

Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2015
6:00 PM, Bloustein School, Room 556

Board Members Attending: Aaron Richton, Jim Zullo, Yirgu Wolde
Bloustein School: Hillary Bardwell, Chantelle Brown, Meera Ananth (teleconference)
Other: Patrick Clark (RAPPS)

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the meeting of February 16, 2015 were distributed.
- YirguW made a motion to approve the minutes. JimZ seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- YirguW reported that a check, representing the final balance from the Bank of America account less a \$18 fee, was mailed to the School for deposit. The BoA account will be closed tomorrow.
- JimZ asked about strategies for replenishing the Association's operating expense account.
- ChantelleB proposed that FY15 income be allocated both to scholarship and operating expenses. She noted that we've always include text to this effect in AoY communications.
- MeeraA noted the importance of determining the split so communications can describe the tax-deductible portion. ChantelleB said that food & beverage expenses mean that there's never a 100% deductible event.
- A spreadsheet was distributed with tentative figures from AoY 2014.
- JimZ inquired about the accounting. ChantelleB said that final reconciliation was underway between online contributions and paper checks and that information should be received within the week. JimZ asked that the final update be presented to the Board.

Bloustein Personnel Updates

- HillaryB announced that she will be moving to Florida, following the end of the semester.
- She will attend the April and May Board meetings for transition.
- ChantelleB announced that she had accepted a position at Memorial Sloan Kettering.
- She will work with MeeraA to ensure a smooth transition.
- ChantelleB and MeeraA both expressed the Dean's ongoing support for AoY and other BSAA initiatives.

Regional Alumni Group Updates

Newark PoP Topic

- JimZ announced that, per the above personnel changes, the Newark PoP Topic was tabled.

Washington, D.C. Group

- The next D.C. PoP Topic will be "Conflict Resolution Locally & Globally."
- The panel is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- The location will be the GAO, 441 G St NW, Washington, DC 20548.
- HillaryB stated that the scheduling is intended to allow attending students an opportunity to network/interview on Friday, April 17.
- E-vites were targeted to DC, VA, DE, NJ, and students.
- HillaryB reported that 2.0 AICP credits were approved, and complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Philadelphia Group

- The Philadelphia mixer was held on March 12, 2015.
- HillaryB reported about 20 attendees, representing a small but growing regional group.
- The group may present an opportunity for hosting a future PoP Topic.

Alumni/Student/Admitted Student Mixer

- HillaryB reported that following the Bloustein Open House, a mixer will

be held at World of Beer in New Brunswick on April 2, 2015.

2015 Alumni Awards <http://policy.rutgers.edu/school/alumni/bsaa-nomination.php>

Date and Venue

- Discussion recalled last year's proposal of a Friday night event tying in with Saturday Big Ten football. This was considered a desirable feature.
- Friday, November 13, 2015 would be congruent with the timing of AoY 2014. It would precede the Saturday, November 14, Rutgers vs. Nebraska home football game.
- MeeraA will check with the Dean and the Heldrich for conflicts and venue availability.

Selection Committee and Nominations

- HillaryB distributed a handout with suggestions for Nomination and Selection Committee composition and verbiage.
- Discussion ensued regarding verbiage changes. The consensus was positive, and Karyn Olsen was asked to update the website as appropriate.
- The Board also discussed the composition of the Selection Committee.
- JimZ proposed two members from the Council, one previous Career Achievement awardee, one previous Young Alumni awardee, two regional club participants, and requested that the Dean's office recommend a faculty member.
- HillaryB suggested adding two Class Correspondents to the committee.
- JimZ asked about the required timeline.
- Consensus was that the committee could be convened during the April BSAA meeting.

Other Business

- The Board received a report on Rutgers Day, to be held April 25, 2015. Amy and students will be staffing the Bloustein booth. Alumni volunteers were encouraged to join them.
- AaronR mentioned that April 24-25, intentionally coinciding with Rutgers Day, represents Alumni Weekend 2015 so there will be many opportunities for alumni involvement.
- Patrick Clark reported that RAPPS is working with the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program on a tour of the murals. This presents a possible tie-in with the BSAA, Philadelphia mixers, and other regional group efforts. RAPPS was investigating funding needs.
- AaronR asked what the funding requirements were. \$280 would give a 20 person tour, while \$1,000 would host a 50 person scavenger hunt activity.
- RAPPS may try to obtain Graduate Student Association funding for these events.

Other Business/Next Meeting

- YirguW made a motion to adjourn. AaronR seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.