# **University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Alumni Association**

**Minutes**: June 27, 2022

**Attendees:** JM Jenn Miller-Wolf, DM Daniel Mansour, ML Merton Lee, CC Catherine Cooke, LM Lynn McPherson, JE Jasmine Ebron, CCo Carla Cobbs, NL Neil Leikach, MR Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, AC Alicia Chen, BE Brian Ennis, HL Hongzhou Lin, GG Greer Griffith, KP Kristine Parbuoni, AH Amy Howard, ET Evan Tassis, GH Geoffrey Heinzl, JB Josh Borris, PO Peter Orlaskey, SK Sara Kreshpanji, VW Vicki Williams, CS Chioma Simon, AL Andrew Lee, MJ Mitch Johnston, AP Autry Parker, NB Nicole Brandt, CD Cory Duke, TC Tatiana Claro da Silva, JB James Bresette, Ene, EB Elena Buff

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Action Items** |
| **1. Opening remarks/Welcome/Call to order/ Approval of minutes** | DM: Made welcoming remarks and commented on packed agenda. |  |
| **2. Disclosure of COI** | None |  |
| **3. Treasurer report** | AC: gave treasurer report (see file emailed) |  |
| **4. Office of Development and Alumni Affairs** | GG: Giving month in April raised over $90,000. Largest amount raised without a gift match. Money for giving months could go to various centers, research, students. |  |
| **5. Alumni Association Awards** | DM: Plan to have an official announcement, but will announce now because awards are ready. Award physically in September.  JM: Evander Frank Kelly alumnus award – (1902 PharmD graduate, dean) For outstanding contribution to pharmacy, active in promotion at pharmacy at U Maryland. This year’s winner is Dr. Hoai-An Truong, (was faculty at UMB, now at Eastern Shore, and past president of AA). B Olive Cole honorary alumnus award (first lady of Maryland pharmacy). Graduate PharmD 1913. To a non-alumnus with continued interest in service of pharmacy in Maryland. This award this year to Emily Heil, PharmD, MS, BCIDP. Alfred Abramson entrepreneur award – yearly in convocation to 4th year PharmD student that exemplifies entrepreneurial spirit. Karen Nguyen, 4th year, newly graduated from class of 2022.  DM: We are honoring wonderful people who have paved the way for us, and these names are not light names. | GG: Shared website for contribution in chat: [University of Maryland, Baltimore · GiveCampus](https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/27774/donations/new?a=5576064) |
| **6. Endowment Name Change to Warren E Weaver Alumni Association Endowment** | JM: Reviewed Warren E Weaver’s bio and service.  DM: Dr. Warren E Weaver was a remarkable man, and it behooves us to honor him posthumously. During FY 2021-22, this year, would have been his 100-year, centennial birthday. Proposed amount is $1000 per person.  Thank Dr. Miller-Wolf, Bresette, Brandt. Greer.  The second year beginning July 1, will broadly promote new award in August or September, to select 12-15 individuals of alumni and students and external practitioners to create an inaugural community.  JB: DM summed up two resolutions quite adequately: first to name the alumni association endowment that started when it was a private organization with membership dues. This was then turned over to the university to manage and alumni association become a university-affiliated group. Endowment continues these operations.  First order of business to rename endowment.  JM: Reads the resolution  MR: Did you consider other names and other people? Why Weaver? Heard all his accolades, or were others considered?  JB: We are doing that tonight. If someone else was proposed. General unanimous feeling we’d want to name it after Warren E Weaver, and that is the proposal drafted in prior meetings. Were there others, not really. Warren E Weaver was thought to be representative of the alumni and its aspirations.  DM: One thing we found is that some people stand out. For example, Fred Abramson stood out. It was wonderful to see his achievements, and consensus and feeling to honor him was among everyone. And with the nomination process we do think of names. And we thought of where Dr. Weaver is in our school, and he is Baltimorean to the core.  MR: I was just curious if we considered others and what the consideration was.  JB: Read resolution “whereas..”  [Vote occurred]  DM: No nay – unopposed.  JB: Read the resolution. Warren E Weaver community of professional practice.  When you are named for this community, you are given a $1000 award and annually selected by as many as 3 awardees. Establish, create, and maintain it.  Dr. Miller second.  MR: Could we have a discussion? Two questions: who develops the criteria for the awards? Should that be a requirement of this award? Second, funding. Idea of $1000, times three, is that coming out of money endowment produces every year? My understanding is that this is used for operations as well. If we take $3000 what does that leave us with?  JB: #2 is most immediate: we did a financial analysis, and we currently have, because of past actions and COVID, more money that is rolled over into body of endowment. 4.5% or 5% operating on that amount, about $200K. Have money to do it annually. #1 – criteria are important, but first to develop the community then establish criteria.  DM: We do have criteria established.  JM: These came from different committees from alumni executive board, Dr. Bresette. In 3: dedication to UMB SOP students, postdocs others, Masters PhD, in that Weaver created first experiential learning. Should have served as exemplary preceptor, employer or mentor of students over time. Recipient must demonstrate passion and attention to growth of pharmacy and pharmacy science and excellence in own practice setting. Should bring joy to others, even beyond profession. And the nomination process has been fleshed out.  JB: Went back to Jan 2021 to discuss this. Charged by Dr. Mansour to draft criteria and rationale based on minutes from 2021. Dr. Brandt was also there, to bring up not just medal or plaque, community of practice.  Any further discussion?  GG: Will the award be for all degree programs?  DM: Yes  Move to vote  [Vote occurred]  Unanimous, no nays  Approve to establish community of professional practice. Defer to the nomination committee to broadly promote new award and initiate soliciting applications. In August – Sept, select initial 12-15 individuals from classes 2023-2026 and external practitioners. | DM sent link to Dr. Weaver’s bio |
| **7. Nomination and Election** | DM: leadership is open to everyone. This is your professional home. Networking. Resolution of problems. Now having over 30 on the call, we want you involved. You could nominate yourself, or someone you know.  Nomination process, and website.  One unopposed position: president elect. Dr. Catherine Cooke.  At one point I was a student of hers. Many could say the same.  Move to vote for president elect, Dr. Catherine Cooke. For FY 2022-2023.  [Voted]  Pass unanimously.  Secretary position. We have 3 nominated.  KP: In the past I put together a poll on Qualtrics and shared a QR code or link.  JM: I can share a poll in chat.  DM: Secretary, Carla Cobbs  CC: Honored to be here, spent about 10 years in Texas practicing. It was Fred that informed me about this job in Texas and I went there and had a wonderful time learning and growing my professional skills. I can contribute documentation and want to get on the alumni committee. I felt called to be active. Would love to be secretary and bring skills and perspective to this committee.  HL: I’m happy to be here and see a lot of familiar faces and my professors. I’m happy to see you all, I’m a recent graduate. I held leadership positions, secretary, vice president, president and founder. I recently got a secretary position at the graduate students. And I work as a graduate assistant. Thanks for your time.  CS: I finished in 2020 and saw the email and it sounded good to contribute and serve the alumni. While in school I held just a few leadership positions and I want to be involved to work hand in hand with president and advance the group, to do my best to move the associate forward.  JM: Building this as we are going  DM: Treasurer had two nominations, but one is not with us today. Unopposed treasurer position. Dr. Andrew Lee unopposed.  [Voted]  Unanimously approved  JM: Voting member is any alumni  DM: Members at large, important, you give your weight and expertise. Discussion that goes on with members at large.  There should be 10 members at large.  JB: There are multiple. By-laws require at least 4, and 10 are listed on website now. No cap but there is a minimum. Maybe we don’t vote.  JM: Move to have all interested in member at large be made members at large.  DM: Remy Alvarez, Master of Science, Jim Bresette, Dr Rodriguez de Bittner, Tricia Widman, for the first time someone from masters of cannabis science, Amy Howard, Michelle Cho, Dr Scotti Steiner, Gwendolyn Lee, Dr. Brian Ennis (North Carolina). Dr. Jasmine Ebron member at large.  JB: We can take nominations from the floor tonight as well for members at large. For those members who didn’t’ get elected as secretary may also get member at large.  JM: Dr. Cobb is the new secretary of the alumni association.  I nominate Dr. Lin and Simon as members at large.  CS: I accept  HL: I accept  DM: We have 12 members at large. | GG: To update names on website. |
| **8. Student and Alumni Support** | GG: Mentorship, career navigation, RX intercept. Volunteers in lab.  We are looking to expand mentorship programs and work with the office of student affairs to recruit alumni in career fairs. |  |
| **9. President’s Remarks** | DM: As my last year as president, I’ve met with many, and it was a wonderful experience. And I learned a lot about the alumni, my colleagues and friends. What’s been on our hearts is the worries and hearts of the alumni. Pharmacist burnout and other issues, and the environment and practice of pharmacists in service of our patients. Pharmacists are needed now. The PCAT is waived. The website of the school, if you are mentoring any high school or college students. Pharmacy could be a wonderful career. There is a website on applications. Thank Dr. Parbuoni, Dr. Alicia Chen. Merton Lee, our secretary. Thanks for your work. Dr. Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, James Bresette. Neil Leikach. Dr. Vicki Williams. At the start of the fiscal year, I extend the best for Dr Miller Wolf. I wish everyone a wonderful 4th.  JM: In the coming year, hopefully we can get back to normalcy, perhaps flesh and blood in person, events, food and drinks or a tournament of some kind. Whether that goes to some fundraising for the school or association, or charity and philanthropic causes. Excited to build on the progress this evening. Creating a real community of current students and alumni to form a community and bring each other closely. Dr. Mansour and I talked a lot about pharmacist burnout and getting people to get in the profession and stay in the profession. I’m open to a lot of ideas and excited to work. I am a new practitioner with a lot to learn and excited to work.  AL: Sorry I missed my introduction, I’m at work, and I’m looking forward to working with everyone in the future. |  |

Adjourned: 8:29 PM

Next Meeting: TBA

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