



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

## Alumni Association Board of Directors

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. networking, 6:30 p.m. meeting start

Zoom video conference

#### Board Members Present:

Jeremy Farrington, Esq. '11; Stephen Forte, Esq. '08; Michael Frankel, Esq. '03; Michael Gilberg, Esq. '07; Lisa Gladwell, Esq. '10; Michael Goldstein, Esq. '06; George Haddad, Esq. '15; Jasmin Hosein, Esq. '12; Sameera Ansari Kalra, Esq. '09; Ashley Kersting, Esq. '16; James Lenihan, Esq. '91; Hon. Carole Levy '83 (Dir. Em.); Benjamin Lowenthal, Esq. '14; Andrea Madrid, Esq. '12; Joseph Mazel, Esq. '97; Mark Meeker, Esq. '09; Susan Mulliken, Esq. '11; Diana Neeves, Esq. '16; Jacqueline Parker, Esq. '95; Raymond Perez, Esq. '00; Christopher Psihoules, Esq. '12; Cassia Schaeffer, Esq. '15; Judson Siebert, Esq. '85; Andrew Teodorescu, Esq. '13; Nicole Varisco, Esq. '10

#### Excused:

Michael Calandra, Jr., Esq. '05; Aharon Diaz Jr., Esq. '12; Hon. Sandra Forster '79; Jennifer Gray, Esq. '06; Adele Lerman Janow, Esq. '90; Michael Kremen, Esq. '08; Joseph Martin, Esq. '91 (Dir. Em.); Gail Mulligan, Esq. '09; Thomas Persico, Esq. '18; Leanne Shofi, Esq. '94

#### Unexcused:

Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92; Rebecca Gigliotti, Esq. '18; John Mulligan, Esq. '88; Patrick Paul, Esq. '16, Jim Garvey III '83 (Dir. Em)

#### Additional Attendees:

Michele Camardella, Pace University Senior Associate Director of Alumni Relations; Samantha Gordon, Pace University Executive Director Alumni Relations and Association; Brian Kearney, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University Senior Director of Development; Gary Laermer, Pace University Vice President, Development and Director Alumni Affairs.

**Welcome guests:** None present

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**MEETING QUORUM:** Quorum met with 24 Directors in attendance (Zoom/Telephonic)

**I. Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Andrew Teodorescu

## II. Board Membership

Andrew Teodorescu

- Reminder of the Board's attendance policy:
  - 2 unexcused absences in a school year triggers a conditional suspension letter, then
  - Attend the next meeting and plead your case to get voted back on

## III. University Update

Brian Kearney

- **ADMISSIONS** Brian Kearney on behalf of Cathy Alexander
  - JD Applications for the fall are down 3.8% from last year (Brian believes it is demographic issues).
  - Quality of our applicant pool is about the same as last year.
  - Acceptance rate is same as last year: 48%.
  - Campus visits are on the rise and commitments have increased.
  - Our first "hard" commitment date is April 15, 2023.
- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT/SERVICES** Brian Kearney on behalf of Career Development
  - Provided a PowerPoint
  - Class of 2022 about the same as 2021
  - 92.6% employed (slightly down from Class of 2021)
  - 82.2% employed in "gold standard" jobs
- **LAW CAMPAIGN** Brian Kearney on behalf of Pace University Development
  - Pace University's "Meeting the Moment" \$300 million fundraising campaign
  - Law campaign (portion) is \$5.4 million.
  - Provided a PowerPoint

## IV. Law Fund Discussion

Gary Laermer, Pace University Development

- GiveCampus Page Overview
- Samantha Gordon met with Gail Mulligan.
- Online giving page set up by Pace University Development
- Allows donors to earmark their contribution to the Alumni Board.
- Development Campaign is currently underway until June 30, 2023.

## V. Law Reunion 2023

Michele Camardella, Pace University Alumni Relations

- Law reunion is Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the Tudor Room.
  - Dean Anderson asked that the event be posted on the greater Pace University calendar as the Setters' homecoming weekend football game is that Saturday.
- Looking for suggestions to make the event more attractive.
- Purpose of the reunion:
  - In the past: a fundraiser
  - Current; socialize, reconnect with friends. Reasonable ticket prices as not a fundraiser.
- Free flowing alumni suggestions:
  - Off campus
  - Different choice of days – not an after-work "drive by" event.

## VI. Committee Reports

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Mike Frankel
  - Four new candidates have been vetted and presented to Boar for approval.

- Officers: No one has identified themselves. Andrew outlined the time commitment for President. Interested parties, please contact Mike Frankel or Andrew.
- VOTE:
  - Motion to approve slate of four new candidates made by Lisa Gladwell
  - Seconded by Michael Gilbert
  - All in favor. No abstentions or opposed.
- Board members with expiring terms:
  - Susan Mulliken has decided not to run again. We are grateful for Susan's service!
  - Mike has reached out to all and not had a response from six. If Board members with expiring terms have not had contact with Mike with affirmative interest, they will NOT be on the ballot at the Annual Meeting.
- **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** Jeremy Farrington
  - Annual Meeting will be held May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Brazen Fox in White Plains.
  - Graduation is the weekend right before, so the hope is to maximize participation from the new graduates before the bar exam studying gets underway.
- **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE** Joe Mazel (for Mike Kremen)
  - US Supreme Court Bar Admission took place March 27, 2023.
  - Eleven alumni (one additional was unable to attend) attended oral arguments and were sworn in.
  - The ceremony went well.
  - Joe Mazel working on another date.
  - Brian Kearney traveled to attend and stated Joe Mazel was a wonderful host.
  - Joe Mazel to follow-up with a debriefing meeting with "school" so as, in Brian Kearney's words, to "smooth things out."
- **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** Gail Mulligan
  - Gail was not present.
- **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** Mark Meeker
  - By-laws were reviewed and one change was recommended by the committee.
  - Revision was provided to all Board Members before meeting.
  - VOTE:
    - Motion to approve revised by-laws made by Mark Meeker
    - Seconded by Michael Goldstein.
    - All in favor. No abstentions or opposed.

## VII. Special Committee Reports

- **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE** George Haddad
  - Pat and George presented at a DEI CLE in February. It went well.
  - Planning a Fall event for October. More information to follow.

## VIII. New Business

- Status of Committee for Student Engagement - to be determined by next President as it is currently remains dormant.
- Succession Planning within the Board - Officers - let Andrew and/or Mike Frankel know a.s.a.p (ideally before Monday, April 17th).

- Sign up for Committees - Board members can change and join additional committees - let Andrew know.
- Leadership Council of Pace Alumni - law school has a “seat.”
  - Mark Meeker has been the representative for the past year. Mark will not be continuing in that role.
  - Meets quarterly via Zoom.
  - If you are interested, please reach out to Andrew or Mark.
- Future meetings - to be in a hybrid format. In-person and via zoom.

**IX. Adjournment**

Executive Committee

- Motion: Lisa Gladwell
- Second: Cassia Schaeffer
- Time: 7:52 PM