



**Minutes of the Executive Committee  
Wesley J. Howe Center  
Monday, April 3, 2017**

**Attendance**

Peter Astor '64, Enrique Blanco '72, Patrick Boylan (student), Leslie Brunell '86, Michael Cahill '15, Keith Cassidy '09, Suzanne D'Addio '07, John Dalton '60, Zach Eberding (student), Seth Kirschner (student), Dave Manhas '88, Bill Martin '89, John McDonnell '72, Harvey Millman '73, Emil Neu '55, Kimberly Savitsky '17 (student), Patty Torres '01, John Tracy '65, Frank Vastano '73, Joe Weber '64, Julie Wilkerson '13, Dave Zimmerman '90. Staff: Melissa Fuest, Elissa Guss

**Call to Order**

SAA First Vice President, Vicky Velasco, called the meeting to order at 6:22pm.

**Guest Speaker**

Velasco welcomed Gregory Prastacos, Dean of the Stevens School of Business. Prastacos shared the latest news, accolades, and achievements of the Stevens School of Business. He remarked on the tremendous progress that has been made over the last five years and highlighted key milestones achieved. Most notably, he commented on the fact that not only is the Stevens School of Business now accredited, but that many of its faculty members are being published in top journals.

**President's Report**

Velasco introduced Seth Kirschner, a student leader involved with StevensTHON. Kirschner presented information concerning the second annual StevensTHON, a fundraising event led by students. Velasco then had the other student guests stand up and introduce themselves to the Association members present.

Velasco asked Melissa Fuest, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving, whether there was a quorum of the Executive Committee present. Fuest confirmed that there was a quorum: six members of the SAA Executive Committee were present.

She then stated the purpose of the SAA: *The Stevens Alumni Association is formed to establish, maintain, and cultivate among its members a sentiment of regard for one another and of attachment to Stevens Institute of Technology, and to promote in every way the interests of the institute.*

**RESOLUTION:** To approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017, meeting of the Executive Committee.

*Motion – Peter Astor; Seconded – Leslie Brunell; Discussion – none; Vote – unanimous.*

Velasco provided the Executive Committee with an update on the status of the draft of the new constitution. She noted that the appointed Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the Stevens Alumni Association had been meeting weekly and would continue to do so. She also shared that the Committee would be seeking input from individuals in the coming weeks.

## Committee Reports

### *Clubs Committee*

Keith Cassidy shared the *SAA Clubs Committee Operations and Goals* document. He noted that individuals wanting to review the document in more detail may contact him directly for the document.

Keith also shared that the Dramtic Society Alumni Affinity Club had an event scheduled for April 8, and that the Stevens Metropolitan Club had an event on March 23. Finally, Keith noted that they were in talks with Alpha Phi Omega alumni to begin forming an official club.

### *Nominations Committee*

Fuest provided the update for the Nominations committee on behalf of Tom Moschello. She first thanked the members of the Committee: Leslie Brunell, Michael Cahill, Joe DiPompeo, Harvey Millman, Tom Moschello, Marty Valerio, and Vicky Velasco.

She noted that in Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Stevens Alumni Association: Each year, upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee shall authorize a slate of nominees for the elective positions for which vacancies occur.

The members of the Stevens Alumni Association Nominations Committee have identified and confirmed willingness of the following list of candidates for elections to the open positions of the Stevens Alumni Association.

#### Officers (one-year term):

Vicky Velasco '04, President  
Dave Manhas '88 '90 '92, First Vice President  
Keith Cassidy '09, Second Vice President  
Wayne Monsees '71 '78, Treasurer

#### Decade Representatives (two-year terms):

Fred Horowitz '64, 1960s Decade  
Frank Roberto '76, 1970s Decade  
Bill Martin '89, 1980s Decade\*  
Christopher Candreva '91, 1990s Decade  
Suzanne D'Addio '07, 2000s Decade  
Elizabeth Lamb '15, 2010s Decade  
Joe Schneider '46, Old Guard Rep\*

#### Graduate Representative (two-year term):

John Tracy '65

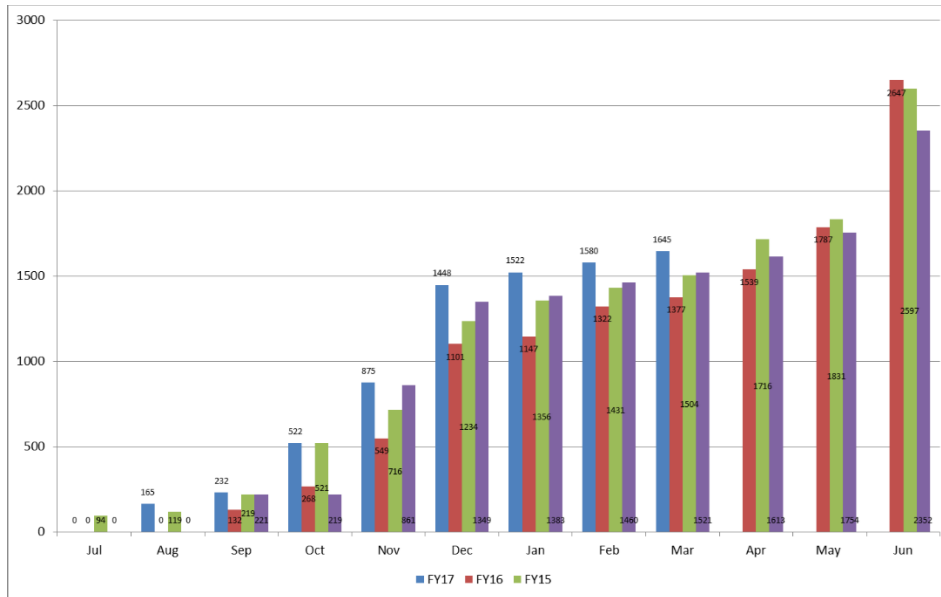
\*Indicates incumbent.

**RESOLUTION:** To accept the slate of candidates for the 2018 fiscal year.

*Motion – Joe Weber; Seconded – Peter Astor; Discussion – none; Vote – unanimous.*

## Executive Director’s Report

Fuest shared the status of the alumni participation rate for FY17, as well as the increase in the number of donors.



Fuest then shared a few key dates that she invited the SAA to participate in, namely:

### **APRIL**

- 3 – Stevens Alumni Association Meeting
- 8 – SDS: Into The Woods
- 8 – Wisconsin Alumni Group: Brewery Tour and Meetup
- 8 – ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
- 20 – Old Guard Luncheon
- 27 – Pittsburgh: State of Stevens
- 28 – Houston Alumni Club: Happy Hour
- 28 – StevensTHON

### **MAY**

- 3 – EWB Golf Outing
- 8 – Stevens Alumni Association Meeting
- 9 – Washington, DC: State of Stevens
- 10 – Baltimore: State of Stevens
- 18 – Welcome Seniors
- 24 – Graduation

### **JUNE**

- 2/4 – ALUMNI WEEKEND
- 10 – Chicago: State of Stevens

- 12 – Stevens Alumni Association Meeting
- 21 – Athletics Golf Outing
- 30 – END OF FISCAL YEAR: 20% PARTICIPATION

## Old Business / New Business

**RESOLUTION:** To update the text of the Bylaws of the 1906 SAA Constitution to read:

### **BY-LAW VIII – AMENDMENTS**

**Section 2.** Proposed amendments shall be ~~mailed~~ sent by the Executive Secretary to each member of the Council at least thirty days prior to a specified Regular or Special Meeting of the Council. Following discussion, with representatives of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and Trustees present, a vote will be taken.

*Motion – Michael Cahill; Seconded – David Zimmerman; Discussion – none; Vote – unanimous.*

**RESOLUTION:** To adjourn the April 3 Executive Committee meeting.

*Motion – Joe Weber; Seconded – Michael Cahill; Discussion – none; Vote – unanimous.*

The meeting concluded at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Fuest  
Executive Director