



Alumni Society Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023

Board Members in Attendance: Scott Chanin (D'83), President; Alyssa Greenberger (D'02), Vice President; Pam Alberto (D'80); Carolyn Izu Bergmann (D'83); Gail Spiegel Cohen (C'76 D'80); Keith Dunoff (D'84); Caryn Siegel Finley (C'95 D'99); Katherine France (D'16 GR'16 GD'18); Andrew Fraser (D'16); Ken Ingber (D'71); Donna Jankiewicz (D'88); JV Kracke (D'17 GD'19); Roopali Kulkarni (D'19 GR'19 GD'21); Kristen Leong (C'16 GED'20 D'21); Bret Lesavoy (D'19); Shabnam Sedaghat (D'06); Ann Eshenaur Spolarich (DH'82); 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, Assistant Dean of Leadership Giving; Lindsay Murphy, Associate Director of Annual Giving; Jenn Pacitti, Special Events Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M.

- I. The Meeting was opened by Sarah Flynn and briefed the committee on the School's Development & Alumni Relations efforts including an:
 - a. Update on Alumni Weekend which welcomed back 218 unique participants to Penn Dental Medicine, as well as Commencement for the Class of 2023.
 - b. Members were encouraged to save the date for the Class of 2027 White Coat Ceremony to be held on Thursday, August 10 at Irvine Auditorium with refreshments to follow at the School. This year's class includes 12 students with legacy Penn Dental Medicine connections including eight with parents who graduated from the School.
 - c. Maren Gaughan shared an update on special on alumni travel opportunities in the new year including:
 - i. Sept 30 – Oct 1: [The Evolution of a Paradigm from Classic Concepts to Contemporary Applications](#) in Ripalimosani, Italy
 - ii. Nov 17 – 21: [Safari with Penn Dental Medicine](#) in Nairobi, Kenya
 - iii. Jan 22 – 27: Scuba with Penn Dental Medicine in Bonaire (details to come!)
 - iv. March 2024: Annual Alumni Ski Trip in Park City, UT (anticipated dates either Mar. 13-17 or 20-25; details to come!)
- II. Current board president, Dr. Scott Chanin, provided official welcome and update:
 - a. Approval of the March minutes was obtained.
 - b. Conversation regarding faculty opportunities
 - i. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Sarah Flynn at sburton@upenn.edu
 - c. Conversation regarding mentor opportunities

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III. Nominations Committee

- a. Sarah Flynn provided recognition to the outgoing President and members-at-large before presenting the officer slate for the roles of President and Vice President beginning July 1, 2023.
 - i. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Dr. Alyssa Greenberger presented the slate of nominations for new Alumni Society Executive Board general membership beginning July 1, 2023 including:
 - i. Graduating student leadership
 - ii. New member-at-large nominations.
- c. Slate proposed for action was recommended based on the desire to have diversity in nominations based on graduation year, geography, involvement with and support of Penn Dental Medicine.
- d. There was discussion of the nominees and after a confidential vote the slate was approved unanimously as presented.
- e. New board members will be notified by the Office of Institutional Advancement of their selection, those not moved forward will also be notified and encouraged to participate in other engagement activities.
- f. Before moving on Sarah Flynn also shared an update on the new organizational staff structure for the School's three leadership boards:
 - i. Welcomed Lindsay Murphy into the official management role for the Alumni Society Executive Board.
 - ii. Sarah will move into management role of the Dean's Council
 - iii. And Maren Gaughan will move into management of the Board of Advisors
 - iv. All three will remain involved and are available to support all board members.

IV. Other Business

- a. The board discussed several ways engage alumni and students looking ahead into the 2023-2024 academic year.
- b. Dr. Scott Chanin discussed networking opportunities for students and clinical faculty to meet. Institutional Advancement has plans to include PCU group leaders/faculty in the D3/D4 Welcome Back BBQ.
- c. Dr. Ann Spolarich provided support for the merchandise sales during Alumni Weekend and inquired about "Penn Dental Alumni" branded swag to support a cause (i.e. a school program or outreach with a community partner).
- d. Dr. Caryn Siegel inquired about opportunities to sponsor a small student or student group social event as a way to engage members who are geographically unable to teach at the School but could offer a type of one-time mentoring and engagement opportunity.
- e. Dr. Roopali Kulkarni suggested the Board collaborate with PDM's ASDA Chapter for which she is the faculty advisor. In particular the Chapter hosts "Fever Week" during the fall semester to orient students to ASDA's mission and purpose. Planning will take place late summer/early fall and would make for networking/mentorship opportunities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

