

# ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## General Meeting

The Riverside Hotel – Cambridge Springs, PA  
Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 10:00 AM

President Celeste 'Mickie' Mickiewicz called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

### **PRESENT:**

Board members present (Terms expire 2016):

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| President           | Celeste 'Mickie' Mickiewicz |
| Vice President      | Michael Anderson            |
| Secretary           | Sally Day                   |
| Treasurer           | Craig Koryak                |
| Assistant Treasurer | Les Rachocki                |

Directors present:

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| Richard Day       | (Term expires 2018) |
| Basia Adams       | (Term expires 2018) |
| Mary Carr         | (Term expires 2016) |
| Yvonne Tuchalski  | (Term expires 2016) |
| James Koscielniak | (Term expires 2018) |

Chairs present:

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| Awards                    | Selene Szczepanek       |
| Bylaws & SOP              | Selene Szczepanek       |
| Reunion                   | Michael Anderson        |
| Scholarship               | Jim Koscielniak         |
| Publicity                 | Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer |
| Internet & Communications | Mary Carr               |
| Nominating                | Richard Day             |
| Audit                     | Joan Rutkowski          |
| Fund Raising              | (on hold)               |

Alumni present:

See General Meeting Sign-In Sheets (Attached)

Chairs absent:

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| Membership | Eva Skibicki |
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### **President**

**Celeste 'Mickie' Mickiewicz**

Mickie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Doug Mlodzinski took roll call and dues payment. A new voting process utilizing membership cards was explained to the group.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Secretary**

**Sally Day**

The general meeting minutes from November 14, 2015 and all conference calls were distributed to the group. Sally reviewed the packet of minutes submitted. There were no corrections or edits. Yvonne Tuchalski moved to accept the minutes. Stan Saladyga seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously accepted as submitted.

#### **Treasurer**

**Craig Koryak**

Treasurer's report was distributed. Craig reviewed all financial documents. Total assets of the Association as of October 5, 2016 is \$19,274.82. Total Liabilities & Equity is \$19,274.82. Net income as of October 5, 2016 is \$9,089.49. Les Rachocki moved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Michaeline Saladyga seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Audit**

**Celeste 'Mickie' Mickiewicz**

Mickie explained that this committee will likely be renamed. Joan Rutkowski is responsible for audits and that the audit should have been completed in 2016. However, the report was not completed. Dennis Pilarski volunteered to conduct a review of the 2016 treasurer's record and will provide a full report at the next meeting.

### **Awards**

**Selene Szczepanek**

Selene shared that there will be three awards given tonight. They are: Faculty Appreciation Award, Outstanding Alumni who has made a significant contribution to the Alumni Association, and Overall Outstanding Alum. Each award winner will receive a plaque and a plant. Selene Szczepanek explained that criterion was established for the award. She has also compiled the listing of historical award recipients. She will submit for the minutes. Michaeline also explained that she has the full documented history of recipients. **Action Item:** Michaeline will send it to Sally and Selene.

### **By-Laws and SOPs**

**Selene Szczepanek**

Selene submitted no changes.

### **Foundation and Scholarship**

**Barbara Adams for Richard Day**

Richard yielded the update to Barbara Adams. Barbara shared that there were two open officer roles filled at the meeting: VP of Scholarships – Jim Koscielniak and Secretary – Sally Day. Basia also reviewed the next fundraiser to be held on Giving Tuesday. She also reviewed the will tool kit provided in the room.

**Action Item:** Mickie asked for an addendum to the minutes to document the award recipient once announced on Saturday night.

### **Membership**

**Mickie for Eva Skibicki**

Mickie explained that she has been working on the accuracy of the database of alumni. This has been a challenge. Richard made a suggestion that we could run our membership database through the U.S. Post Office service which validates active addresses. **Action Item:** Richard will forward information. A suggestion was made to advertise for alumni in the Zgoda. **Action Item:** Aundrea to develop a piece for publication to identify lost alumni.

### **Nominating**

**Richard Day**

Nominations for expiring offices was submitted. This agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting.

### **Publicity**

**Aundrea Heschmeyer**

No report

### **Internet and Communications**

**Mary Carr**

Mary explained that Elaine Rachocki has been doing most of the website activities. The most updated alumni directory (with no personal information) is available on the website. The photo page is complete and all photos are transferred from the old website. History page is still under progress. Flagship City Consulting is our external partner on the website. If there are errors on the website alumni directory, an email should be sent to "Contact Us" or cmickie@aol.com.

### **Reunion**

**Mike Anderson**

Mike thanked the group for attending the reunion. He reported that there are 144 registrants, this is a significant increase over last reunion in 2014. Staff at the Riverside Inn have been very responsive to the group's needs. The location of the 2018 Reunion Event will be determined at the October, 2017 meeting. Les added that anyone who would like to provide input to the reunion location should come to the meeting. If someone cannot attend in person, they can send their input through email. Their vote will count if they are a member in good standing. The Columbus Day weekend in 2018 has been booked by the Riverside, it is unavailable to us. However, the weekend before (October 5-7) and weekend after (October 20-22) are open.

### **Old Business**

Video VHS conversion to DVD – **Action Item**: Regina Jaworski volunteered to be responsible for converting VHS tapes to DVD. She will also compile an inventory. If anyone has any VHS tapes, please provide a copy to Regina. Dave Matejczyk has posted some to youtube.

Tontine – Les Rachocki will be present the tontine to Rose at tonight's dinner.

Coach Haluch's Birthday Celebration – Dave Matejczyk shared that the birthday celebration for Coach Haluch last November was a great party. Attendance was very good. There were several memorable moments but a highlight was alum, Bob Hruby's performance of a toy soldier.

## **New Business**

Only new business is the nominating new officer slate. Mickie has been president of the organization for 15 years. She thanked everyone for their support over the years and encouraged new leadership.

President: Nominating committee put forth the name of Michael Anderson. Mike accepted the nomination. The floor was opened for other nominations, none were made. By unanimous vote Mike Anderson was voted President.

Vice President: Nominating committee put forth two names: Barbara Adams and Jim Koscielniak. Barbara Adams declined the nomination. Jim Koscielniak accepted the nomination. The floor was opened for other nominations, none were made. By unanimous vote Jim Koscielniak was voted Vice President.

Secretary: Nominating committee put forth one name, Selene Szczepanek. Selene declined the nomination. Nominations were taken from the floor. Selene nominated Sally Day. Sally declined the nomination. Mary Carr was nominated by Barbara Adams and seconded by Richard Day. Mary accepted the nomination. Lori Neese Kolin was nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Lori declined the nomination. The floor was closed. By unanimous vote Mary Carr was voted Secretary.

Treasurer: Nominating committee put forth one name, Mary Carr. Mary declined the nomination. Nominations were taken from the floor. Dave Matejczyk was nominated by Selene Szczepanek and immediately declined due to his role as legal representation for the Association. Les Rachocki was nominated by Michaeline Saldyga and was seconded by Doug Mlodzinski. Les accepted the nomination. By unanimous vote Les Rachocki was voted Treasurer.

Two Directors (expiring 2022): (These offices were held by Mary Carr and Yvonne Tuchalski)

The Nominating Committee put forth the following names:

Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer 85 - accepted the nomination  
Randy Polovick 81 – accepted the nomination  
Jane Szymanowicz Pontone 85 – accepted the nomination  
Yvonne Tucholski 80 – accepted the nomination

Nominees provided their background to the group. A ballot vote was taken. Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer and Randy Polovick were voted in as Directors.

One Director (expiring in 2018): (This office was previously held by Jim Koscielniak)

The Nominating Committee put forth the following names: Jane Szymanowicz Pontone 85 and Yvonne Tucholski 80.

The floor was open for nominations for Directors. Jim Koscielniak nominated Anna Berry, Mike Anderson seconded. Anna Berry accepted the nomination. Barbara Adams nominated Lori Neese Kolin. Lori declined the nomination. Selene nominated Yvonne Tuchalski, Mike Anderson seconded the nomination. Yvonne accepted the nomination. Sue moved to close the nominations.

Anna Berry 83 – accepted the nomination  
Jane Szymanowicz Pontore 85 – accepted the nomination  
Lori Neese Kolin 87 – declined the nomination  
Yvonne Tucholski – accepted the nomination

A ballot vote was taken. Anna Berry won the nomination. Basia made a motion to destroy the ballots. Mary Carr seconded the motion. Richard Day will be responsible for the destruction of the ballots.

## **Announcements**

Action Item: Nadia Pearlman (Pawlowski) asked about her family's collection of crystal that she would like to donate. Aundrea suggested that she donate to the Foundation.

Obituaries of deceased alumni or friends of Alliance College should be forwarded to [rasmith@coax.net](mailto:rasmith@coax.net) and via the web site through 'Contact Us'.

Alexandra Everist (Kowalski) author of the book, The History of Alliance College. The books are for sale and Alex will be here to sign the book.

Association made a \$250 donation to the Foundation in the memory of Ted Haluch. The Association also sent flowers.

Association Meeting – The group provided feedback on the meeting time moved from Sunday morning to Saturday morning.

Gail Dolzenko – Is living with her son in Virginia. Greeting cards are available for groups to sign tonight. We'll be sending her flowers.

At the CS Sesquicentennial a time capsule was opened. A letter and a 1966 yearbook were put in the capsule. Mike Anderson will provide a letter and a program group.

Silent Auction is open and folks were encouraged to participate. Proceeds go to the Foundation.

## **Adjourn:**

Michael Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Droleski made the motion to close the meeting and the motion was seconded by Stan Saladyga. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 pm.

Next Meeting – The next meeting for Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally A. Domzalski Day  
Secretary ACAA

Addendum for Award Winners:

2016 Scholarship Award Recipient - Emma J. Yokules

2016 Distinguished Service Award – Celeste "Mickie" Mickiewicz

2016 Faculty Appreciation Award – Jeanne Miller

2016 Outstanding Alumni Award – Dave Matejczyk