

ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)

Open Meeting August 18, 2025

Officers in Attendance:

Michael Anderson (1978), ACAA President; Aundre'a Cika-Heschmeyer (1985), ACAA Vice President; Susia (Burgess) Styborski (1983), ACAA Secretary; Marcia Pilkiewicz (1975), ACAA Director and Membership Chair; Randy Polovick (1981), ACAA Director; Kathy (Polanski) Noce (1982), Director; Mary Ann Posanski (1976), Director; Lori Neese Kolin (1987), ACAA Director.

Officers excused: Louis Sitnik, (1986), ACAA Treasurer; Richard Day (1985), Chair of Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation.

Alumni in attendance: Roberta Polovick (1982).

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Michael Anderson, President.

The minutes of June 2025 were distributed via email to all officers and directors and posted on the ACAA website (www.alliancecollege.com). A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Director Kathy Noce, seconded by Director Mary Ann Posanski. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL RECAP

President Anderson shared a picture of the financial report completed by Louis Sitnik, Treasurer. Cash position as of August 16, 2026 is \$2514.41 in checking; \$11,512.97 in savings for a total of \$14,027.38 Revenue of \$45 in membership dues received; \$0.12 interest on Chase Savings Account. For a total revenue with \$45.12. Expenses of \$2963.00 Marquee Creatives (marketing activities including website redesign); \$1057 US Liability Insurance; \$49.63 Merchandise refund; \$2.06 Paypal fees. For a total expense of \$4088.69. Question was asked what the US Liability Insurance expense is for. ACAA maintains insurance to protect the organization and the officers as individuals in the event of legal proceeding against the organization. This is a yearly cost. There were no additional questions from the group.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT/MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT (Marcia Pilkiewicz Membership Committee chairperson)

Director Marcia Pilkiewicz reported 88 total paid memberships, including 64 two-year memberships paid through 2026, and 24 lifetime memberships.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT/WEBSITE (Committee: Randy Polovick, Kathy Noce, Aundre'a Cika Heschmeyer, Mike Anderson)

Director Kathy Noce reported she has sent the latest membership updates to Tony at Marquee this week. Kathy and Marcia will work together to update the membership spreadsheet. Randy Polovick reported the website committee continues to meet and the primary focus is the membership directory. Randy asked that any topics for the committee can be sent to his attention. Mike reported he received past minutes from Helen Dziob and they have been uploaded to the Google drive. Efforts to obtain past minutes from previous secretaries has not been successful. Kathy added that a minutes folder has been created in the drive. Aundrea reported people are overwhelmed with the approach to file claim to their listing. Alumni Kim Dimeck-Dobrzynski is working with Marquee in a volunteer position and will take lead to respond to troubleshooting and questions from alumni (ie. I don't have a listing). Randy asked if there is a difference in access to the website on a mobile versus laptop as data shows more contacts from alumni is by laptop or desktop for

newsletter. Some website features are not showing up on mobile access. We have received mostly photos for content, not much for historical information on teams, Greeks, etc. The website committee made an action item for next weeks meeting to develop a template to get something on the site. Director Lori Neese Kolin will reach out to Joe Murphy for information on Pi Lam.

ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 3-6, 2025

ACAA will gather in Philadelphia PA for the weekend with the Annual ACAA meeting to be held on October 4, 2025. The Hampton Inn Philadelphia Center City-Convention Center will be the hub of activities. The itinerary for the weekend is updated on the website. The number of reservations has been extended due to continued interest. Seven of 10 board members will be in-person attendance at the meeting. Susia will participate via Zoom, Rich and Mary Ann have prior commitments. Mike has sent an announcement to Aundrea for posting and it will be posted shortly. The Legacy Preservation document will be finalized and presented at the October annual meeting. If we know of people attending but not staying at the hotel it would be helpful to inform Aundrea. A suggestion to use the membership directory for alumni in the geographic area of Philadelphia to personally reach out to them was made. Kathy Noce will do a pivot table to find who is nearby.

LEGACY PRESERVATION

Lori led discussion on the Legacy Preservation document. Discussion on use of specific or general language in the document to determine the need to begin closing the organization. Comments included: "it will get expensive to hold large events with small numbers" and "Philly will give us an idea on how regional meetings attract numbers". The group agreed that wording to the effect: "At the annual meeting each year the alumni engagement levels, the fiscal stability of the association, and the ability to have a full and functioning Board of Officers and Directors will be scrutinized to determine the need for implementation of an exit plan" should be utilized.

Lori will send information on the 1987 Port that is destined for the last remaining alumni to Randy. This issue needs continued discussion at a future date.

President Anderson thanked Director Lori Neese Kolin for her leadership on this project.

Lori reported she is receiving items for the time capsule at the Cambridge Springs Museum. She questions if the items should be logged into the museum's property or leave for the time capsule. It was agreed that the Time Capsule discussion should occur when Lou Sitnik is available. Mike will ask Lou for a draft before the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None noted.

NEXT MEETING

September 15, 2025

Motion to adjourn by Lori Neese Kolin, seconded by Kathy Noce. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

SS/Susia Styborski, ACAA Secretary