

Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 18, 2015  
6:00 PM, Bloustein School, Room 556

Board Members Attending: Aaron Richton, Jim Zullo, Yirgu Wolde, Peter Amari (teleconference), David Greenblatt, Ngozi Obi (teleconference), Anthony Marchetta (teleconference)

Bloustein School: Hillary Bardwell, Meera Ananth

Class Correspondents: Emily Guskin (teleconference)

### Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the meeting of April 27, 2015 were distributed.
- PeterA made a motion to approve the minutes. AaronR seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

- HillaryB reported that Sharon had no update from the previously distributed figures.

### Regional Alumni Group Updates

#### *Chicago Group*

- HillaryB reported that a new Chicago group had just formed.
- A mixer will be held on May 27 at The Berghoff.
- About 60 alums received the group's initial e-blast communication.
- The group chairs are Nicole Woods, MCRP 2005, Benny Zheng, MCRP 2014, Mark Russo, MCRP 2012, and Robert (Bob) Stokes, PhD 2002.

### 2015 Alumni Awards – Thursday, November 12, 2015 6:00 p.m.

#### *Selection Committee and Nominations*

- 10 Career Achievement nominations and 4 Young Alumni nominations were received.
- HillaryB reported that the committee had been convened and the results were being discussed with Dean Hughes.
- The committee has a conference call scheduled for their next meeting.
- General discussion on the conference call, as well as input from Dean Hughes, will be considered by the committee.
- PeterA, as committee chair, reported that they were working with “strong nominations.”
- HillaryB reported that the committee would decide in time for the June 15 Council meeting.

### Bloustein School Convocation – Saturday, May 16, 2015

#### **The Honorable Dan R. Benson, MPP'99, Keynote Speaker**

- HillaryB thanked JimZ and AaronR for representing the BSAA Board; they attended along with a few other alumni.
- The class was comprised of 65 MCRP, 8 MCRS, 20 MPP, 8 MPAP, and 6 Ph.D. graduates.
- PeterA asked about the keynote speech. JimZ reported that it touched on the importance of policy and planning on our state, community, and nation. The value of a

Bloustein education and its impact on society were also discussed.

### **Other Business**

- JimZ opened discussion of the BSAA Constitution and By-Law Review by noting that tonight would only consist of discussion; no motions were expected.
- DavidG discussed proposed revisions. References to dues, and honorary members, would be removed. Provisions for regional groups and affinity groups would be added.
- The Annual Meeting provisions, and committee composition, were targets of modification.
- DavidG proposed that a redline copy be distributed prior to further discussion and future motions.

### **Adjournment**

- JimZ noted that this was formally HillaryB's final Council meeting.
- He stated that Hillary has helped us in a great way, citing her work with affinity groups, PoP Topics, career placements, and other endeavors.
- HillaryB expressed her thanks to the Council and its commitment to working as a team with the School.
- Her last day is June 12; her successor, Krystyn Kitto, will begin on June 1.
- In appreciation of Hillary's efforts, JimZ presented a gift card, to the Sandbar Restaurant in Florida, on behalf of the Council.
- TonyM made a motion to adjourn. AaronR seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.