

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 9:00 AM EST

In-Person Joint Meeting of the Dean's Council & Alumni Society Executive Board
Alumni Weekend 2023

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THURSDAY, JUNE 8 | 6:30 PM EST

Next Virtual Board Meeting

BOARD NOMINATIONS:

Executive Board nominations are due May 15 including Member-at-Large and Officer positions.
Nominations can be made [online here](#) or by emailing Sarah Flynn at sburton@upenn.edu

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Penn Dental Alumni Mixer & Penn Forward Events with University President Liz Magill
[Washington, DC | April 18](#)
[Philadelphia | April 25](#)

All events can be found [here](#) as well as online at
www.dental.upenn.edu/p/events

Alumni Society Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Scott Chanin (D'83), President; Pam Alberto (D'80); Judy Bendit (DH'81); Carolyn Izu Bergmann (D'83); Larry Chacker (D'85); Gail Spiegel Cohen (C'76 D'80); Keith Dunoff (D'84); Katherine France (D'16 GR'16 GD'18); Andrew Fraser (D'16); Maria Perno Goldie (DH'71); Andrew Henry (D'12 M'15 GD'18); Stephen Howarth (D'16); Ken Ingber (D'71); Donna Jankiewicz (D'88); Roopali Kulkarni (D'19 GR'19 GD'21); Kristen Leong (C'16 GED'20 D'21); Bret Lesavoy (D'19); Morrie Rosen (D'92); Josh Simpson (D'16); Matt Sones (D'12); Ann Eshenaur Spolarich (DH'82); Ben Truong (D'19); Gary Wegman (D'83); Michael Yasner (C'79 D'83 GD'84 GD'86); Brigitte White Zinkovic (CGS'04 D'07).

Administration and Guests in Attendance: Sarah Burton Flynn, Director of Strategic Development and Alumni Relations; Maren Gaughan, Associate Dean for Leadership Giving; Lindsay Murphy, Associate Director of Annual Giving; Jenn Pacitti, Special Events Coordinator; Dom Gaeta, Development Coordinator; John Shin (D'23), Exec Student Council President; Stephanie Ng (D'24), Class Council; Karam Alyashooa (D'25), Class President; Fraz Lugay (D'26), Class President.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. The Meeting was opened by board president, Dr. Scott Chanin; and rollcall was completed. Approval of the December minutes was obtained.
- II. Reports
 - a. President Report provided by Dr. Scott Chanin
 - i. Shared update on the Networking Event held on March 2
 - ii. Highlighted Career Mentorship Program
 - iii. Shared reminder about Alumni Weekend, May 12-13
 1. Friday, May 12: Awards Reception beginning at 4:00 PM
 2. Friday, May 13: Joint Deans Council & Alumni Society Executive Board Meeting at 9:00 AM (optional in-person meeting); to be followed by the Alumni Parade & Picnic (at not charge to Board members)
 3. For questions or to register contact Sarah Flynn at sburton@upenn.edu
 - b. Student Exec Council update provide by John Shin (D'23), Exec Student Council President
 - i. Exec Council recently hosted a successful bagel and coffee event
 - ii. Students buzz around the Networking Event is very positive and they hope to have more events like this
 - iii. On Thursday, March 23 the Oral Cancer Walk club is hosting a Faculty vs Students Basketball Game. Board members Dr. Katherine France and Dr. Ruapli Kulkarni will be playing on Team Faculty!
 - iv. In April, Exec Council will host Spring Fest with the purpose of helping students finish the semester strong
 - v. Executive Student Council Elections will also take place this spring
 - c. Class of 2024 update provided by Stephanie Ng (D'24), Class Council
 - i. D3 Class is preparing for board exams
 - ii. Oral Cancer Walk will be held at Penn Park on April 16.
 1. Over 200 participants registered
 2. Over \$5,000 dollars fundraised towards the Oral Cancer Research Fund at PDM
 - d. Class of 2025 update provided by Karam Alyashooa (D'26), Class President
 - i. In the last few months of GRD
 1. On May 23 class will be celebrating their "GRD graduation"
 2. Some students have already finished requirements and have begun the transition to clinic shadowing D3/D4 students
 - e. Class of 2026 update provided by Fraz Lugay (D'26), Class President
 - i. Currently working on basic coursework, moving into Cadaver lab soon
 - ii. On March 21, many in the class help organize a multicultural event at the school which was very well attended.
 - iii. The D1 students are overall happy with events put on by Exec Student Council
 - f. Dr. Kristen Leong asked about ADEX exam results which have not been made public yet
 - g. Dr. Gary Wegman asked if the School provides information for negotiating contracts which the School currently does through the Professional Development Selective

III. Overview of Events

- a. Review of events held since last meeting
 - i. Florida Alumni Brunch, Jan. 22
 - ii. SNDA Black History Month, Feb. 16
 - iii. Networking Event, Mar. 2 & Career Fair, Mar. 8
 - iv. Ski Trip, Mar. 8-12
 - v. Alumni Reception at the AO, Mar. 17
- b. Overview of upcoming events
 - i. [Oral Cancer Walk](#), Apr 16 | Philadelphia
 - ii. [Washington D.C. Alumni Mixer](#) & [Penn Forward Event with President Liz Magill](#), Apr 18
 - iii. [Philly Alumni Mixer](#) & [Penn Forward Event with President Liz Magill](#), Apr 25 **If interested in joining the Penn Dental host committee, please reach out to Sarah Flynn at sburton@upenn.edu*
 - iv. [International TMJ Interdisciplinary Research Meeting](#), Apr 21-22
 - v. [Alumni Reception at the AAO](#), Apr 22
 - vi. [AAOM Alumni Reception](#), May 3
 - vii. [AAE Alumni Reception](#), May 4
 - viii. [Senior Farewell](#), May 9 **Cocktails, 6-6:30; Seated Dinner to follow at The Bellevue*
 - ix. [Research Day](#), May 10
 - x. [ACCE Day](#), May 11
 - xi. [Alumni Weekend](#), May 12-13 | Philadelphia
 1. Joint Alumni Society Executive Committee & Dean's Meeting Saturday, May 13
 2. Agenda concepts welcome as the IA office begins planning
 3. All attending Board members are welcome to participate in the Alumni Parade and Picnic to immediately follow as guests of the School
 - xii. [AAPD Alumni Reception](#), May 27
 - xiii. [CIGOH: How to Conduct and Publish Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses](#), Jun 5-9
- c. Remember to visit www.dental.upenn.edu/events for the full "Alumni Events" list including CDE, professional meeting receptions, and regional events with President Magill
- d. Maria Goldie (DH'71) inquired about plans for the ADHA July 7-9 which is celebrating the association's 100th meeting in Chicago.

IV. Sub-Committee Breakouts

- a. Student Engagement & Mentoring
 - i. Discussed the Career Mentoring program and assistance with connecting students with alumni
 - ii. Discussed establishing virtual networking opportunities for students to connect with alumni
- b. Alumni Awards & Nominations
 - i. Discussed alternative ways to promote nominations including having emails come from the President or Vice-President to the Board and/or the general alumni body

- ii. Discussed cultivation of emergent leaders to help feed the Board’s leadership pipeline with the recommendation to identify sub-committee chairs
 - c. Alumni Engagement
 - i. Discussion of hosting small group dinners again; facilitated/hosted by board member and include the Dean or PDM senior leadership
 - ii. Discussion of creating a Virtual Study Club (“Alumni Office Hours”) with brief presentation by speaker followed by discussion
 - 1. This would not include CDE
 - 2. Suggested topics include practice management, contract negotiations, etc.
 - iii. Recommendation for Board Members to invite a younger alumnus (1-5 years) to accompany them to their local Study Club to facilitate networking connections and engagement
- V. Other Business
 - a. Upcoming Board Meetings
 - i. **Saturday, May 13** | Special Meeting of the Dean’s Council & Alumni Society Executive Committee (optional in-person opportunity), 9:00 AM
 - ii. **Thursday, June 8** | Meeting #4 with Board Nominations
 - b. Request for Alumni Society Executive Board Nominations
 - i. ***Nominations due Monday, May 15, 2023.*** Submit a nomination here:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/97fbc1a4f13e41f8a6899298de9fa118>
 - ii. Members-at-Large
 - 1. All PDM alumni are invited to be part of the Alumni Society Executive Committee including DMD, Graduate Dental, and Dental Hygiene graduates. Nominated alumni will run for open positions during the June 8 meeting and, if elected, serve a three- year term beginning July 1, 2023.
 - 2. For more information, please visit
www.dental.upenn.edu/alumnisociety
 - iii. Elected Officers
 - 1. President and Vice-President positions serve a two-year term
 - 2. Duties:
 - a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society and shall preside as chairman at all meetings of the Board. The President may serve as a representative for the Board on other University committees as requested by the School of Dental Medicine.
 - b. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board or the President. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President’s disability, inability, or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
 - iv. For more information, please contact Sarah at sburton@upenn.edu or 215-898-3542
 - c. Other Business

- i. Judy Bendit inquired about the circumstances around alumni no longer on stage during commencement and current recognition of legacy families.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.