



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Lehigh University Room, Historic Hotel Bethlehem

**Board Members Present:** Dennis Zehner, Marty Sullivan, Elaine Anderson, Jennifer Gonzalez, Mark Parseghian, Paul Wagner, Diana Colahan, Trevor Colahan, Bill Trotter, Chad Davis, John Berseth, Stephen Wagner; **Representing LUAA:** Monica Timar, Chad Davis, Bob Wolfenden, Ann Coy; **Special Guests:** Nick Wagner, Dr. John Dobrota.

Board President Dennis Zehner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Student and Alumni Dinner Program:** Chad Davis from LUAA provided information on this program. Local alums host LU students to dinner either in their home or at a restaurant. Last year they had great participation. Students have given great feedback and enjoy spending time with the alums who host. The program runs March 15-29. Interested alums should contact Chad. Chad also passed out post cards for the Kingston Trio concert.

**President's Report:** Dennis presented the President's Report

**Minutes from the Jan. 14 Board Meeting:** After reviewing the minutes from the Jan. 14 meeting, Diana Colahan moved to approve the minutes, and Elaine Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes from Jan. 14 were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasures Report** Treasurer John Berseth reported that \$2,000.00 was transferred to the scholarship fund. John has re-submitted documents to PayPal. He also stated that we should let alums know that they can pay by check, as PayPal takes three percent.

**Potential Board Member-** Jennifer Gonzalez '09 has requested to be a representative from the Young Alum Council. Young Alums are a group of alums who are less than 10 years out of Lehigh. She shared the YAC latest project- Caring Down the Coast. An event that is held on March 13 for all alum clubs on the east coast. The clubs will be collecting items to be assembled in care packages for our troops. Trevor Colahan stated that the Tally Ho is the collection point and will have specials. Elaine stated that she would like to work with Jen on this project and shared some information on shipping. Dennis would like to connect the Home Club with the Young Alums and

formally nominated Jen as an ex-officio member. Bill Trotter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Strategic Plan Update:** Diana will be setting up the first meeting.

**Event Reports – Wrestling Sendoff:** Dr. John Dobrota from the class of 1961 is assisting with this event. He reported that since 1980 attendance at this event has dropped off. He talked with Coach and announced that himself, along with 2 other alums from his class will under-write the event and they will host it at the Weyhill Guest House. The facility can hold 100 guests, there is a \$2,000.00 minimum for the room and Dr. Dobrota and the two other alums will pay the difference that does not get covered with the event fee. Hot and cold apps will be served along with wine and beer. The wrestling coach will be a part of the event along with the “grids and brackets.” Invites will be sent via email, a mailed flyer and the wrestling club will mention it to members. John noted that participants will need clear directions to the site. Dennis will meet with the manager about logistics. He also asked for volunteers to assist with the microphone. Monica suggested that we get advanced reservations and Dr. Dobrota stated that he should have a count two weeks out. Dennis formally thanked Dr. Dobrota. Dr. Drobota would like to keep the recognition informal.

**Zoellner Event:** No report

**Golf Outing:** The event will be held on May 14 with the fee being \$65.00. It is being advertised on the reunion web site.

**IronPigs Baseball Outing:** Dennis stated that Martin Zawarski '79 had contacted him. The Lehigh Valley IronPigs schedule is published, and the club should pick a date. The event was held in July last year and sold out. Dennis is working on getting more alumni that have boxes involved. Trevor indicated that he would be willing to help with this event.

**Freshman Sendoff:** Dennis will meet with Air Products as a possible sponsor for the event. Jen suggested that we establish an essay contest with the prize being \$500.00 toward books, which might bring more students to event.

**Other Business:** Monica shared with the club that on April 16, Lehigh is holding an economic symposium, with the topic of the talk being “How we got here, where are we going?” She would like to know if the Home Club would like to sponsor lunch. After considering the options, the board decided to table this opportunity and turn it over to the Strategic Planning Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Sullivan  
Board Secretary