proposed FY 2007 budget, which had been recommended for approval by the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. Farinas moved to adopt the budget as presented. The motion carried without objection.

Staff Report

- Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Scott Mory noted that an updated copy of the Association's bylaws had been included in the meeting packet, and that the recent Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Association had been included as an addendum to the bylaws.
- Mory introduced Raina Lenney, the senior director of alumni relations, and announced that she had been designated by Vice President for Advancement Laurel Price Jones to serve as interim director of alumni relations until a new assistant vice president could be appointed. Lenney introduced three new staff members: Matt Lindsey, director of alumni communications; Anita Ponchione, director of school alumni programs; and Paul Lanzzone, associate director of regional programs.
- Director of Reunions Andrew Kauftiel gave an update on activities planned for Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007, scheduled to be held September 28 – 30, 2007.
- Mory remarked on several accomplishments during his tenure in Alumni House, including development of the Colonial Cable, reunion programs, student-alumni programs, and regional programs; integration of the alumni relations and annual giving staff and programs; and the professionalization of the Alumni House staff.
- Mory thanked staff members Kelly Bosma, Andrew Kauftiel and Raina Lenney for their service, as well as members of the Board of Directors for their support. He also thanked President-Elect Richard Crespin and wished him luck in his tenure as president. Mory thanked President Young and presented a gift on behalf of the University for his service as president of the Association.
- Board members John Manning, Jeannette Michael, Marc Goldsmith and Pastor Farinas all expressed personal thanks to Mory for his service to the Association.
- President Young thanked President-Elect Crespin and Treasurer Farinas for their service, and presented a certificate to Farinas to commemorate his tenure on the Board of Directors. Young also thanked Mory for his vision and assistance in developing the Association.

Old Business

- There was no old business for the Association to consider.

Passing of the Gavel

- President Young officially transferred the office of president to President-Elect Crespin.

Incoming President's Report

- President Richard Crespin thanked Immediate Past President Young for his stewardship and leadership of the Association, as well as Mory and the Alumni House staff.
- Crespin announced the schedule of meetings and events for the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Annual Meeting.
- Crespin announced his appointment of the following officers and members at large of the Board of Directors:

Vice President for Awards	Debby Demaree
Vice President for Communications	Jeremy Gosbee
Vice President for Nominations	Jonathan Tarnow
Vice President for Programs	Blaine Atkisson
Vice President for Student-Alumni Programs	Laura Taddeucci Downs
Members-at-Large:	
Rudy Alvarez	Celeste Bondon
Amy Chmar	Richard Greene
Jon Klonsky	Laurie Lowe
Pilar Rivera	
Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee:	
Jay Cohen	Mark Hughes

- Crespin welcomed the delegates to the Board of Directors from each school of the University, Mount Vernon College and Seminary, and Columbian Women:

CCAS:	CPS:
Oscar David, Freda Steinberger	Jodie Moxley, Brian W. Schoeneman,
SMHS:	Lindsay Rein Marsh
Sreedhar Potarazu	Columbian Woman:
LAW:	Minnie Harmon
Christina Sarchio	MVA:
SEAS:	Memphis Holland
Eric Mendelsohn	
GSEHD:	
Montrose Cones, Jeannie Lesko, Beverly Roberts	
GWSB:	
Robert Miller, Arlinda Mezini	
ESIA:	
James A. Core	
SPHHS:	
Rex Holoway, Paul Antony	

- Crespin acknowledged Nicole Capp, who as president of the Student Association would serve as the student representative to the Board of Directors.
- Crespin outlined his agenda for the coming year, which included the themes of engaging alumni for a lifetime, gathering a voice for alumni, and building a culture of philanthropy.

Nominating Committee Report

- President Crespin reported that the Nominating Committee had voted to nominate the following candidates for officers and faculty representative of the Association:

Secretary	Lindsey Davidson
Treasurer	Marc Goldsmith
Faculty Representative	Jeffrey Akman

Penn Chabrow moved that the above nominations be accepted by the Association. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

New Business

- Alan Nadel moved to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that: Richard Crespin, President; Christopher G. Young, Immediate Past President; Marc Goldsmith, Treasurer; Lindsey Davidson, Secretary; and Raina Lenney, The George Washington University Senior Director of Alumni Relations, are hereby authorized to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer, certificates representing non-equity investments such as certificates of deposit, money market funds, and bonds now registered or hereafter registered in the name of this university alumni association.

The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

- Immediate Past President Young and President Crespin presented a gift to Scott Mory on behalf of the Association, and Young presented a personal gift.
- Board members Allan From, Alma Collier and Debbie Wheeler each thanked Mory for his service.

Adjournment

- Pastor Farinas moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried without objection. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremy K. Gosbee
Secretary