

**Alumni Advisory Board Minutes from  
Washington University, St. Louis, MO**

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**AAB Attendees:**

In Person:

- Jim Gidcumb
- Andrew Jordan
- Tracey Lockhart
- Chris Meyer
- Kelly Noel
- Anthony Primozich
- Chuck Sigman
- Greg Gotwald
- Dan Price

On Phone:

- Jeff Trang
- Dedic Day
- Chris Repa
- Todd Richard

Staff:

- Ben Paolillo
- Lauren Jackson
- Jennifer Kenzor

Guests (via phone):

- David Sanborn
- Jessica Toth

- I. On Friday evening, all present attended a happy hour hosted by Jim Gidcumb (Thanks Jim!) and a dinner in the PNC Dining Room.
- II. Roll Call. See attendance above. We needed 12 to have a quorum; we had 13 at our peak.
- III. Call to Order – Jim Gidcumb '76, President
  1. Jim welcomed all participants and thanked them for attending either in person or on the phone.
- IV. Previous Meeting Minutes Approval-Dan Price '75, Secretary
  1. Minutes from May 27, 2016 meeting approved as submitted.
- V. Executive Director Report- Ben Paolillo
  1. Ben started off with a quiz....asking when the Alumni Association was started. Kelly nailed it by answering 1888. ☺ Ben also reminded us of a quote from one of the past Chauncey Rose memorials that reminded us that our graduates, are the lasting "statues" that pay tribute to what he did.

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2. Ben has now been on the job since August 1, and is off to a fast start.
  3. Ben introduced the Rosie Pen Pals promotion and asked each of us to consider participating in this as a “pilot” to see if it will work. Some members recalled this being done in the past.
  4. Ben asked if we would support a name change from Alumni Affairs to a more consistent term used in the industry of Alumni Relations. We agreed.
- VI. Rewrite of Constitution Discussion- Greg Gotwald
1. Greg led us through a discussion of several of the changes that are being proposed to the Alumni Association. After discussing each topic, we took a vote to indicate the areas we had conceptual agreement to. Greg will now reduce these concepts to an updated written document. The process, as outlined in our Constitution, is as follows:
    - I. *The Constitution may be altered, amended, or abrogated as set forth below. Modifications must first receive approval by a majority of the AAB members present in a meeting with quorum. RHAA members must then be given a thirty (30) day notice of the proposed modifications. The modifications must then be approved by a majority of the ballots collected from RHAA members.*
  2. The areas of conceptual agreement are as follows:
    - I. Remove section addressing “Student/Alumni” since this is an alumni relations program.
    - II. Remove membership exclusion of “gold” alumni; those who have graduated in the past decade.
    - III. Combine the Board Membership Committee and Nominating Committee into one committee and dissolve the Election Committee.
    - IV. Term limits set at 3 consecutive, two-year terms before rolling off for at least one term.
    - V. Office Elections:
      - I. Officer elections would be held for Vice-President only.
      - II. The election for this office would be held among the AAB instead of the entire alumni body. The process for holding the election among the AAB will be determined. There was a preference for secret ballot.
      - III. Terms of office would be two years long. The Vice-President would progress to be the President, who would progress to be the Past President.
      - IV. We would eliminate the position of Secretary as an elected office and look to the Alumni Relations Office to provide that function.
    - VI. Executive Committee to move FROM: Past President, President, VP, Secretary, and 2 representatives to the Board of Trustees TO: Past President, President, VP, and 4 at-large members appointed by the President.
    - VII. Remove Standing Committees from the Constitution to give us more flexibility to modify the committees as needs dictate.
    - VIII. Committee Chairs will be appointed by each President.
    - IX. Implement minimum attendance requirements for membership to the AAB that would include attending in person or via phone.

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- X. Awards to be removed from Constitution to give us flexibility to change as needed. We also want to review the current awards to see if we need to augment them.
- XI. Future changes to the Constitution move from current set up to review by the AAB for 30 days then approved by majority of AAB.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

- 1. Homecoming-Nellie Hohne '99 & Anthony Primozich '00
- 2. Alumni Clubs-Chris Meyer '04
- 3. Student Recruitment-Dedric Day '03
- 4. Board of Trustees-Chuck Sigman '80
- 5. Alumni Giving- Jeff Trang '83
- 6. Please see others reports that were submitted. Some simply had no activity to report since the last update.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business

- 1. Future Meeting Dates
  - I. Our next meeting will be the Alumni Association annual business meeting at Homecoming. Details to come.
  - II. There is a desire to reduce meetings to increase attendance. We agreed to have three working meetings/year:
    - I. Winter
    - II. Spring (After the Board of Trustees meet)
    - III. Summer (July or August)
    - IV. We agreed that working meetings during Homecoming and Commencement were simply not practical due to time constraints AND the other responsibilities the Alumni Relations Office has at those times.

- X. Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 PM followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Price, Secretary of the AAB