

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

- Present:** Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92, Michael Calandra Jr., Esq. '05, Adam Cifone, Esq. '11, Michael Frankel, Esq. '03, James Garvey III, Esq. '80, Michael Gilberg, Esq. '07, Lisa Gladwell, Esq. '10, Jennifer Gray, Esq. '06, Adele Lerman Janow, Esq. '90, James Lenihan, Esq. '91, Caesar Lopez, Esq. '12, Joseph Martin, Esq. '91, Joseph Mazel, Esq. '97, Mark Meeker, Esq. '10, Joe Moravec, Esq. '17, Christopher Psihoules, Esq. '12, Joseph Ruhl, Esq. '90, Leanne Murray Shofi, Esq. '94, Andrew Teodorescu, Esq. '13
- Excused:** Jonathan Engel, Esq. '09, Hon. Sandra Forster, '79, Michael Goldstein, Esq. '06, Hon. Carole Levy, '83, Raymond Perez, Esq. '00, Judson Siebert, Esq. '85
- Not excused:**
- Added attendees:** Dean Horace Anderson, George Burns, Esq. '12, Jacqueline Parker, Esq. '95, Arianne Andrusco, Larry Curran

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:36 p.m.

MEETING QUORUM: Quorum met by 6:30 p.m.: 19 Directors in attendance (including 1 Director emeritus), 6 excused (including 1 Director emeritus), 0 not excused.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

- Mark Meeker provided brief introductory remarks:
 - Announced Mary Clare Haskins resigned from the Board. We wish her well.
- Date of the Board's one remaining regular meeting for the 2018-19 school year was announced: Wednesday, April 10.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- The November 14th meeting minutes were approved via email on December 17th by 17 voting Directors and have been posted on the PLS website for public viewing at <http://www.law.pace.edu/pace-law-alumni-association>.

III. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Mark provided a reminder of the Board's attendance policy.

IV. DEAN HORACE ANDERSON UPDATE & WELCOME

- Dean Anderson updated the Board on the progress of establishing the new part-time evening program.
- The Dean gave some of the reasons for discontinuing the original evening program:
 - The economic downturn of 2008 caused the loss of corporate support;
 - Existing full-time students were taking more night classes as opposed to just evening students; and
 - High overhead of faculty salaries, including hiring adjuncts, because of extra teaching load.
- The new evening program will:
 - Focus on core courses;
 - Consist of 2 weeknights + Saturday instead of 4 weeknights, making it easier for students with full-time jobs;
 - Include the possibility of switching from evening to the full-time program; and
 - Already accept applications, and the Board should encourage people to enroll.
- Dean Anderson then answered questions from the Board:
 - Board members who attended the original evening program credit it with their success.
 - When asked about the difference between night students and day students, Dean Anderson said that while day students were “lively,” night students brought life experience with them.
 - The Dean explained how the new program will not be a financial strain on the law school as teachers have agreed to teach one more class so no new faculty will be needed.
 - When asked about enrollment, Dean Anderson reported that it is up 5 – 6% this year and applications are up 8 – 10% for next year.

V. CAREER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- Directors are encouraged to participate in a networking program that is now part of the 3L curriculum on March 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in the Tudor Room.
- Chris Psihoules said that he will be willing to work to initiate an external internship in Washington D.C.
- The Board also discussed 11 recent graduates that the Career Development office is having difficulty reaching.
- Arianne Andrusco told the board that tickets to the Law Leadership Dinner will be available to Board members for \$150, which is the young alumni rate.

VI. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- Arianne reported that \$1 million, 65% of the goal for the year, has been raised through Jan. 31st.
- Larry Curran will send, via email, the report of Board giving.
- Arianne revealed an exciting new opportunity for alumni and law firms sponsor P.L.A.N. events:
 - \$1,500 for individual events or \$5,000 for four consecutive events.
 - Proceeds go to the Alumni Board’s Operating Account.
 - A sponsorship for the May 16th P.L.A.N. event has been secured, and it will be split between:
 - Black Marjeh & Sanford LLP, and
 - Fullerton Beck LLP.
- The Gavel Gala will be held on April 12th.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Nominating Committee:**

- Mike Frankel reported there are 8 – 10 candidates interested in joining the board for next year.
- Mike and the committee will put together bios, including social media, of the candidates for the board.
- We will also need bios from all Directors who are up for a renewed term.

2. Social Committee:

- Jennifer Gray encouraged members to participate in continuing the tradition of providing coffee, doughnuts and a word of encouragement to our law students during exams week. Jim Lenihan offered to sponsor the project this Spring.
- A happy hour for board members was proposed. Joe Martin suggested possibly including all alumni in the happy hour event and will investigate hosting it as his firm in White Plains.

3. Judicial Committee:

- Lisa Gladwell reported that she talked to Fern Richter about EHSOL continuing its participation, in a non-financial way, with the Meet the Judges event.
- Lisa thanked Joe Mazel for his work on the December Supreme Court Admissions program. Joe said that he contacts the court clerk 8 – 9 months ahead of a proposed date and has had no trouble so far. The Board also thanked Jim Lenihan, Lisa Gladwell and Adele Lerman Janow for their work.

4. Fundraising Committee:

- Fundraising was reported in the Development section of the meeting. The Alumni Board's Operating Account currently has a balance of \$1,400.

5. Bylaws Committee:

- Michael Calandra reported on the many items that the committee has been working on since the November meeting including adding the position of Treasurer to the Executive Board and the determination of responsibilities for the new position.
- The bylaws concerning the nomination of new directors was revised to eliminate ambiguities updating the method in which new candidates are presented to the Board and the alumni body. During the meeting, a proposal to have the Nominating Committee present their slate of candidates by the fourth regular meeting of the school year was discussed and agreed to.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- PLS web site – The alumni tab soon will be created and functioning on the website. Other major design problems had to be addressed before alumni tab can be added to the site. The Board voiced opinions that having an easier navigation tool will make it easier for alumni to network and a true EHSOL Alumni Referral Service can begin.
- Banner – Arianne Andrusco reports that the table banner is in production and should be delivered.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn: Lisa Gladwell
- 2nd: Michael Gilberg
- Motion: passed unanimously
- Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.