

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Calandra Jr., Esq. '05, Jonathan Engel, Esq. '09, Hon. Sandra Forster '79, Michael Frankel, Esq. '03, James Garvey III, Esq. '80, Michael Gilberg, Esq. '07, Lisa Gladwell, Esq. '10, Michael Goldstein, Esq. '06, Jennifer Gray, Esq. '06, James Lenihan, Esq. '91, Hon. Carole Levy '83, Caesar Lopez, Esq. '12, Joseph Mazel, Esq. '97, Mark Meeker, Esq. '10, Joe Moravec, Esq. '17, Christopher Psihoules, Esq. '12, Leanne Murray Shofi, Esq. '94

Excused: Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92, Adam Ciffone, Esq. '11, Adele Lerman Janow, Esq. '90, Mary Clare Haskins, Esq. '08, Joseph Martin, Esq. '91, Raymond Perez, Esq. '00, Joseph Ruhl, Esq. '90, Judson Siebert, Esq. '85, Anthony Teodorescu, Esq. '13

Not excused:

Added attendees: Arianne Andrusco, Larry Curran

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

MEETING QUORUM:

- Quorum met by 6:40 p.m.: 16 Directors in attendance, 10 excused (including 2 Directors emeritus), 0 not excused.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

- Mark Meeker provided brief introductory remarks:
 - Welcome Larry Curran, Development Officer
 - Congratulations to Caesar Lopez on getting married
- Dates of the Board's two remaining regular meetings for the 2018-19 school year were announced: Thursday, January 31, and Wednesday, April 10.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- The September 12th meeting minutes were approved via email on November 8th by 14 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 Meeker provided a reminder of the Board's attendance policy.

IV. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- New Development Officer, Larry Curran, joined the call at this point and shared his fundraising background. He hopes to meet with committee members individually by phone or in person.
- The 24th Annual Law Leadership Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 7. Arianne provided a reminder about this event. Her hope is to have a special ticket rate for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She will check with organizers to see if this is possible.
- Last year's giving and this year's efforts – the number of alumni who have contributed this year has not increased but they are being more generous with their donations.
- Arianne reported that plans are still being made for Giving Tuesday and other fundraising efforts and will be unveiled as dates get closer.

V. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- Arianne very happily reported and the Board was glad to hear that after a short time, Jill Backer has returned to the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in her previous position as Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development.

VI. DEAN SEARCH

- Arianne reported that, as of the night of the meeting, there have been no discussions of moving ahead with a search to replace Interim Dean Horace Anderson. The Committee will be informed about updates.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nominating Committee:

- Mike Frankel reported the committee had discussed the best way to increase the number of Board member candidates.
- There are currently 4-5 candidates who have expressed an interest in joining next year's Board.
- He suggested being flexible with the December 1 deadline while trying to find alumni interested in serving.
- After the meeting, online posts recruiting interested candidates were added to both the PLS LinkedIn group and the P.L.A.N. Facebook group.

2. Social Committee:

- Jennifer Gray reported that the next P.L.A.N. event will happen in Manhattan during the NYSBA's annual meetings, January 14-18. The last couple of years the law school has rented out the second floor of the Old Castle Pub, just down the block from the Hilton, and that has worked out very well.
- Halloween party was held at the school on October 30th, at which the Board had a table staffed by Sandy Forster, Joe Martin and Mark Meeker
- Arianne reminded the Board about the upcoming events and encouraged them to support the events if possible:
 - Dec. 5 – Land Use Conference
 - ~~Jan. 18~~ – Gavel Gala – NOW MOVED TO APRIL
 - March 7 – Law Leadership Dinner
 - Nov. 1 – Law Reunion
- Jim Garvey voiced his encouragement to Board Members to attend these events.

- It was suggested that the Board once again have coffee and doughnuts available to students during exams. This program can continue providing a way for Board members to meet current law school students.

3. Judicial Committee:

- Lisa Gladwell reported that the Meet the Judges event was a success and thanked Carole Levy for representing the committee. All who attended suggested keeping this tradition on the calendar.
- Supreme Court Admissions – Arianne Andrusco will be joining a group of Pace Law School alumni who will be gathering to celebrate the swearing in of nine Pace Law School graduates on December 4 in Washington, D.C. A social event will be held before the swearing in on December 3.

4. Fundraising Committee:

- Jonathan Engel has agreed to chair the Fundraising Committee.
- He reported that he has started familiarizing himself with the workings of the group.
- A spreadsheet was distributed prior to the meeting, tracking the growing balance in the Board's operating account.
- Jonathan encouraged all Board members to send him any fundraising suggestions that they might have.

5. By-laws Committee:

- Joe Mazel reported that the committee has begun to consider proposed changes to the by-laws, primarily to streamline and improve efficiency for the Nominating Committee duties and procedures, as well as creating another Executive Committee position of Treasurer to oversee the Board's operating account.
- Following the meeting, because of the extreme weather on the night of the meeting, a request was submitted to the By-Laws Committee asking them to determine if some sort of alternate procedures need to be created and enacted in the case of extreme circumstances.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- PLS web site – Elizabeth Rapuano is looking to have the alumni tab created and functioning on the website by the end of November.
- Banner – Arianne Andrusco is moving forward with ordering a table banner for the Board to use at events.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn: Carole Levy
- 2nd: Sandra Forster and Lisa Gladwell
- Motion: passed unanimously
- Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.