



STEVENS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PER ASPERA AD ASTRA

Minutes of the Executive Committee Wesley J. Howe Center May 11, 2015

In Attendance:

Alumni: Emil Neu '55, Leo Collins '59, John Dalton '60, Raymond Kent '62, Dick Magee '63, Tom Moschello '63, Charlie Perruzzi '63, Peter Astor '64, Joe Weber '64, Tullio Pitaro '65, Enrique Blanco '72, George Johnston '72, Ed Sandve '82, Joe DiPompeo '98, Bill Martin '89, Jeffrey Capone '91, Keith Cassidy '09, George Blazeski '10, Natalia Bilchuk '10, Victoria Blazeski '11, Imran Merali '07,

Staff: Melissa Fuest, Elissa Guss

Call to Order:

SAA President Thomas A. Moschello '63 called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the April 6, 2015, meeting of the Executive Committee were approved.

Motion: Approval of April 6, 2015, minutes. Motion made – Dick Magee '63 – and seconded – Joe Weber '64; motion carried.

President's Report:

Tom Moschello '63 stated the purpose of the Association: The Stevens Alumni Association is formed to establish, maintain, and cultivate among its members a sentiment of regard for one another and of attachments to Stevens Institute of Technology, and to promote in every way the interests of the institute.

Tom first reviewed meeting procedures.

Tom highlighted the first team championship victory in Stevens Athletics history- the Men's Volleyball team won the NCAA Division III Championship over Springfield, the defending national champion. He shared that Josh Weston, former CEO and chairman of ADP spoke at the President's Special Lecture on Leadership.

He spoke about the trip to Long Knot three students took to survey the area and meet the residents they will be helping through a multi-phase water distribution project. He reminded the alumni that Stevens' 143rd Commencement ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ.

He promoted attendance at the Hoboken Board of Adjustment meeting on June 16. Tom encouraged the members of the SAA to make a gift to the Stevens Alumni Association Legacy Term Scholarship. He noted the importance of this scholarship and participation by all alumni on the council in supporting this fund.

Finally, five alumni were appointed as SAA Trustees: Mary Doddy '80, George Johnston '72, Dick Magee '63, Marty Valerio '68, and Joe Weber '64.

Motion: Approval of appointment. Motion made-Peter Aster '64- and seconded- Tori Blazeski '11; motion carried.

First Vice President's Report:

Joe DiPompeo '98 shared the latest details regarding the search for the Executive Director of the Alumni Office. The group had received resumes and would be conducting interviews in the coming weeks.

Treasurer's Report:

Wayne Monsees '72 updated those in attendance on the SAA Vanguard account. On February 15 they deposited \$172,942 into the account. As of April 1, the account stood at \$174,450 (an increase of \$1,508). Growth on an annual basis is tracking between 7% and 8%, resulting in approximately \$12,000 per year.

Wayne also shared the latest with regards to where the Alumni Office budget stands:

Alumni Office Budget	FY15	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
	\$ (404,066.00)	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun
Stevens Alumni Association	\$ 19,997.94	\$ 1,747.94	\$ 10,897.00	\$ 7,353.00	
Alumni Weekend	\$ 25,709.86	\$ 2,544.47	\$ 1,492.41	\$ 21,672.98	
Homecoming	\$ 36,060.43	\$ 4,691.16	\$ 27,476.27	\$ 3,893.00	
Alumni Holiday Party	\$ 19,352.60		\$ 1,360.00	\$ 17,992.60	
Clubs	\$ 47,724.43	\$ 8,016.77	\$ 14,483.72	\$ 25,223.94	
Alumni Events	\$ 15,456.92	\$ 20.00	\$ 11,674.17	\$ 3,762.75	
Marketing	\$ 24,801.28	\$ 12,101.43	\$ 10,573.20	\$ 2,126.65	
Office Maintenance	\$ 16,186.22	\$ 7,383.00	\$ 3,115.94	\$ 5,687.28	
Supplies	\$ 19,378.75	\$ 2,447.71	\$ 10,564.36	\$ 6,366.68	
Staffing / Consultants	\$ 37,882.20	\$ 7,550.27	\$ 12,895.45	\$ 17,436.48	
Income	\$ (31,940.36)	\$ (14,063.00)	\$ (11,657.36)	\$ (6,220.00)	
Balance	\$ (173,455.73)				

Committee Reports:

Classes: Dick Magee '63 thanked those SAA members who have helped the committee find leaders for each of the classes. He noted that the objective of the committee is to increase class engagement by ensuring that each class has a viable and enthusiastic leadership team. The goal for FY15 was to identify class leadership in the classes that end in a 1 or 6 from 1956 through 2011. Currently the committee has six classes that have complete slates (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Fund Captain); 56, 61, 71, 86, 06, and 11. The Class of 1966 has a strong, active reunion committee and plans to hold elections at their 50th reunion in 2016. 1976, 1981, and 1991 are looking for Fund Captains; 1996 has 2 open positions (VP and Fund Captain); and 2001 has the VP and Class Secretary positions open.

Clubs: John McDonnell '72 highlighted upcoming events: Welcome Seniors on May 15, 2015; SMC Luncheon on May 28, 2015; and Delts Golf Outing on May 30, 2015. Keith Cassidy '09 reported on affinity clubs and upcoming activities including gatherings during Alumni Weekend. Keith also updated the group on the success and goals of the WCPR alumni scholarship.

Fishing: Dick Magee '63 shared pictures from the most recent fishing trip.

Communications: Charlie Peruzzi '63 shared that beginning Monday, March 30, the Alumni Office launched the Alumni Weekly Events email. Additionally, on Tuesday, March 31, the Marketing and Communications Division launched the Indicator alumni survey. As of the meeting there were 1,029 responses to date; 30% of respondents between the ages of 50-64.

Long Range Policy & Planning: George Johnston '72 explained the Trustee Meeting Policy: (1) To aid in fulfilling their responsibility, the five Stevens Alumni Association (SAA) Trustees shall meet at least once every school semester, excluding summer sessions. Each SAA Trustee is encouraged to attend each meeting, in person. A quorum is met when three Trustees are in attendance, in person or by electronic means. (2) As the first order of business at each fall meeting, the SAA Trustees who are in attendance shall elect one of the five SAA Trustees to be the Presiding Trustee for that fall and subsequent spring SAA Trustee meetings. The election is valid upon a SAA Trustee receiving a majority of votes of the SAA Trustees in attendance.

Motion: Approval of the Trustee Meeting Policy. Motion made –Dick Magee '63 – and seconded – Tori Blazeski '11; motion carried.

George presented the SAA Trustee Term Limits Policy. The key points of the policy are that a SAA Trustee's duration of service shall be an appointment for five one-year consecutive terms ("Full Term") and shall be limited to two consecutive Full Terms. A SAA Trustee who has completed two consecutive Full Terms may petition the SAA President to be nominated for a third and final consecutive Full Term. A SAA Trustee who has served two consecutive Full Terms may also request re-nomination as a SAA Trustee after a two-year absence.

Motion: Approval of the term limits for SAA Trustee. Motion made –Dick Magee '63 – and seconded – Natalia Bilchuk '10; motion carried. Leo Collins abstained.

Nominating: A presentation was made of Matt Konwiser for consideration to become an honorary member of the Stevens Alumni Association.

Motion: Confirmation of Matt Konwiser as honorary member of the SAA. Motion made –Tori Blazeski '11 – and seconded – Jow DiPompeo '98; motion carried.

Scholarship: Marty Valerio '68 reported that the present balance is: \$3,525 in gifts and pledges from 9 donors. A letter was sent to past recipients and a group of volunteers will begin phone calls in late April. An e-mail will be sent to students to invite them to apply for the scholarship. The Legacy Luncheon, where the students will be recognized by the SAA as recipients of the Scholarship, will be held during Homecoming weekend in early October.

Marty presented a resolution to use \$5,000 from the reserve fund for contribution to the 2015 SAA Legacy Term Fund. It was approved unanimously.

Motion: Approval of use of \$5,000 from the reserve fund for contribution to the 2015 SAA Legacy Term Fund. Motion made – Mary Doddy '80 – and seconded – Joe Schneider '46; motion carried.

Interim Executive Director's Report:

Melissa Fuest reminded the group that Alumni Weekend is taking place June 5 to 7, 2015. She encouraged everyone to register and noted that the website was live: www.stevens.edu/alumniweekend. She noted that communications have been, and will continue to be, sent leading up to the event.

Melissa noted that the goal for alumni participation for FY15 is 18%. At the time of the meeting we were running even with last year at 11%. She presented a graph that outlines monthly alumni participation. She asked for volunteers for the Ad Astra Task Force. Anyone who wants to volunteer should email her at mfuest@stevens.edu.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was passed unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Motion made and seconded; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Friday, June 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Fuest
Interim Executive Director