

ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)

Minutes of the Executive Board of Officers Meeting September 3, 2024

Officers in Attendance: Michael Anderson (1978), ACAA President; Aundrea Cika-Heschmeyer (1985), ACAA Vice President; Susia Burgess Styborski (1983), ACAA Secretary; James Koscielniak (1981), Past ACAA Vice President; Marcia Pilkiwicz (1975), ACAA Director and Membership Chair; Sally (Domzalski) Day (1985), ACAA Past Treasurer and Foundation Secretary; Randy Polovick (1981), ACAA Director; Lori (Neese) Kolin (1987), ACAA Director; Kathy (Polanski) Noce (1982), ACAA Director; Mary Ann Posanski (1976), ACAA Director. Richard Day (1985), Chair of Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation; Louis Sitnik, (1986), ACAA Treasurer.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom by President Mike Anderson.

This special meeting was called to discuss the financial status of ACAA, post reunion. President Anderson began the meeting by offering his thanks to everyone for a great reunion event and welcomed the new members of the Board. He also thanked James Koscielniak and Sally Day for their past work as Officers of ACAA Board.

Sally Day presented 2024 Post reunion Financial Report. Copy is attached to these minutes.

Sally included the following highlights of the Financial Report:

- Net profit from the reunion is \$6,067.42, against our projected (\$1,965.94).
- We did this but reducing costs by \$1,500 and increasing revenue by \$6500.
- A huge effort was made by the board:
 - Raise awareness about the importance of membership dues \$3,100.
 - Raise awareness about financially donating the association \$1,300.
 - Cash raffles (50/50, lifetime, Larry donations, basket raffle, Polish pottery raffle) \$1,555.
 - Many thanks to those who supported these activities.
- On the expense side, kudos to Jim for going back to the Bay Front for negotiations AND donating the tumblers.
- Thanks to board members who did not submit reimbursements to the Association for printing, mailings, etc.
- Final attendees were 93 vs. 90 expected. Registrations at the door were down from 2022.
- 7 registrations were received US Mail, 3 at the door, the balance was through PayPal.
- We paid PayPal \$365.07 in fees to use their service. We even pay when we refund through PayPal.
- Cash position for the Association is \$14,859.73

Checking Account

Jan 1, 2024	\$9,400.80
Minus regular expenses	\$2,120.50
<u>Plus profit from the reunion</u>	<u>\$6,067.42</u>
Sept 1, 2024	\$13,347.72

Savings Account

Sept 1, 2024	\$ 1,512.01
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Sally then opened the floor for questions and comments.

James Koscielniak asked if we were penalized for any failures to meet minimum expenditures. Sally reported no, there were no changes to the invoice following the event.

Mike Anderson commented that he is just “blown away” by the amazing results; reminding the group that not so long ago, maybe mid-June we looked to be on shaky ground and we rallied, we all put in effort to make it happen. Randy and Jim both echoed Mike’s comments and again shared thanks to everyone that made it happen.

Sally added to her highlights that she is still receiving checks from people that heard the message that ACAA will cease to exist prematurely due to lack of funds and alumni engagement. People are responding.

Mike Anderson asked if we knew the people that raised their hand to help with a “membership drive”. According to minutes of that meeting, volunteers include: Roberta Polovick; Tess Rejman Kurkowski, Mary Ann Posanski, and Ed Moyhlowski. Marcia Pilkiewicz reported she will be in contact with these volunteers going forward with her membership duties.

Marcia also added that she had people that indicated an interest in paying membership dues but have not done so yet, she will follow up with each of them individually. She added that she appreciated Jim Koscielniak’s lifetime memberships in memory of two deceased family members and the Board should think about spreading awareness of that idea for memberships as well.

Mike Anderson reported he communicated with Janice Kornacki Elwood recently and she commented she was sorry to have missed the reunion but she will come to the next one. She indicated to Mike she would happily be a part of the membership drive.

James Koscielniak added that Henry and Richard Tabor should be involved with membership outreach and could be helpful contacting Sig Tau family from the 1970’s especially.

Mike Anderson noted that we set the membership dues at \$25 per year in 2002. As discussed at the Annual Board meeting on Saturday (August 24, 2024), future discussion about a dues increase is warranted.

Marcia Pilkiewicz reported we currently have 90 paid memberships.

Sally Day summarized our financial by stating that with about \$3000 in annual expenses and a current financial position of almost \$15,000 we can survive for 5 more years. All agreed with keeping the monies in the ACAA accounts.

Mike Anderson spoke about using a post reunion survey to gather feedback from the Board. He will send a link and would appreciate feedback.

Aundrea Cika-Heschmeyer reported she has the post reunion survey from 2022 and would like edits to it and will send it out to attendees. We should get this out in the next week or two. Agreement by all that a survey to alumni that did not attend the reunion would also be helpful.

Mary Ann Posanski stated she had not heard of the “red folders” providing information on wills and estate planning that would benefit the Foundation, Basia (Gdula) Adams had spoken about these at the Annual Meeting. Mary Ann indicated she would like to consider this further. Sally Day agreed to send Mary Ann Posanski a folder.

Mike Anderson reported he is working on an entry for the “President’s Corner” section on the website. He will include a membership plea.

James Koscielniak asked for a 2018 Reunion P&L (Profit & Loss Statement) so he can close his Vice President books. Sally will look for a copy in the archived files of Les Rochacki.

Final thanks and kudos for a reunion well done were shared by all.

Motion to adjourn by Marcia Pilkiewicz, second by Randy Polovick. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Respectfully Submitted

Susia Burgess Styborski, ACAA Secretary