



Alumni Association

**GEORGE WASHINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Washington, District of Columbia
April 9, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the George Washington Alumni Association (the “Association” or “GWAA”) was held on the Foggy Bottom Campus of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. on April 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. local time.

Mr. Jeremy Gosbee, the Association’s President, acted as Chair of the meeting and Mr. Morgan Corr, the Association’s Secretary, kept the minutes. A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order and announced that the Board’s meeting would proceed with the transaction of business.

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The first matter to come before the Board was the welcoming and President’s Report, presented by Mr. Gosbee. He reviewed the agenda for the day’s meeting, then presented a time-sensitive proposed resolution for the Board to consider. This resolution noted the successes of GW athletics programs and congratulated the superb leadership Mr. Patrick Nero, the university Director of Athletics and Recreation. It was regularly moved and seconded to adopt the resolution, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Gosbee continued his report by noting several recent items of news relating to the university and alumni community. Specifically, he noted the decision of GW to make standardized tests an optional part of applications for admission; the new changes to Greek Life recruitment policies; the GWAA Alumni Outstanding Service Awards; and the recent championship of the basketball team in the NIT. He also provided updates on the overarching goals for the year: that the memorandum of understanding between GW and the Association was progressing and the hope is a final version will be ready by the summer; that Board giving to the university is still ahead of pace and should reach 100% ahead of the annual meeting; and that funding for the Colonials Helping Colonials Fund is also ahead of pace.

Next, Mr. Gosbee recognized Ms. Venessa Perry, Vice President for Nominations & Governance to present proposed changes to the Association’s bylaws. Ms. Perry provided a brief introduction to the process of considering the amendments and what the rationale was, then introduced Ms. Christinae Carnavos, Vice Chair of Nominations & Governance, to more thoroughly explain the

proposal. Ms. Carnavos explained that the amendments, taken together, will change the system of Board apportionment so that Vice Presidents and other officers will now hold at-large seats as well as their officerships, clarify the term limits for Secretary and Treasurer whose terms are a different length than at-large Board seats, require officers to be elected/appointed from within the Board, declare the primary university alumni officer as an ex officio member of the Board, and generally clarify related language. After brief questions it was regularly moved and seconded to adopt the bylaws, which passed unanimously.

The assembled Board members then broke into their several committee meetings.

Upon re-convening the next matter was a panel presentation led by Mr. Nelson Carbonell, Chairman of the GW Board of Trustees, along with Mr. Gosbee and Dr. Aristide Collins, GW Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. They provided an update on a range of topics at the university, including: the latest on the *Making History* capital campaign, including what will happen after the campaign is completed; the finalization of the next strategic plan; areas of focus for the Board of Trustees in the coming years; the process for updating policies such as the Greek Life recruitment change; and a dialogue on how best to engage alumni and steward relationships long-term.

The next item was an update from Mr. Patrick Nero on the various activities of the university athletics department. He showed a recent video which highlighted many of the successes of GW teams in a range of different sports, how the school spirit is being improved and augmented among both students and alumni, and generally the planned direction of athletics in the coming years. Mr. Gosbee presented Mr. Nero with the signed copy of the resolution passed at the beginning of this session, thanking him for all he has done for GW athletics.

The next item was brief reports from several officers. Mr. Morgan Corr, the Association Secretary, presented the minutes from the last meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Gosbee and seconded by Ms. Perry the minutes were approved unanimously. Mr. Aaron Deer, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer presented the latest balance sheet for the Association and reported that overall the Association is well within the projected budget for the fiscal year. He further reported that he and the Finance Committee are working on exploring new software to help manage the Association's finances.

Mr. Gosbee then recognized Mr. Matthew Manfra, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations, to provide an update on activities at Alumni House. Mr. Manfra provided a brief update on such activities, including: the upcoming plans for commencement which will welcome all new alumni; expected travel by senior alumni relations staff for major events on the west coast and in Asia; alumni activities focused on the various aspects of the presidential election campaign underway this year; and the initial planning for alumni weekend set for October.

Mr. Gosbee next recognized Ms. Monika Laws who introduced a proposed resolution celebrating the legacy of Elizabeth Somers in the founding of Mount Vernon College and Seminary, now a

part of the university. She moved the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Mr. Charlie Leizear, and adopted unanimously.

Mr. Gosbee then allowed time for any other announcements or comments from members of the Board. There being no further matters to come before the Association, upon motion duly made and seconded, a vote to adjourn the Meeting occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings described herein and has been reviewed and approved by the Board, which gave authority to the undersigned to so authenticate.

Name: Jeremy Gosbee

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