

Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2015
6:00 PM via teleconference

Board Members Attending: Aaron Richton, Jim Zullo, Yirgu Wolde, Peter Amari, David Greenblatt
Bloustein School: Hillary Bardwell

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

- JimZ has been in contact with the School. Fran Loeser provided JimZ and YirguW with a report, which was distributed.
- The Association's projected balance for FY15 is \$45,914.48.
- AoY generated about \$22,000; the gift assessment fee was about \$1,700; the fellowship award represented the final expense.
- YirguW asked about replenishing the BSAA operating expense budget.
- HillaryB said that we could work with MeeraA to ensure that FY15 income be allocated both to scholarship and operating expenses.

Regional Alumni Group Updates

Washington, D.C. Group

- HillaryB recalled that the April D.C. PoP Topic was "Conflict Resolution Locally & Globally."
- The location was the GAO, 441 G St NW, Washington, DC 20548.
- About 30 attendees were present; one student made the trip from New Brunswick.
- The event was very well received; five alums from GAO were pleased to host the event.
- The venue did represent a bit of a challenge, due to its security procedures.

APA Seattle Alumni Gathering

- The School hosted an alumni gathering at the April APA conference.
- This was one of the largest attendance APA conferences ever, with about 6,700 attendees.
- About 45 alums attended the gathering, which was a larger than expected headcount.
- Both Connie and Dean Hughes were able to attend.
- The event was still going strong even an hour past its published end time. HillaryB stated that the event was a very strong connector back to the School.

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

Date and Venue

- HillaryB reported that the Heldrich did not have Friday availability.
- The event has been scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Selection Committee and Nominations

- JimZ reported that additional nominations were welcomed. Additional e-blasts were scheduled.
- HillaryB has reached out to the School for additional nominations.
- JimZ suggested PeterA and AaronR to serve as BSAA representatives to the nomination committee.
- We would also ask past recipients, regional club, faculty, and class correspondents to serve.
- AaronR asked if the plan was for remote convening. HillaryB confirmed this is the case.

- YirguW proposed we consider year-round nominations for future years. HillaryB pointed out that the web form is already up year-round.
- JimZ proposed an e-blast strategy of sending targeted messages to Council members, with HillaryB to follow up on LinkedIn.

Other Business

- JimZ asked about Rutgers Day. HillaryB reported that Bloustein had a large booth, and Karen Olsen, Amy Cobb, and Tamara Swedberg (EJB Instructional Design) were managing the booth.
- RAPPS President Patrick Clarke and a few other students attended, as well.
- The Walk/Bike Bloustein Club participated in Rutgers Day, and there was an active turn-out both in person and online via social media.
- JimZ asked about Commencement. EJB Graduate commencement is being held on May 16.

Other Business/Next Meeting

- JimZ announced that there was a typo on the agenda, and that the next meeting will be held Monday, May 18.
- DavidG made a motion to adjourn. AaronR seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.