

ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Rose-Hulman Alumni Association
Spring Meeting
AAB Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 24, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
SRC Skybox
Terre Haute, IN
(Revised 3/27/18)

- I. Call to order – Dan Price, President
- II. Roll Call – Lauren Arnold, Secretary
 - a. In attendance: Kelly Noel, Todd Brown, Andrew Jordan, Nyle Riegle, Kedar Murthy, John McClain, Alyssa Lobo, Christopher Meyer, Robert Stone, Jason Karlen, Greg Gotwald, Dan Price, Nellie Hohne, Jessica Toth, Ben Paolillo, Lauren Arnold, and SAA Members Mitch Lozier and Seiji Takagi. Calling in - Anthony Primozich, Dedric Day, Steve Gillman, Chuck Sigman-ARBOT, David Sanborn. Absent – ARBOT-Erin O'Connor, Jeff Meyers.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting – Dan Price, President
 - a. Kelly Noel moved to approve. Motion carried.
- IV. ARBOT report from 2/23-24 meetings – Chuck Sigman
 - a. Chuck announced that the institute's endowment is adequate but that the institute would benefit greatly if it could continue to grow. He mentioned that the fall 2018 freshman class will include 13%-14% Chinese students and a large amount of international students over all. Steve Gillman and Chuck commented on the need to keep the focus on diversity and inclusion.
- V. Comments from Rob Coons - Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
 - a. Rob commented on the recent acquisition of the Hulman property (off of SR 46 and Wabash Ave.). He announced that the land includes a home that will become the new presidential residence. He explained that the institute will not be responsible for shut down and clean-up of the oil wells on the property nor will the institute be responsible for the up keep of the Clabber Girl billboard/clock but that this historical structure will stay. Rob commented on the abundance of wild life on the property and the prohibition of hunting on the land. Decisions are still being made regarding a public entrance to the property. It is expected that public attractions will one day be available on the property to serve as event spaces.
 - b. Rob's next points surrounded the plans for the new fifty-thousand square foot academic building which will be located where the current parking lot is to the north east of the water tower. He explained that the building will connect to Myers and Moench so that people can move from one building to another without going outside. He explained that the current Rotz lab will be torn down and rebuilt within the new structure and that the current quad will be renovated to better serve as alternative class space, etc. He explained that the total cost for the building would be between twenty-five and twenty-nine million dollars.
- VI. Staff reports
 - a. Alumni Awards event – Holly Presley, Alumni Relations Coordinator
 - i. Ben commented on the event as Holly was tending to event preparation needs. He gave directions for the AAB on what will happen after the meeting and that the ceremony will start at 3:00pm. He explained that we are excited to be able to have AAB members announce (Dan Price) and present the awards (Nellie Hohne) to fellow alums.
- VII. Committee reports
 - a. Executive Committee – Dan Price
 - i. Update on Policy documents

1. Dan thanked everyone for approving the new policy documents. He announced that Chris Repa and Jeff Trang have respectfully resigned as they have new responsibilities in their lives to commit to.
- b. Board nominating – Greg Gotwald
- i. AAB member election
 1. Kelly moved to approve the entire slate of new members, Nellie seconded. Andrew brought up concerns about nominee Matt Iwema and suggested Greg Laudick would be more enthusiastic and is eager to be a part of the board. David Sanborn said that he now works with Matt Iwema and has not had the same experience that Andrew has with him. Dan Price indicated that via conversations with Ben, Greg Laudick indicated he was not actually interested in AAB but the ARBOT position.
 2. Jessica Toth questioned whether or not Stefani Vande Lune was moved forward in the process because she was the only one from her class that was listed. Ben explained that there were others from her class who didn't seem to be as strong of candidates as Stefani and were not passed along to Dan for consideration.
 3. Kelly re-stated her motion to approve the slate. Nellie seconded. Motion carried.
 - ii. Alumni Rep to the Board of Trustees election
 1. Ben commented that this is the first time the AAB/Alumni Office staff has acquired submissions for the positions using a call-out procedure. He explained that 13 people submitted interest in the position. 5 of these alumni dropped out after being given the requirements/expectations.
 2. Todd moved to approve the recommendation of Ashvin Ladd. Kedar Murthy seconded. Motion carried.
 - iii. AAB Vice President election
 1. Kelly Noel and Todd Brown moved to the second round after the first round of secret ballot voting after Lauren Arnold tallied the votes. Third candidate, Robert Stone, did not move on to the second round. Lauren tallied the votes from round two in which Kelly received a majority of the votes. Kelly will become the next Vice President of the AAB, beginning July 1, 2018 and serve until June 30, 2019. She will then become the first to serve a two-year term as President under the new bylaw provision.
- c. Awards committee – Nellie Hohne
- i. Nellie expressed the need to compile equal amounts of information for each award nominee; some nominators provide more information and/or supplemental documents than others. She went through pictures and brief bios of this year's winners.
- d. Young Alumni – Andrew Jordan
- i. Andrew reviewed the 8 happy hour events that have already happened this quarter citing one in Minneapolis at which about 30 people attended. This has been an underserved area in the past few years. Andrew also mentioned that one young alumni, Chris Wlezien '10, is working on a project that will create drinking water "out of thin air" and his team is one of four finalist in the Water Abundance Xprize Challenge (\$1.75M) Powered by TATA & Australian Aid.
- e. Student Recruitment – Jessica Toth
- i. Jessica has been working with Ben and Lisa Norton and would like to review the objectives for the Student Recruitment committee. She suggested creating an algorithm to determine the best alumni to reach out to, i.e. the PhD holders, C-Suite individuals, and those with more recognizable names that will help ensure a bigger draw. Also suggested was conversation templates for alumni who are interacting with the students to make the volunteers feel more prepared and consistent with their message during conversations with students.
 - ii. The consensus from the board was supportive of Jessica in proposing these ideas to Lisa and Admissions department.
- f. Career Services (ad hoc) – Todd Brown
- i. Todd explained that there is a lot of enthusiasm in re-vamping the committee and how it can work with the Career Services office as they are currently in a state of transition. He explained that there are a lot of ideas and they will be moving forward with a select couple of them – Career Services will also be working more closely with Alumni Relations which.
 - ii. Lauren mentioned that since the implementation of the new Career Service system, Simplicity, 222 alumni have created profiles in the system.

- VIII. Old Business
- a. AAB and SAA mentor program update – Mitch Lozier
 - i. Mitch reflected on the results from the mentees now that the program has hit its one year mark. The most encouraging things from Mitch’s survey of the mentees was that they would like to try it again. He noted some students felt it was difficult at times to get in touch with or keep consistent communication with their mentor. Mitch mentioned that suggestions for more structure came through in the survey. Mitch said the intent for this trial period was to have less structure to ensure flexibility later. Going forward, Mitch is looking for someone in SAA to take over the program and suggested only passing along student names to the AAB members if the students actually express genuine interest and a commitment to being paired with an AAB mentor.
 - b. Board giving report – Nellie Hohne
 - i. Nellie confirmed the AAB is at 85% giving as of today and announced a new point of contact in the advancement office, Dara Gard. Nellie will follow up with Jennifer and/or Dara to see if they can help get in touch with those AAB members that have not yet given.
 - c. Summer ’18 AAB meeting (Terre Haute)
 - i. Friday, August 3, 2018, 10:30 a.m. Exec meeting, 12:00 full board for lunch, 1:00 Board meeting start, 4:30 social
 1. Dan Price proposed a different date and time of Saturday, August 4 with committee meetings starting at 10:00am. Consensus from the group was that this is the better date. The summer 2018 meeting will be held in Terre Haute on August 4 with committee meetings beginning at 10:00a.m.
- IX. Annual meeting (see attached minutes) approx. 1:30.
- X. New Business
- a. Fall ’18 AAB meeting (Terre Haute)
 - i. Friday, November 2, 2018, 10:30 a.m. Exec meeting. 12:00 lunch, 1:00 Board meeting. Location TBA. 4:30 social at TBA
 1. Dan Price proposed Saturday, November 10 instead with the exec meeting at 10:00am. The group agreed this is a better date and time. The fall 2018 meeting will be held on November 10 with exec meeting beginning at 10:00a.m.
- XI. Ceremonial passing of the gavel – Dan Price, Greg Gotwald
- a. Passing of the gavel took place during the Alumni Association Annual Meeting (see Annual Meeting minutes)
- XII. Adjournment – Dan Price
- a. Kelly moved to adjourn. Motion carried.
- XIII. Alumni Awards Ceremony in the Lake Room of the Hulman Memorial Union. 2:30 doors open, 3:00 Ceremony starts. Reception to follow at 4:30 in the Faculty Dining Room.
- o This year’s annual meeting and Alumni Awards Ceremony was streamed on the day-of and recorded. The recording can be found [here](https://portal.stretchinternet.com/rhitadmin/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=alumni_newsletter&utm_campaign=enewsletter&utm_content=all_alumni) by selecting “On Demand” to find the links. (Full link: https://portal.stretchinternet.com/rhitadmin/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=alumni_newsletter&utm_campaign=enewsletter&utm_content=all_alumni)