

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

- Present:** Jonathan Engel, Esq. '09, Jeremy Farrington, Esq. '11, Michael Frankel, Esq. '03, James Garvey III, Esq. '80, Michael Gilberg, Esq. '07, Lisa Gladwell, Esq. '10, Michael Goldstein, Esq. '06, George Haddad, Esq. '15, Adele Lerman Janow, Esq. '90, James Lenihan, Esq. '91, Joseph Mazel, Esq. '97, Mark Meeker, Esq. '09, Joseph Moravec, Esq. '17, Gail Mulligan, Esq. '09, Diana Neeves, Esq. '16, Jacqueline Parker, Esq. '95, Raymond Perez, Esq. '00, Thomas Persico, Esq. '18, , Christopher Psihoules, Esq. '12, Leanne Shofi, Esq. '94, Andrew Teodorescu, Esq. '13
- Excused:** Hon. Sandra Forster '79, Jennifer Gray, Esq. '06, Carole Levy '83 (Dir. Em.), Joseph Martin, Esq.'91 (Dir. Em.), Nicholas Pasalides, Esq. '11, Judson Siebert, Esq. '85
- Unexcused:** Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92, Michael Calandra Jr., Esq. '05, Adam Ciffone, Esq. '11, Caesar Lopez, Esq. '12,
- Added attendees:** Arianne Andrusco, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

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

MEETING QUORUM: Quorum met by 6:36 p.m. with 19 Directors in attendance

- I. Welcome and Introductory Remarks** Mark Meeker
- Congratulations to Caesar Lopez on being named Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel of the Orlando City Soccer Club
- II. November 14 Meeting Minutes** Mark Meeker
- Approved via email December 12, 2019, by 15 Directors.
 - Posted to the PLS web site: <http://www.law.pace.edu/pace-law-alumni-association>
 - Doing very well with Board attendance, committee participation should be improved
- III. Board Membership** Mark Meeker
- 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
 - Committee participation is very important

IV. Career Development

Arianne Andrusco

- Jill Backer has placed 11 students at the Bronx D.A.'s office and was told that Pace Students outshined all the local competition
- Jill Backer has a current student in the flex program seeking full-time paralegal employment in White Plains, if anyone is looking or knows of anyone looking
- Jill is currently working with class of 2019, approximately 82% placement, suspects that the class will end up at 90% placement

V. Alumni & Development Update

Arianne Andrusco

- Dean's report: Margot J. Pollans has been promoted to full Professor of Law and granted tenure
- Admissions doing well: 10% increase in full-time J.D. applicants for two years in a row; the flex J.D. program has seen more than a 100% spike in applications
- Events to celebrate Dean Anderson's Appointment as the Ninth Dean:
 - January 29, 2020 at Copper John's, coinciding with the P.L.A.N. and NYSBA events;
 - February 10, 2020 at the White Plains campus
- March 5, 2020 at Westchester Country Club: Law Leadership Dinner - Board Members are entitled to discounted tickets
- Giving update: slightly behind last year but beginning to catch up
- Reunion recap: All-Class Reunion was held in early November with approximately 90 attendees; In order to increase attendance, next year the ticket price will be cut in half; the CLE prior to the Reunion was well-received and a CLE offering will be repeated at the next reunion; the pros and cons of holding the event off-campus versus on-campus was discussed

VI. Committee Reports

1. Nominating Committee

Michael Frankel

- Update on prospective members
- 5 have expressed interest, 2 more potentially interested (a couple candidates had expressed interest in prior years)
- Slate will be finalized in February, will meet as a committee to discuss
- Mike will send the list of proposed candidates to the Board prior to voting at the April 1 meeting
- All alumni will vote on proposed candidates at the May meeting
- Prior to the next Board meeting, Michael will contact members whose term is ending to ask if they would like to renew another term as Member
- Jim Garvey: great job, nice list so far

2. Social Committee

Jeremy Farrington

- P.L.A.N. event #35 & Toast to Dean Anderson
 - Wednesday, January 29, 6-9:00 p.m. at Copper Johns Kitchen & Pub, 160 W. 54th St., NYC – the Board is encouraged to attend
 - Mark: Mark has been using PINGG for email communications to P.L.A.N. members - PINGG is now out of business so he is in the market for a new service to replace - please send Mark an email after the meeting to let him know of any recommendations

3. Judicial Committee

Lisa Gladwell

- Supreme Court admissions
 - Joe: reached out to Clerk, booking window opened for October 2020 Term running through April 2021;

- The Board need to be careful in terms of how frequently this event is scheduled, because it has become difficult filling the 12 positions each year – the Board should consider changing the event to every 18 or 24 months
- Joe ran through the process:
 - Need to be in good standing and in practice for at least 3 years
 - \$200 application fee, each application sponsored by 2 members of SCOTUS (currently James Lenihan and Adele Lerman Janow)
 - The first 12 that meet all requirements are selected
 - Applications must be typed and paper clipped
 - Joe hand delivers to the SCOTUS Clerk and works with the alumni office to organize the reception
 - Date is selected to allow participants to attend oral argument
 - Court photographer takes pictures and lapel pins are provided
- Lisa requested ideas of what else the Committee can do to support the Judiciary in Westchester and beyond, as well as the students – perhaps an Alumni CLE
- March 12, 2020: Women in the Law event at the Law School honoring female alumni that are members of the judiciary

4. Fundraising Committee

Jacqueline Parker

- Alumni account update: Approximately 12 Board Members have not contributed this year, it would be great if the Board achieves full participation prior to the next meeting – the Board should see the spreadsheet that was distributed for details
- P.L.A.N. event sponsorships ideas: P.L.A.N. is still seeking sponsors for events
- Fundraising CLE is being planned at Jacqueline’s firm in NYC (Ballard Spahr), potentially relating to legal careers in the financial services industry
- Student scholarships are another idea still under consideration

5. By-laws Committee

Andrew Teodorescu

- Planning to propose two substantive updates plus the general clean-ups.
 - An amendment to Section 5.04 of the By-Laws is under consideration which would remove the discretion of the President to excuse an absence
 - An amendment to Section 7.01 is under consideration which would change the deadline to set the date of the Annual Meeting to on or before the third regular Board meeting
 - Additional stylistic changes are under consideration
 - Proposed changes will be presented to the Board for Member approval

6. Special Committees

James Lenihan

- Alumni database – Arianne has been speaking with the individual who is updating the website
- The University has a one-year contract with iMobile but is open to other options – if there is an alumni portal that a Board Member likes, please provide the name of the company to Arianne
- Alumni Tab – the goal is for alumni to search an alumni database readily from the Tab
- James will re-send to Mark proposed language for an email to alumni seeking their information for use as a source of referrals in an alumni database
- Progress was impeded by the departure of the Head of Communications, which position has not yet been filled
- Potentially there could also be an Alumni Referral Tab.

VII. New Business

- PLS web site's alumni tab – see VI.6. above
- Other: Mark Meeker's firm had an event and invited the Pace Women's Justice Center, and he intends to invite them as guests to the Board's April 1 meeting
- Next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 2020
- If any Members are able to invite other Alumni to P.L.A.N. events on Facebook, please do
- Gail Mulligan: Rockland County is hiring a Labor Relations Administrator, please let her know if you have a referral – employment and litigation experience is required, but there is no residency requirement
- Because Patrick Mullen, SBA President, has not been able to attend Board meetings, perhaps he could nominate another SBA member/student to attend Board Meetings in his stead

VIII. Adjournment

Executive Committee

- Motion: Lisa Gladwell
- Second: Gail Mulligan
- Time: 7:30