ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

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


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
     - Porposed 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

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

Executive Committee