



Bloustein School Alumni Association (BSAA)

Bloustein School Alumni Association (BSAA) Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, November 29, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Board Members – Peter Amari, Maria Connolly, Vito Gallo, Aaron Richton, Ngozi Obi, George Ververides, Yirgu Wolde, Anthony Marchetta

Bloustein School - Hillary Bardwell

RAPPS: - Jorge Santos

Other Attendee: David Greenblatt

Approval of October 26, 2011 meeting passed.

President Comments

This is the last board meeting for 2011. We had a busy and rewarding year with a number of measurable accomplishments. We started the year with a \$500 surplus of receipts from the 2010 final Family Feud and matched it to award two \$500 scholarships the Poli Scholarship and RAPPS. We had successful Alum of the Year event that helped raise \$10,000 which we plan to donate to the Bloustein School. Increased interfacing among students and alumni. The School updated the web site with the alumni page more prominently featured.

Alum/Alumna of the Year Award – Monday, September 26, 2011

- We went over the updated expenses and revenues summary from the event that Peter Grof emailed before the meeting. After the meeting, Peter Amari re did the expenses and revenues summary in a more traditional accounting reporting format. Peter Grof will continue to work with Emily and Don to collect the outstanding revenues or write them off before the January 31st, 2012 meeting. At the January meeting we should have a final accounting of the event.
- Peter Amari will check with Don Sutton to see if the thank you letters from the BSAA signed by Peter were mailed to the sponsors.
- We postponed a decision on the allocation of the Alumni of the Year proceeds toward scholarship awards until the January meeting. We discussed creating an Alumni Scholarship Fund and having the Board make the scholarship awards directly. If we do this, we will need to create a subcommittee to come up with criteria. David suggested creating a fund for nonpaying internships for the students. PeterA reported that the School had suggested the possible use of the Alumni event proceeds toward defraying the \$25,000 cost of a professional video (school history) being prepared in occasion of the April 2012 Alumni Gala Event. The members felt that the Alumni of the year proceeds were to go toward a scholarships and the commitment should be kept to stay true to the donors. Tony Marchetta suggested that part of the cash reserve held in the Alumni bank account could be used instead for creation of the Gala video. In other words, we will take money out of BSAA account instead of using the money we made from the alum of the year event.



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- Hillary indicated that the school is looking into placing the alumni of the year plaque somewhere in the school. We will discuss in January again but hopefully it will be up by then.

Treasurer's report

- We need to find out from PeterG if new checks were ordered and the new two signatories requirement is in place.
- 501(c)(3) status: Vito spoke to Dana Shapiro from the alumni office and she indicated that 3-4 other groups are seeking reinstatement. The alumni office will assist us with it and we may be able to get it done for free.

Alumni Directory

- An online alumni directory on the Bloustein School Alumni web page is a goal for the BSAA for 2012. Maybe we can have it available and announce it during the April 2012 Gala. We will get an update from Steve at the next meeting on his discussion with Karyn.

Alumni Interviews

- We discussed interviewing alumni again for the school's website. "Profiles in Planning and Policy". RAPPS discussed the possibility of the students typing and editing the interviews, however, they suggested doing email interviews instead and following up with phone calls. It will be easier for the students to edit the emailed version than transcribing a phone conversation. There will be a new RAPPS board in January. We voted to initiate this next year. First we need to identify the individuals and then prepare the questions. Peter Amari will put together questions. We should send an email out to get suggestions on individuals and get their contact info. Maybe we can ask the alum of the year event attendees for suggestions. Emily should have the list.

Other Business

- Maybe we can organize an alumni night out to a Rutgers basketball game in 2012. Maybe the Dean can get us a block of tickets?
- Hillary went over some career related events that have occurred. She said that the career panels are going well and there has been positive feedback from the students.
- Next meeting: new voting for board. Peter Amari will check bylaws for the terms of the officers. Maria will check with Teri Jover if she remembers if the BSAA changed the term of the president and/or the other officers from one to two years.

Next Meeting: Bloustein School: Tuesday, January 31 at 6PM.