



Alumni Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020
7 p.m.

Video Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS

- **Geoff** will draft an announcement of the Honorary and Honored Alumni Awards for Greer to distribute
- **Kelcy** will work with Greer to update the minutes on the Alumni Association website.
- **Greer** will continue to monitor the approval of the bylaws by the President's Office.
- The **Scholarship Committee** will continue to discuss the best use/path forward for developing the scholarship
- **Kristine** will follow up with members elected *in absentia* for the 2020-2021 Alumni Council
- **All members** will remain alert for potential Helping Hands submissions.

NOTES

1. Call to Order & Welcome Kelcy
 - a. **Kelcy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**
 - b. **Attendees**
 - i. **Kelcymarie Bye (President)**
 - ii. **Kristine Parbuoni (President-elect)**
 - iii. **Geoffrey Heinzl (Secretary)**
 - iv. **James Bresette (MAL)**
 - v. **Larry Hogue (MAL)**
 - vi. **Marci Strauss (MAL)**
 - vii. **Robyn Firmin (Past-President)**
 - viii. **Greer Griffith**
 - ix. **Hoai-an Truong**
2. Introductions All
 - a. **Kelcy – Several people mentioned other obligations tonight so we have a smaller group than normal for this meeting. It's a busy time for a lot of people, but we'll move forward with who we have tonight.**
3. Approval of Minutes from 30 January 2020 All
 - a. **Larry – Motioned to approve the minutes. Robyn seconded approval. Minutes were approved.**

4. President's Annual Address

Kelcy

- a. Kelcy – There weren't a lot of events this year, but hopefully the process appeared more transparent in our processes and the council members were more involved. Hopefully these improvements and involvement continue in under Kristine's leadership. It's been a rough year but I appreciate your time.

5. Treasurer's Report

David

- a. Kelcy – David isn't here to present, but there haven't been any events. Money has been transferred between accounts but the grand total hasn't changed. We have \$1,959.36 in Account 2807 (which now includes the balances from the Pharmacy Class Gift Fund and All Alumni Reunion Account), and \$11,619 in Account 40694 (from the endowment). UMBF has been consolidating accounts this year.

6. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

Kristine/Kelcy

- i. Kelcy – Both Honorary and Honored Alumni Awards were selected. Announcements were distributed announcing their awards. Both are aware that they were selected as winners. We'll be sending their awards to them via mail to avoid the backlog seen in distributing previous years. A celebration may or may not be held.
- ii. Jim – Could the awards be presented during the proposed reunion in the fall? Kelcy recommends keeping that in mind for a formal celebration if the events take place.
- iii. Greer – I'm happy to draft an announcement. Geoff will take care of the announcement and Greer will distribute it to the alumni.

b. Scholarship Committee

Jim

- i. Kelcy – Jim isn't here, but the committee met last week (Tuesday, April 28) and made a unanimous selection. The awardee has not been announced yet but Jay Shaw has been selected. He'll be told soon, by next week, and he'll also receive his award in the mail. This shouldn't be shared outside of the group until it is officially announced.
- ii. Greer – Recipients receive a certificate and a monetary contribution of \$500 from the alumni association. Jim wanted to ensure that this year's recipient will receive the funds this year as well. Greer suggested that they would be contacted following "commencement." Jim would prefer that they receive the monetary award sooner rather than following a delay for changing the amount.

c. Special Events Committee

All

- i. Kelcy – Hopefully we'll have some more events next year.
- ii. Greer – Because we've had to reschedule so many events for this year and other reunion activities, we're looking at holding an all-school reunion in the fall to celebrate everyone in one or two days. I'll send you an update when we have one and if we're given permission to move forward.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Website

Kelcy

- i. Kelcy – We made a few minor changes as discussed at the last meeting and Greer saw them made. The website is hopefully more organized and accurate now in its representation of the Association.
- ii. Larry – Do you feel there will be any effort to coordinate the minutes with the years? They're listed with calendar dates and we wanted to sync them with the associated councils. Kelcy reported that she requested that be done but she'll follow up with Greer to see if/when that can be accomplished. Greer agrees that this can be accomplished.

b. Bylaws

Kelcy/Greer

- i. Kelcy – Approval of the bylaws has been going on for over a year. Greer should have an update for us.
- ii. Greer – They are with the president's office now. There's been a change in president, and now they're busy with the COVID-19 response. I've hit a brick wall but I'll keep pushing and keep you updated. Feel free to continue acting as if they were cleared.

c. Giving Day

Greer

- i. Greer – We raised over \$34,000, including off-line gifts, from 184 donors. We didn't have a matching incentive like we did last year, but still raised more money. We didn't quite hit our goal of fundraising, but it's still a large sum, so thank you all for your contributions and spreading the support.

d. Officer Duties

Kelcy

- i. Kelcy – Thanks to Geoff and David for constructing and compiling these lists of duties to more clearly see the expectations for the roles.

e. Scholarship

All

- i. Kelcy – Was anyone able to follow up with this discussion from the last meeting? Strong opinions about what should be done with a scholarship in the future? There is a

discussion going around via email so hopefully the next council will be able to follow up on this. Finances are currently the largest obstacle to developing a scholarship.

8. New Business

a. Graduation Update

Kelcy

- i. Kelcy – An in-person graduation is not happening for Spring 2020. Next week, in place of the graduation ceremony, there will be a video posted on the website. All of the winners of awards and graduates will be honored in the video, and there will be a graduate feature on the website. They plan to have some sort of ceremony in the future but there are no details yet.

b. Elections

Kristine

- i. Kelcy – There were not a lot of nominations, but we'll go ahead and vote on those that were submitted and nominate when needed.
- ii. The following were elected for the 2020-2021 Alumni Council
 1. President-elect: Daniel Mansour
 2. Treasurer: (no nominations), David Ngo was nominated *in absentia*. He will remain the treasurer if he accepts the role after this meeting; otherwise, a new treasurer will be voted in at the first available opportunity
 3. Secretary: Geoffrey Heinzl
 4. Members-at-large
 - a. James Bresette
 - b. Larry Hogue
 - c. Mitchell Johnston
 - d. Eziaku Ogbonna-Makia
 - e. Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner (nominated *in absentia*)
 - f. Hoai-an Truong

c. UMSOP Emergency Fund

- i. Greer – The decision for an emergency fund came from UMB, and the \$15,000 matched funds came from above. I'm pleased to say that we raised over \$22,000, and received all of the matching funds, so we're really grateful. A survey has not gone out, but the information will be gathered from the application that goes out for the emergency funds. They might be experiencing some very difficult challenges, or different challenges, like

rent, missing wages, caring for parents or family members who are affected. That's what we're seeing.

9. Updates and Good Welfare

All

- a. Kristine – I look forward to working with you all next year, and thank you Kelcy for your leadership this year!
- b. Greer – If you hear of any alumni who are doing really fantastic things to combat COVID-19, please submit a [Helping Hands submission](#) so we can highlight those alumni and what they're doing to help out their communities.

10. Adjournment

Kelcy

- a. Kelcy adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Recorded by Geoffrey Heinzl, Secretary