



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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

Alumni Society Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Alyssa Greenberger (D'02), President; Katherine France (D'16 GR'16 GD'18), 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); Kara Fraiman (D'92, GD'94); ; Maria Perno Goldie (DH'71); Ken Ingber (D'71); Donna Jankiewicz (D'88); Roopali Kulkarni (D'19 GE'19 GD'21); Bernard Kurek (D'73 WMP'03); Kristen Leong (C'16 GED'20 D'21); Bret Lesavoy (D'19); Nimesh Patel, (D'09); Morrie Rosen, (D92); Shabnam Sedaghat (D'06); Lisa Schildhorn, (DH'75); John Shin, (D'23); Matt Sones (D'12); Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, (DH'82); Shari Summers (D'83); Ben Truong (D'19); Gary Wegman (D'83); Brigitte White Zinkovic (CGS'04 D'07).

Administration and Guests in Attendance: Elizabeth Ketterlinus, Vice Dean, Institutional Advancement; Lindsay Murphy, Associate Director of Annual Giving

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

- I. The Meeting was opened by board president, Dr. Alyssa Greenberger; Approval of the February, 2024 minutes with one edit to attendees, was obtained.
- II. Committee reports:
 - a. By-Laws – discussion deferred to the next meeting as several items remain to be explored
 - b. Member at Large Election
 - i. Slate introduced by Vice President Katherine France and comments from the nominations committee on the candidates shared. Note was made of the great representation of more recent graduates
 - ii. Outgoing leaders of the senior class will be offered membership: Stephanie Ng (D'24) and Travis Chirman D'24)

- iii. Slate approved by members present with invitation to join the board extended to: David Boschken (D'98, GD'00); Ana Kodra (G'19, GD24) and Craig McKenzie (GED'20, D21)

III. Overview of Events- Reported by Lindsay Murphy

- a. Review of events held since last meeting as shared, all have been well attended including the Alumni-Student Networking event, the CE Ski Trip, AAOM reception, and AAE reception. Dr. Greenberger encouraged all members to attend events if they are able as students and alumni enjoy meeting members of the board
- b. Overview of Upcoming events:
 - i. Alumni Reception at the AAO Annual Conference | May 3, 2024 | New Orleans
 - ii. Oral Cancer Walk | May 4, 2024 | Penn Park
 - iii. Senior Farewell | May 14, 2024 | Bellevue Hotel
 - iv. Alumni Weekend | May 17-18, 2024 | Penn Dental Medicine
 - v. Saturday, May 18 | Special Meeting of the Dean's Council & Alumni

IV. Other Business

- a. Alumni Student Engagement project – Dr. Wegman discussed a new initiative for alumni to interact with current students to answer their questions about dental practice/careers. Three evening panels will be offered at PDM (July, October and February. 2-25), members are encouraged to sign up to be on a panel to share your expertise. It was suggested perhaps calling this program AMA (ask me anything); it was also suggested that a virtual version of this activity be considered
- b. A new student club has been approved, Tooth Talks, which is a version of the take a student to dinner activity. Dr. Kulkarni is a contact for members wishing to participate
- c. Dr. Eshenaur Spolarich alerted the board to the conversation that is in process to bring the former PDM dental hygiene association's Charlotte Sullivan award back and have it function within the AESB Awards program. More will be shared at the next meeting.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm