

ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Conference Call

Saturday, May 14, 2016 – 10:00 AM EST

PRESENT:

Board members present (Terms expire 2016):

President	Celeste 'Mickie' Mickiewicz (late)
Vice President	Michael Anderson
Treasurer	Craig Koryak
Assistant	Les Rachocki

Absent: Secretary: Sally Day

Directors present:

Basia Adams	(Term expires 2018)
Mary Carr	(Term expires 2016)
James Koscielniak	(Term expires 2018)

Absent: Yvonne Tuchalski	(Term expires 2016)
Richard Day	(Term expires 2018)

Chairs present:

Reunion	Michael Anderson
Internet & Communications	Elaine Rachocki

President

Mike Anderson

Vice President Michael 'Mike' Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am EST.

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting and said we would get started as Mickie was likely detained. Mike congratulated Craig Koryak on the graduation of his son Chris from Allegheny College. Mike moved to accept the Nov 2015 minutes with corrections; Jim Koscielniak seconded; motion to accept the minutes with corrections passed unanimously.

Treasurer

Craig Koryak

Craig presented the financial statements (attached) and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Craig expressed concern over using the terms 'audit' and 'review' when referring to an examination of the association financial transactions as both words have specific generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) definitions/requirements. Craig proposed instead using 'inspection of the books' and 'review of the general ledger' as they more correctly describe the actions performed. Mary Carr moved to accept the financial statements and Craig's recommended nomenclature changes; Basia Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Foundation

Les Rachocki

Les Rachocki presented the Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation (ACAAF) financial statements (attached). He noted the Foundation incurs no service charges on its accounts and the mailing soliciting \$19xx donations and asking alumni to 'Save the Date' for the 7-9 Oct 2016 reunion was sent. Mike Anderson recommended the Foundation leverage social media; the objective is for a professional vs social purpose. Mickie and Mike will maintain the Facebook postings; Mike will post 'Save the Date' on Linked In and monitor that site. Basia Adams will meet with larger donors. It was noted the criteria for the *1912 Society* still need to be formalized. Basia has connections with members of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) and she noted an Action Item of the PNA's is to formalize the *1912 Society* criteria.

Internet and Communications

Elaine Rachocki

Elaine provided an update. The website now includes a sidebar that a user ID and password are required to use the forum. All photos have been loaded to the photo gallery, including those from the old website. The Foundation pages have been updated; an *ACAAF Endowment Campaign* page replaces the previous *How To Donate* page. Items that still need accomplished include posting the alumni directory, developing an Alliance College history page, and web-site maintenance documentation.

Reunion

Michael Anderson

Mike noted the agenda and cost need finalized; he presented several events already scheduled and topics for discussion. Mike noted there might be bon-fire restrictions prohibiting the planned Friday night bon-fire. Mike will contact the Cambridge Springs fire department for clarification. At best, finger food will be offered. The alumni association meeting will occur Saturday beginning at 10:00 A.M. As part of the Cambridge Springs Sesquicentennial celebration Dave Matejczyk and Rose will present The History of Alliance College at 1:00 in the Riverside Ballroom, provided Riverside staff can turn the room around for the Reunion Dinner Dance by 6:00.

There will be a DJ Saturday night. Mike has been contacting DJ's recommended by The Riverside without luck up to now. Basia offered to reach out to a DJ she knows from the Erie area.

Basia asked about the Theme Baskets discussed at the November meeting; Mike said for anyone interested in donating a basket to contact him. Basia will be the POC for the Theme Baskets silent auction. Jim Koscielniak asked if the new Riverside Management were in synch with what we want/expect. Mike responded that they made their presentation at the November meeting and seemed cognizant of what the Association wants and they are able to provide. Mike will be contacting Bernadette at The Riverside to review scheduling and event updates.

Mike asked for a volunteer to handle the Saturday night dinner program booklet. Les Rachocki handled it for the last reunion. Les said the booklet specifics are needed and then it can be published. Jim Koscielniak volunteered to assist. Les Rachocki will be the POC for the meal tickets.

Fabric gift bags were discussed. A recommendation was made to engage alumni and family members who live in the Cambridge Springs area and those who offered to assist with the reunion. Basia will be the POC. 2016 is the 100th Anniversary of the first Alliance College graduating class.

Regional mini reunions were discussed. It was noted these would be more personal and might encourage more alumni to reconnect with the alumni association. Basia and Mary Carr have the action to pursue.

New Business

Mickie-suggested the ACAA make a donation in Coach Haluch's name. We discussed whether the donation should be made to the charity mentioned in Coach's obituary or to the ACAA and what the dollar amount of the donation would be. It was decided to donate \$250 to the ACAA in Ted Haluch's name.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 18 June 2016.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Carr