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 Neves, Esq. ’16; Jacqueline Parker, Esq. ’95; Raymond Perez, Esq. ’00; Christopher Psihoulas, 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**
     **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.
o Officers: No one has identified themselves. Andrew outlined the time commitment for President. Interested parties, please contact Mike Frankel or Andrew.

o VOTE:
  ▪ Motion to approve slate of four new candidates made by Lisa Gladwell
  ▪ Seconded by Michael Gilbert
  ▪ All in favor. No abstentions or opposed.

o 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
  o Annual Meeting will be held May 17th at the Brazen Fox in White Plains.
  o 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)
  o US Supreme Court Bar Admission took place March 27, 2023.
  o Eleven alumni (one additional was unable to attend) attended oral arguments and were sworn in.
  o The ceremony went well.
  o Joe Mazel working on another date.
  o Brian Kearney traveled to attend and stated Joe Mazel was a wonderful host.
  o 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
  o Gail was not present.

• **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** Mark Meeker
  o By-laws were reviewed and one change was recommended by the committee.
  o Revision was provided to all Board Members before meeting.
  o 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
  o Pat and George presented at a DEI CLE in February. It went well.
  o 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.”
  o Mark Meeker has been the representative for the past year. Mark will not be continuing in that role.
  o Meets quarterly via Zoom.
  o 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
    • Motion: Lisa Gladwell
    • Second: Cassia Schaeffer
    • Time: 7:52 PM