

**TULANE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Friday, July 20, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tulane Alumni Association, a Louisiana non-profit corporation, was called to order at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC at 4:00 p.m. pursuant to the notice sent to all directors in accordance with the bylaws.

***The following Officers were present:***

Steve Slattery – President; Vice President - Suzanne Valtierra; Dan O’Connor - Secretary/Treasurer; Rick Powell – Representative to the Board of Tulane and Stanley Cohn – Immediate Past President

***The following Officers were absent:***

St. Paul Bourgeois – President-Elect

***The following Directors were present:***

Charles Calderwood – Liberal Arts; Allison Cannizaro – Newcomb-Tulane; Rod Chapel – Tulane Clubs; Ed DeSocio – Public Health; Lori Hoepner – Member-at-Large; Don Kim – Member-at-Large; Jini Koh – Tulane Clubs; Jack Kushner – Member-at-Large; Paul Lux – Medicine; Dan O’Connor – Tulane Clubs; Rusty Pickering – Tulane Clubs; Michelle Rinehart-Tulane Clubs; Rod Russell – Tulane Clubs; Carol Squarcy Showley – Tulane Clubs; and Robert Tessaro – Tulane Clubs

***The following Directors were absent:***

Brett Boyce – Continuing Studies; Chris Cobb – Architecture; Molly Dwyer – Tulane Clubs;; Mark Johnson- Tulane Clubs; Robert Kahl – Science and Engineering; Don Kim – Member-at-large; J. Peter Laborde, Jr.- Business; Rose Lebreton- Law; Kelly McKean – Tulane Clubs and Nicholas Stander- Tulane Clubs

***Also present were the following Committee and Task Force Chairs:***

Michelle Rinegart – Awards; Carol Showley – Communications/Marketing; ; Steve Slattery – Executive; Dan O’Connor – Finance; Stanley Cohn – Nominating; Melody Baham – Programming; Rob Tessaro and Rod Russell – Tulane Clubs

***In addition, the following Tulane Club Presidents, Co-Presidents and representatives were present:***

Amber Combs and Becky Jeanes, Austin, TX; Ted Mahrilig, Charlotte, NC; Tom Lee, Orange County, CA; Amy McGowan, Jacksonville, FL; Asher McInerney, San Francisco/San Jose, CA; Tobias Smith, Dallas, TX and Bruce Wenzel, Jackson, MS

***Also present were the following past presidents:***

Bill Kammer – past president; Jenny Kottler – past president and Charlotte Travieso – past president

***Also present were Alumni Affairs office members:***

Hillary Green; Terrence Jones; Danielle Mitchell; Laurie Orgeron; Charlotte Travieso and Chloe Wicks.

Steve Slattery, President, presided and Hillary Green, Sr. Program Coordinator for Operations for Alumni Affairs recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

General introductions and announcements were made. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**Yvette Jones, University Update**

- Michael Bernstein is the new Provost
- Reed Kroloff, Dean, School of Architecture last day is September 1
- Newest hire Sr. VP. and Dean of Medicine is Dr. Benjamin Sacks

**Committee/Task Force Reports:**

- Awards Committee
  - Need volunteers for Awards Committee
  - Brief overview of Awards Committee
  - We will possibly not give out the Distinguished and Dermont McGlinchey awards in 2008
  - We will recognize the Volunteer of the Year, Club of the Year and Young Alum of the year in April
  - Establish a clear criteria on how to select recipients
- Communications Committee
  - Recruiting members for Committee
  - Need to focus on streamlining email
  - Postage
  - Redesign website
- Finance Committee
  - Clubs are doing very well
  - Reimbursement form
  - Recruiting members for Committee
- Marketing Committee
  - Producing a picture and text book of Tulane
  - Working with Publications and Communications to provide photos
  - Have SAA students to call and market the book
  - The book will probably come out in the summer or fall of next year
- Nominating Committee

- A nominating report will be submitted to the board in early '08
- Programming Committee
  - Summer board meeting location is between San Diego and Las Vegas
  - Homecoming
- Tulane Clubs Committee
  - Great Presidents Meeting
  - Still working to fill vacant position in Alumni Office
  - Clubs were able to break even or make money at events
  - Great relationship with Athletics
  - Huge number of attendance at events
  - 30% of the clubs are gearing up to do more events
  - Club Presidents that have decided to step down are finding other volunteers to step in
- Athletics Task Force
  - Very successful fundraising year
  - Bob Toledo has major recruits signed up for next year
  - 4 televised football games
  - Turchin Stadium opening in the spring
  - 2008 Conference USA Tournament will be in Turchin Stadium
  - Pavers are still available
- Community Outreach Task Force
  - Encouraging members to do Community services in your area
  - Day of Service October 26, 2007
  - Charlotte thanked Steve for having the welcome student event at his office
- Student Outreach Task Force
  - DC Hometown Party tonight
  - SAA is over 100 members
- Old Business
  - No report
- New Business
  - No Report

**Closing Remarks** – Steve Slattery, TAA President

Regular session was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.