



Alumni Association

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

**Washington, District of Columbia
June 4, 2015**

The Annual Meeting (the “Meeting”) of the George Washington Alumni Association (the “Association” or “GWAA”), in conjunction with a business meeting of the Association’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) was held in Washington, D.C. on June 4, 2015.

Mr. Steve Frenkil, President of the Association, acted as Chair of the Meeting. At approximately 6:45 p.m., the Chair called the Meeting to order and announced that the Association’s Annual Meeting would proceed with the transaction of business.

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The first matter to come before the Association was a welcome and introductions by Mr. Frenkil, including recognition of several University trustees and administrators in attendance or expected to attend during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Frenkil noted that the Association bylaws require an annual meeting at which all alumni present may vote on the election of new members-at-large of the Association’s board of directors, as well as officer positions presented for election, which at this meeting include the Association’s secretary and treasurer. In addition, he noted, the Meeting provides an opportunity to recognize all of the Association’s board members whose terms of service are concluding.

The second matter to come before the Association was the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association meeting held on June 5, 2014, presented by Mr. Morgan Corr, Acting Secretary of the Association. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 5, 2014 were adopted.

The third matter to come before the Association was the financial report by Mr. Larry Murphy, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer of the Association, based upon materials distributed in advance of the Meeting. He presented the Association’s fiscal year operating budget and balance sheet, and summarized the annual revenue and expenses. Mr. Murphy then provided an overview of the GWAA’s three key affinity partnership – Bank of America (checking accounts and credit cards), Mercer (life and health insurance), and Liberty Mutual (auto, home and renters insurance) – and the GWAA grants program for alumni affinity groups. He announced that this would his last meeting as an officer of the Board, but looked forward to transitioning his successor.

The fourth matter to come before the Association was the President's Report by Mr. Frenkil. He began his report by recognizing the Board of Directors' executive committee during the 2014-15 year, including both those present and those unable to attend: Mr. Jeremy Gosbee, President-Elect; Mr. Larry Murphy, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer; Mr. Jonathan Tarnow, Secretary; Mr. Jim Quinlan, Vice President for Awards; Mr. James Walker, Vice President for Communications; Mr. Keith Greene Vice President for Nominations and Governance; Ms. Jacqueline Hackett, Vice President for Student-Alumni Initiatives; Ms. Fiona Conroy, Vice President for Programs; Ms. Katherine Heibert, Vice President for Career Services; Mr. Buddy Lesavoy, Parliamentarian; and Mr. Kyle Farmbry and Ms. Beverly Bogerty, each executive committee appointees. Mr. Frenkil also recognized the past presidents of the Association in attendance.

Mr. Frenkil then provided a short "Year in Review" of the major undertakings of the Association since the last annual meeting. These included Colonials Helping Colonials programs, enhancing student-alumni connections, increasing alumni engagement in community service, reinforcing the diversity of the Association, enabling alumni engagement with GW and each other, creating a culture of philanthropy, and gathering a voice for alumni. He also commented on the GWAA's awards programs of the past year, introducing videos regarding the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards and Outstanding Alumni Service Awards. Mr. Frenkil also reported that in the Association's strides to creating a culture of philanthropy 97% of the members of the GWAA Board of Directors had pledged or donated to the University in the current fiscal year. Mr. Frenkil concluded his report with recognition of past GWAA presidents, alumni trustees and Student Association presidents in attendance, as well as members of the Senior Class Gift Campaign for the Class of 2015.

The fifth matter to come before the Association was a short report from the office of Alumni Relations, from Dr. Aristide Collins, Vice President of Development & Alumni Relations at GW, and Ms. Karen White, Interim Associate Vice President of Development & Alumni Relations. They reported on the successful and ongoing relationship between the university and the Association, as well as the success of the *Making History* capital campaign. They discussed the many program collaborations between the Association and university, especially signature events such as alumni weekend, homecoming, the awards programs, and other alumni affinity programming. They announced that the process of hiring a full time vice president for alumni relations was entering its final rounds with an announcement planned for the summer.

The sixth matter to come before the Association was the "passing of the gavel" between Mr. Frenkil and Mr. Gosbee, who transitioned from president-elect to president of the Association. Mr. Gosbee made brief introductory remarks and then thanked Mr. Frenkil for his many years of service to the Association.

The seventh matter to come before the Association was a recognition by Mr. Frenkil of the 2014 GWAA Prize Recipients, each of whom was recognized during Commencement weekend by their School or College at their graduation celebration ceremony with a cash award from the Association

The eighth matter to come before the Association was the elections and appointments to the Board. Mr. Gosbee announced the following appointments he was making for Board leadership for the ensuing year:

- Asha Aravindakshan as Vice President for Career Services
- James Walker as Vice President for Communications
- Venessa Perry as Vice President for Nominations and Governance
- Fiona Conroy as Vice President for Programs
- Jacqueline Hackett as Vice President for Student-Alumni Initiatives
- Jim Quinlan as Vice President for Awards
- Aaron Binstock as Parliamentarian
- Jeff Fair as at-large appointment to the Executive Committee
- Marilyn Yakowitz as at-large appointment to the Executive Committee

Mr. Gosbee further announced that each school of the university selects a representative to serve on the Board, and was pleased to welcome the following new members who will be joining the Board in that capacity:

- Monika Laws for Mount Vernon College
- Roulla Nau for the Milken Institute School of Public Health
- Edwin Elfmann for the College of Professional Studies
- Pippa Morse for the School of Nursing
- Paul Fires for the School of Law
- Jeff Fair for the Elliott School of International Affairs

Mr. Gosbee then called upon Mr. Keith Greene, outgoing Vice President for Nominations and Governance to address the election of members-at-large for the 2015-2018 term. The slate of nominees was:

- Sephida Behrem
- Dean Coclin
- Barbara Domingo
- Richard Ernsberger
- Claritza Jimenez
- LaVida Johnson
- Charlie Leizear
- Judith Lipner

- Ariz Matute
- Chrison McManus
- Andrew Perlman
- Dianne Sherman
- Christopher Whittam
- R. Travis Wright

Mr. Greene moved that the slate be adopted, which was regularly seconded. The membership approved the slate unanimously.

Mr. Gosbee then recognized Mr. Aaron Binstock, Vice Chair of the Nominations & Governance Committee to present the slate of proposed officers to be elected. Mr. Binstock reviewed the nomination process and the qualifications sought in candidates for each office. He then presented the committee's recommendations for election for the 2015-2017 term:

- Morgan Corr for Secretary
- Aaron Deer for Vice President for Financial Affairs & Treasurer

Mr. Binstock then moved the adoption of the slate as presented, which was regularly seconded and approved by the membership unanimously.

The ninth matter to come before the Association was remarks by the new president, Mr. Jeremy Gosbee. Mr. Gosbee outlined the goals for his tenure, which will include building a lifelong community by the Association becoming better ambassadors for the university; gathering a voice for alumni by becoming better advocates on issues important to alumni; and building a culture of philanthropy by being role models for fellow alumni and giving at a leadership level. He further outlined that during his tenure he will also plan to focus on integrating Corcoran alumni into the larger GW family, expanding successful programs like the grants program, and create a better regime for board development.

The tenth matter to come before the Association was time for new business and public comment. 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 8:10 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
Date: June 02, 2016