

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 6:00 PM

- Present:** James A. Garvey III, Esq. '80, Mark Meeker, Esq. '10, Caesar Lopez, Esq. '12, Michael A. Calandra Jr., Esq. '05, Joseph W. Mazel, Esq. '97, Adele Lerman Janow, Esq. '90, Michael A. Frankel, Esq. '03, Lisa E. Gladwell, Esq. '10, Hon. Carole P. Levy '83, James M. Lenihan, Esq. '91, Hon. Sandra A. Forster '79, Jonathan Engel, Esq. '09, Andrew Teodorescu, Esq. '13, Raymond Perez, Esq. '00, Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92, Adam Ciffone, Esq. '11, Joseph M. Martin, Esq. '91, Christopher M. Psihoules, Esq. '12, Jennifer L. Gray, Esq. '06
- Excused:** Judson K. Siebert, Esq. '85, Mary Clare Haskins, Esq. '08, Michael G. Gilberg, Esq. '07, Michael T. Goldstein, Esq. '06
- Not Excused:** John A. Sarcone III, Esq. '95, Michael LaMagna, Esq. '07, Christina A. Kozachek '15, Dawn M. Warren, Esq. '01, Joseph Ruhl, Esq. '90, Lucia Chiochio, Esq. '01, David Haimi, Esq. '12
- Added attendees:** Yanira Amadeo, Robert Colletti '98, Sarah Cinquemani [SBA President]

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

MEETING QUORUM: Quorum was met with 19 directors in attendance.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

Sarah Cinquemani provided brief remarks regarding recent student activities – ex. Natural Disaster Relief Dinner and Food Bank Community Service - and thanked alumni for their participation and encouraged continued participation in the future.

Mark Meeker provided brief introductory remarks and welcomed the Board.

- Judson Siebert was promoted to managing member of Keane & Beane – 3rd one in history. Congratulations.
- Stephen Brown resigned from the Board. Thanked him for his services as he was president for two terms.
- Brief discussion about attendance policy. Attendance will be enforced and attendance tracking will be distributed at regular meetings. If two or more unexcused absences in a single school year, individual will be conditionally removed from the Board.

- September 19 meeting minutes posted on law school website as a drop down from Alumni Association page. All future minutes will be posted online as well.
- Suggested amendment to bylaws to include voting to approve minutes – bylaws are currently silent on voting to approve minutes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 19 meeting minutes approved on October 30, 2017, via online vote by 16 directors.

III. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – Yanira Amadeo

Beginning of FY18:

- #GivingTuesday was fantastic. As of today, the school reached goal with 515 donors - 103%. Over 100 more donors than last year. Thank you to Patricia Bisesto and Jennifer Gray for supporting #PaceLawGives on #GivingTuesday.
- Kudos to the directors who have started their Board giving already. Special mention to Michael Calandra who made the first Board gift of FY18 by supporting the Investor Rights Clinic, followed closely by Sandra Forster to the Women's Justice Center. Additional Board contributors are Carole Levy, Lucia Chiochio, and Michael Frankel.

Development Objectives:

- Dean's Alumni Scholar Initiative to solicit major gifts for student scholarship is underway and looks promising.
- Encourage student scholarship gifts to the law school so that they could be matched 1:1 by the Trustee Bob Robotti Student Scholarship Challenge.
- The law school is seeking gifts for end of the year giving.

Past Initiatives:

- October 12th - 20th Anniversary of the Investor Rights Clinic honoring co-founder Barbara Black was a hit. Over 50 alumni attended to support the clinic and an award was given to Barbara Black.
- October 30th - Robert Tucker Prize for Prosecutorial Excellence: Inaugural awardee Queens DA Robert Brown. Another well attended event by District Attorneys, ADAs, and those closest to DA Brown.
- Law school breakfast to celebrate President Krislov's Inaugural (October 29). Thank you to Adele Lerman Janow who traveled from Florida to meet President Krislov, Carole Levy and Mark Meeker. The breakfast was good and Krislov gave a sneak peek at his vision for the future of the law school.
- All Class Reunion on November 3: another success. Arianne Andrusco worked hard to get together the reunion committee that consisted of over 30 milestone year alumni. For the first time ever, alumni gave reunion gifts in honor of their reunion year. Thank you again to Mark Meeker.

Upcoming Initiatives:

- Alumni Holiday Party – December 14 at Naples 45 in NYC.
- NYSBA Alumni Reception in partnership with P.L.A.N. – Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at Old Castle.
- Law Leadership Awards Dinner – March 8, 2018.

- Haub Medal for Environmental Diplomacy: Ambassador Reinhard Krapp of German Mission to the UN is the 2017 recipient, Ambassador Christiana Figueres to receive in 2018.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

General Committee Comments:

[Mark Meeker] Five Standing Committees: Last meeting discussed the importance of having involved directors. Asked for preferences and made selections/tried best to accommodate. Organized everyone based on preference.

- By laws committee: Mike Calandra is Chair. Jonathan Engle, Michael Gilberg, Adele Janow, and Joe Mazel.
- Nominating committee: Mike Frankel is Chair. James Garvey, Claire Haskins, Adele Janow, and Caesar Lopez.
- Social Committee: Jennifer Gray is Chair. Adam Ciffone, Jim Lenihan, Joe Martin, Ray Perez.
- Fundraising Committee: Carol Levy is Chair. Pat Bisesto, Lucia Chiochio, David Haimi, Christina Kozachek, Michael LaMagna, Christopher Psihoules, Joseph Ruhl, John Sarcone, Judson Siebert, and Dawn Warren.
- Judicial Committee: Lisa Gladwell is Chair. Sandra Forster, Michael Goldstein, Joe Mazel, and Andrew Teodorescu.

Send updated contact information if you would like to communicate with other committee members. Also update employer, title – which was taken from law school website.

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

[Mark Meeker] Discussion of Directors Emeritus: someone could be voted in after 9 years of service, they are not considered a voting member and do not count for quorum. Currently, we do not have any members who hold this position.

He was contacted by Jessica Dubuss regarding alumni newsletter for end of year. Let him know if there is anything the Board wants to include.

Ideas regarding eligibility for scholarship fund? Will follow up on this with Fundraising Committee.

[Jim Lenihan] Where are we in regards to the alumni directory?

[Yanira Amadeo] No updates as of yet, it is on the agenda.

[Adele Janow] Get approval to do a book containing alumni directory. Has an outdated one that was done in the past.

[Jim Lenihan] Would like to refer cases to Pace alumni. Believes that if there is a system/alumni directory that allows for this, alumni will feel more involved with school and are more likely to give donations.

[Chris Psihoules] It would be less expensive if done electronically. Via digital site.

[Jim Lenihan] The way that the directory is done does not matter much, as long as some form of alumni directly exist and is readily assessable.

[Yanira Amadeo] What is currently happening is that LinkedIn and P.L.A.N. are being utilized for referrals.

[Mike Calandra] Is the request of published alumni holding process up or creation of master list?

[Yanira Amadeo] Both. University does have alumni directory that law school is included with user access.

[Jim Lenihan] We would prefer a law school version on the law school website.

[Sarah Cinquemani.] This is a student issue as well. Create a proposal from student and alumni perspective and bring to president or dean. Good way to move forward and show that this is beneficial.

[Rob Colletti] Look into the privacy issue. Can get feedback and how to best move forward from the department in charge.

[Sandra Forster] Asked the Board to consider a resolution to formally generate a database that can be distributed to students and alumni.

Motion for resolution by Sandra Forster
2nded by Carole Levy
Motion passed unanimously

[Mark Meeker] Discussion regarding Supreme Court Committee, which he believes should be included within Judicial Committee.

[Yanira Amadeo] Joe Mazel usually requests a date in the spring for our swearing-in ceremony. Provided explanation of Board participation with alumni office and events.

Motion to adjourn: Patricia Bisesto
2nd: Lisa Gladwell
Motion: Passes unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 pm