

Augustana College

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES

Friday October 6, 2023

Executive Board:

Hannah Sundwall, President

Julie Maring Dreixler, Vice President

Zubair Ansari, DEI Chair

Lindsey Cannata, Secretary

Administrative Staff: Kelly Noack

Attendees:

- In Person: Hannah Sundwall, Julie Maring Dreixler, Lindsey Cannata, Zubair Ansari, Dave Barajas, Brent Ericson, Dan Allen, Rich Jensen, Lori Spencer, Helen Borochoy, Emily Jacobs, Jane Baker, Clyde Grady, Mike Lopez, Lori Dryg, Ann Pedersen
- Virtual: Patrick Hunt, Greg Stopka

The Augustana College Alumni Association Board of Directors business meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. by President Hannah Sundwall.

Alumni Board Spring 2023 Minutes:

- Spring 2023 minutes approved. Motion made by Mike Lopez second by Dan Allen.

Outstanding Service Award:

- Recommendation to bring back this award in the bylaws in advance of the Spring Board meeting.
- No objections to the proposed bylaws change.
- Motioned by Dan Allen; Second by Julie Maring Dreixler

DEI: (Chair: Zubair Anasari)

- 2023
 - Review of current activities done at Augustana
 - Discussions with Darien (previous chairperson)
- 2024
 - Enhanced marketing of events relevant to DEI
 - Enhanced awareness of holidays, etc. from the college with current students
 - Periodic newsletter of campus events
 - Perhaps automatic email of events

Committee Reports:

1. Career Development Report (Chair: Dan Allen)

- Supported Core website including guest blogs
- Supported Core activities including
 - Viking Connections
 - Mock Interviews for students in the spring in preparation for internship or jobs (done virtually)
- Future goals pending outcome of strategic plan
- Search for new Core Assistant Vice President
 - Until position filled initiatives may be put on hold
- Dinner held for students who reach a certain level on their Viking score card; may be something the alumni board can be more involved with

2. **Affinity Report** (Chair: Jane Baker)

- Recent and upcoming alumni gatherings
 - Chicago, D.C., & Denver gathering
 - Nov. 4th event planned in D.C.
 - Nov. 29th basketball game between North Central & Augie alumni gathering event
 - Switching off each year between Winter in the Windy City event & Winter in the Quad Cities event (2024 will be in the Quad Cities)
- Consider rebranding/renaming the committee
 - Committee been on hold due to the restructuring of committees
- Set committee goals in line with college's new strategic plan; eg, how to synch with new Welcome Week structure
- Follow up on other spring brainstorming ideas

Homecoming Events:

- Hannah & Kelly reviewed Homecoming weekend events
- Discussion on changing alumni award ceremony to immediately follow our fall board meeting instead of Saturday morning
 - Suggestion made that the alumni board should meet with the alumni award recipients (perhaps meet with them during our lunch during fall board meeting)

Next Steps:

1. Save the Dates

2. January Check-in

- a. In person component in Chicagoland area & virtual option available
- b. Proposals due for chapters
- c. Next steps regarding the chapters to be determined at this meeting
- d. Saturday January 20th (exact details including times / location TBD)

3. Spring Board Meeting

- a. Doodle poll to be sent to determine date

4. Additional Meetings

- a. Monthly evening Zoom meetings (doodle poll to be sent)
- b. Next meeting held in November

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Motioned by Dan Allen Second by Julie Maring Dreixler

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Cannata '13

Alumni Board Secretary