



Alumni Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 26, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Video Conference Call

Alumni Council Members: Kristine Parbuoni (President), Daniel Mansour (President-Elect), Kelcymarie Bye (Past President)¹, David Ngo (Treasurer), Geoffrey Heinzl (Secretary), Greer Griffith (UMSOP Alumni Affairs), James Bresette (MAL²), Mitchell Johnston (MAL)¹, Sean Kim (PharmD '23), Eziaku Ogbonna-Makia (MAL)¹, Maria Palmer (PharmD '22)¹, Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner (MAL), Hoai-An Truong (MAL)

Additional Attendees: Larry Hogue ('69), Merton Lee ('20), Jennifer Miller ('20), Khang Nong ('20), Folarin Ojowa ('19), Honesty Peltier ('05), Deanna Tran ('11)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Outgoing Council Members** will coordinate transitions with the incoming council members.
- **David** will confirm the 2021 scholarship fund expenditures.

NOTES

- I. Logistics
 - A. Call to Order & Welcome (Kristine Parbuoni)
 1. Kristine called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM and asked the attendees to introduce themselves.
 - B. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2021 (Geoffrey Heinzl)
 1. Magaly moved to approve the minutes and they were approved unanimously.
 - C. Treasurer's Report (David Ngo)
 1. David report no major movement of funds; funds were requested to carry over into the next fiscal year.
 2. Kristine asked about the scholarship expenditures; David will follow up on those funds.
 - D. Conflict of Interest form (All)
 1. No conflicts were declared.

¹ Did not attend

² Member at Large

II. Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee (Daniel Mansour)

1. No business was conducted.

B. Scholarship Committee (Jim Bresette)

1. No business was conducted.

C. Special Events Committee (All)

1. No business was conducted.

III. Old Business

A. No business was conducted.

IV. New Business

A. Officer Elections

1. Kristine appreciated the response for nominations to the council, but noted that no nominations were received for the office of President-Elect. Daniel suggested that some of those who self-nominated for a different leadership position consider running for President-Elect following elections for Treasurer and Secretary. Magaly asked for clarification on the level of commitment, which is for three years (one year each as President-Elect, President, and Past-President, respectively).
2. Kristine provided voting options through a Qualtrics survey and opened discussion for the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and Members at Large.
3. Jim Bresette proposed to accept all nominees for Member at Large. Magaly and Daniel agreed.
4. When voting closed, Alicia Chen was elected Treasurer (in absentia), Merton Lee was elected Secretary, and all Member at Large nominees (James Bresette, Mitchell Johnson, Rodney Lee, Neil Leilach, Folarin Ojowa, Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, Vinod Thekke Kottarathil, Hoai-An Truong, and Vicki Williams) were elected (some in absentia).
5. Write-in nominees for President-Elect included Jennifer Miller, Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, and Geoffrey Heinzl. Jennifer accepted the nomination; Magaly and Geoffrey declined. Jennifer was elected President-Elect.
6. Daniel thanked the current alumni association members and the incoming council members as he assumed the role of President. He proposed addressing issues of participation in the association, burnout in the profession of pharmacy, and community involvement through current practitioners.
7. Kristine assured the incoming council members that the outgoing members would assist them with the transitions of offices.

V. Open Forum (All)

- A. The association members thanked the out-going council members for their service and welcomed the new council members to their roles.
- B. Greer informed the association that no in-person social events were being planned by the School of Pharmacy. Kristine appreciated seeing students with the beginning of the new semester and in-person classes. Sean asked the alumni to continue to engage with and support current students.
- C. Greer was asked by Maria Palmer to support mock interviews for PharmD students in late September. Greer asked that any interested alumni contact her (Greer) to participate. Daniel, David, Khang, and Kristine offered their support.
- D. Magaly requested communicating additional support messages from the association for practicing clinical pharmacists experiencing burnout and antagonistic patients. Greer noted that some efforts were currently underway and agreed to include the association into those efforts.
- E. Sean described additional opportunities (letters of support, legislative support) in which association participation would be welcome.

VI. Adjournment (Kristine)

- A. Kristine thanked the attendees and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.