

Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 24, 2014
6:00 PM via teleconference

Board Members Attending: Aaron Richton, Ngozi Obi, Yirgu Wolde, Jim Zullo, Peter Amari, Tony Marchetta
Bloustein School: Chantelle Brown, Hillary Bardwell

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the meeting of October 20, 2014 were distributed.
- PeterA made a motion to approve the minutes. TonyM seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- YirguW reported that about \$1,200 remains in the BoA account.
- This amount is under \$3,000, so BoA has placed a \$18 monthly fee on the account.
- YirguW has asked for a disbursement from the Association's accounts with the school.
- ChantelleB is in contact with Sharon to execute this request.

Bloustein School Annual Alumni Celebration

- JimZ thanked the School and Dean Hughes, and especially those staff directly involved.
- TonyM noted that more honorees added to the size of the crowd and the event proceeds.
- Ticket sales totaled \$10,650 in support of the BSAA Annual Graduate Fellowship.
- ChantelleB noted that about \$1,300 was outstanding.
- JimZ asked that Sharon provide an updated accounting. ChantelleB said that transfers may need to be held pending the outstanding receipts.
- ChantelleB said that a preliminary summary could be provided by the Foundation.
- PeterA inquired about a follow-up email, announcing proceeds, event summary, etc.
- HillaryB said that a letter on BSAA letterhead could be appropriate.
- JimZ asked for a listing of announced gifts, to include in follow-up materials.
- ChantelleB said she would verify the list of gifts for public announcement.
- PeterA asked that follow-ups include donor alumni affiliations.
- JimZ closed the discussion noting that young alumni brought a lot of fun to the event, and extended special appreciation for their attendance.

Alumni Group Updates

International Student Group

- HillaryB reported that mentorship meetings were underway.

NYC Group

- NYC PoP Topics was held on November 6, 2014.
- HillaryB said it was a successful event, with positive feedback from students, Arup, and others.
- Approximately 72 attendees, including 45 alumni, were present.
- This event has prompted further talks with Arup about future partnership opportunities.
- HillaryB and Dean Hughes planned a tour of Arup's facilities as a follow-up.
- HillaryB is soliciting organizers to step forward as a host/venue for the next NYC PoP Topic.

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.

- well underway. HillaryB says that some panel members are confirmed, and planning is
Trenton/NJ Regional
- JimZ asked how to follow up on the previous Trenton PoP Topic.
- HillaryB noted that somebody stepping forward as a host/venue would be a good next step, but that the upcoming holidays may delay this planning.
- Wednesday and Thursday evenings seem to work best for PoP Topic hosts.
- Discussion ensued. Newark was considered as a potential target area.
- JimZ and HillaryB planned to reach out to appropriate School contacts.
- PeterA and TonyM discussed PSE&G as a potential contact.

Other Business/Next Meeting

- JimZ asked about the Bloustein School Congress, which he is hoping to attend.
- The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2015.
- AaronR made a motion to adjourn. NgoziO seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.