

# TULANE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Saturday, July 30, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tulane Alumni Association, a Louisiana non-profit corporation, was called to order at the Cornell Club in New York City at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to the notice sent to all directors in accordance with the bylaws.

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

Bill Kammer – President; Stanley Cohn – President-elect; St. Paul Bourgeois - Secretary/Treasurer; Jenny Kottler – Immediate Past President and Richard Schmidt – Representative to the Board of Tulane.

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

Steve Slattery – Vice President

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

Chris Cobb – Architecture; Burdette Huffman – Tulane College; Robert Kahl – Engineering; Michael Littenberg – Law; Kelly McKean – Tulane Clubs; Dan O’Connor – Tulane Clubs; Rusty Pickering – Tulane Clubs; Michelle Rinehart – Tulane Clubs; Helen Schneidau – Newcomb; Nathan Schwam – Tulane Clubs; Carol Squarcy Showley – Tulane Clubs; David Silverman – Tulane Clubs and Robert Tessaro – Tulane Clubs.

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

Brett Boyce – University College; Juan Castillo – Business; Rod Chapel – Tulane Clubs; Molly Dwyer – Tulane Clubs; Surveen Klein – Social Work; Don Kim – Member-at-large; Sally Knight – Public Health; Jack Kushner – Member-at-large; Anthony Recasner – Graduate School; Neil Robinson – Medicine and Dale Robinson-Rogers – Member-at-large.

***Also present were the following Committee Chairs:***

Sharon Bourgeois – Awards; Lara Geller – Tulane Clubs; Bill Kammer – Executive; Suzanne Valtierra – Communications and Electronic Resources; St. Paul Bourgeois – Finance; Chris Banko – Programming and Jenny Kottler – Nominating.

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

Brett Aaron, Boston, MA; Melissa Barbanell, Salt Lake City, UT; Alan Bern, Houston, TX; Lynette; Noel Comeaux, Washington, DC; Joe Davenport, Gulf Coast; Andy Hyson, Chicago, IL; Tom Lee, Orange County, CA; Laurie Sanderson, San Diego, CA; Andrew Sanderson, San Diego, CA; Theresa Schieber, New York, NY and Alexandra Thompson, Chicago, IL.

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

Rich Schmidt – past president; Charlotte Travieso – past president; Bob Vorhoff – past president and Jenny Kottler – immediate past president.

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

Jenny Daigle Benoit; Walter Cody; Rebecca Kastl; Alison Raymond; Charlotte Travieso and Bill Vandivort.

***Also the following guests were present:***

Luann Dozier; Shannon Jones; Yvette Jones; Jini Ko; Robert Kottler and Sally Lee.

Bill Kammer, President, presided and Jenny Daigle Benoit, Assistant Director of 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, Senior Vice President**

- Tulane Today
  - There will be a follow up event in New York called Tulane Today – it will include current Tulane faculty – the date will be October 29<sup>th</sup> at Chelsea Piers
  - The speakers will include: Scott Cowen, Peter Ricchiuti, Darwin Prockop, Reed Kroloff, Douglas Brinkley and Walter Isaacson
  - Current plans are to hold events in 2 regions a year which will cover all 6 campaign regions by the end of the campaign
- Tulane Baseball
  - 6 million dollar project
  - The renovated stadium will have 2600 chair back seats
  - The facility should be open at the end of February 2006 – including new suites, press boxes, concessions and bathrooms
- Residence Hall 1
  - 270 beds
  - A naming opportunity is still being sought
  - 17 million dollar project
  - There will be a faculty residence in the dorm
- New Doris and Old Doris
  - Old Doris is down
  - New Doris should be down this summer
  - Construction of Residence Hall Two will start this summer and will open in the fall of 2007
- Development
  - School of Medicine has entered into a long-term lease with 1555 Poydras – Class A space – it will be the new home for the School of Medicine
  - 7 acres of riverfront property have been acquired – it will be converted to research and education space

**Charlotte Travieso, Director Alumni Affairs**

- Charlotte thanked the board for coming to the meeting
- The Alumni Office will say goodbye to Alison Raymond and Rebecca Kastl
- The two new individuals hired are Mary Antee Ballinger and Jane Gruning
- The first 25 year reunion event will be held at Homecoming Village – we are expecting a really great turnout

**Rich Schmidt, Representative to the Board of Tulane**

- Their focus is on the Capital Campaign
- The Board is very complimentary of the TAA

**Committee/Task Force Reports:**

- Awards Committee
  - The Awards Committee is looking for new members
- Communications Committee
  - The Communications Committee is looking for new members
- Finance Committee
  - There is no report at this time
- Marketing Committee
  - The Marketing Committee is looking for new members
  - The TAA Resource guide is complete
- Nominating Committee
  - The Nominating Committee is looking for new members
  - Sally Knight resigned her position on the TAA board – her position will need to be filled
- Programming Committee
  - Chris Banko is working on the details for the Homecoming Meeting
- Tulane Clubs Committee
  - Lara held a back to basics workshop on Friday
- Athletics Task Force
  - There is no report at this time
- Community Outreach Task Force
  - Dale is looking for members to join her task force
  - The Community Outreach day for 2005 will be in October
- Student Outreach Task Force

**Closing Remarks – Bill Kammer, TAA President**

Regular session was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.