

ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)

Board of Officers Meeting December 16, 2025

Officers in Attendance: Michael Anderson (1978), ACAA President; Aundre'a Cika-Heschmeyer (1985), ACAA Vice President; Lori Neese Kolin (1987), ACAA Director; Randy Polovick (1981), ACAA Director; Mary Ann Posanski (1976), ACAA Director and Membership and Merchandise Chair; Susia (Burgess) Styborski (1983), ACAA Secretary; Sally Day for Richard Day (1985), Chair of Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation.

Officers excused: Kathy (Polanski) Noce (1982), ACAA Director; Louis Sitnik, (1986), ACAA Treasurer; Marcia Pilkievicz (1975), ACAA Director; Richard Day (1985), Chair of Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation.

Alumni present: Roberta Polovick

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Michael Anderson. President Anderson shared the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion by Lori Kolin was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mary Ann Posanski. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

President Michael Anderson reviewed the Treasurer Report compiled and submitted by Treasurer Louis Sitnik.

Cash position as of 12/15/25

\$3245.85 checking

\$9239.91 savings

\$12,485.76 Total

Expenses

\$4.12 Paypal

\$4.12 Total Expenses

Revenue

\$635.88 Membership Dues (3)

\$ 0.07 Chase Bank Interest

\$635.95 Total Revenue since last meeting

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Michael Anderson has asked Louis Sitnik to prepare an itemized report of all 2025 expenditures prior to the January meeting.

There were no questions regarding the Treasurer Report.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Ann mailed out 69 Christmas cards and only 4 were returned. Mary Ann will share the names of the 4 returned mailings with the board so perhaps we can reach out to them. One response from the mailing resulted in a lifetime membership. Thanks to Steven Jackson for his lifetime membership!

A suggestion was made that lifetime memberships be listed in the newsletter as a highlight for their contribution. All agreed this was a good idea. Sally Day reported Lifetime Members were listed on the old website; we need to see if they are listed in the new website.

Mary Ann feels strongly that as we continue to draw attention to membership and its benefits, we will see an increase in memberships. It was suggested that we stage a membership contest that rewards the decade who adds the most new members. There was no additional discussion and we encourage the Membership Committee to consider things like this to incentivize membership.

Current membership total is 96 members with the following breakdown:

- 29 - lifetime
- 46 - 2 year memberships, 2024-2026
- 4 - 1 year memberships, 2025-2026
- 2 – memberships through 2028

The one year memberships will need to be review for change to the 2 year membership tier as we are phasing out one year memberships.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE STATUS

Anna Crone has been heading up internet and electronic/social media contacts. There have been no updates on the purchase or use of Google Voice. The Website Committee will continue to pursue this. The basic plan (Flexible Plan) cost of Google Voice is \$20/month base + \$10/GB data (pay for what you use).

Mary Ann has purchased 1000 postcards to send out and will be working on that. She has some stamps and Lori Kolin has volunteered to donate some stamps as well. Mary Ann is going to send out first list of postcards to the 70's decade. There are 597 alumni from the 1970-79 era that will be the first recipients of the postcards.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Randy Polovick reported that a year in review meeting was held with representatives from Marquee Creatives. Overall the committee is satisfied with the value provided by Marquee for our money spent. There were several recommendations from the Philadelphia meeting related to easier user navigation on the site that the Website Committee reviewed. Aundrea shared details of the recommended work and how it would look on the website. The cost of the two items would be \$800. A motion was made by Lori Kolin to accept the recommendations and pay the \$800 cost. Mary Ann Posanski seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention by Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer (Conflict of Interest).

Future work by Marquee Creatives being considered is a way for alumni to register and pay for reunion on-line.

2026 REUNION PLANNING AND UPDATE

Aundrea shared a preliminary itinerary for the 2026 Reunion weekend. This continues to be available on the website for all to view. Aundrea further reported that they have developed a sponsorship letter for potential donors to help underwrite reunion costs. Ed Mohylowski and Dee Hamar have volunteered to sponsor Friday night activities; possibly including beer and wine as part of their sponsorship. They continue to be in discussion with the committee.

REUNION PRICING

Louis Sitnik has been working out projected costs for the reunion and Aundrea shared a draft of base costs based on different number of attendees. Additional work will be made on the projected costs in hopes of sharing a realistic idea of pricing at our January meeting. Susia Styborski suggested that if the Friday night activities are sponsored by fellow alumni that we then have a one price for the entire weekend so anyone attending would pay for the entire weekend and not have option to come only to "free" Friday activities. The pricing would include notations that the Friday events are "sponsored by". We believe Function space costs are \$400 for the weekend but Aundrea will double check this.

Rooms are available for reservation now through the website. It is noted some members paid \$199 per night for water view rooms, since we are advertising \$179 a night pricing, we should clarify the costs and if \$179 is for city view rooms only we should note that in our information. Aundrea will check on this as well.

MANNER OF PROMOTION

We hope to establish a promotional budget in time for the January Open Meeting.

LEGACY PRESERVATION PROJECT

Since posting the Legacy Preservation Document on the website and asking for feedback/comments, we have received one response from Ben Kman reporting he has no recommendations for improvement or change to the document. We will continue to solicit further input with our goal of a final presentation of the document at the January 2026 meeting.

Aundrea took the Legacy Preservation signature page to Maryland for signatures. Aundrea, Rich, Louis, and Lori have signed. Louis took the document to mail on to the next Board member for signature.

2026 NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCESS

Previously we reviewed a recommendation for the 2026 Nomination and Voting Process. There has been some additional discussion on how the process could play out.

Suggestions shared include:

- Can we could do two rounds of voting prior to the meeting, an initial vote on a slate of interested candidates and a second vote to fill any potential openings.
- Would a survey type election process/document work
- Can we vote ahead of the reunion on a slate of candidates sent to active members with a notation that we reserve the right to have an additional “on-site” vote at the reunion to elect members to any open positions. Anyone not participating in the vote by a given deadline, or anyone becoming a paid member after the election deadline would be able to vote at the on-site election only.

Group consensus was that the third option would be best.

The voting process will be explained at the upcoming open meetings.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Sally Day reported that scholarship applications continue to be accepted through 12/31/25. The application is on the website and asked that all members share the availability of the scholarship. The Foundation Board will meet in January to review applications and select two winners for \$2,500 each.

The Foundation is pleased to announce that they have received their 501.3.c standing with the IRS and the finding is retroactive. President Richard Day has shared the great news with the Foundation Board of Trustees. Sally described the steps that led to the issue and the immense work that went into the resolution of the issue. Thank you to Sally for her work on the project and to the Foundation Board for their dedication and perseverance to resolving the matter.

Lastly, Sally reported that Aundrea has asked for information about an annual appeal for donations to the scholarship fund and the Foundation Board will be compiling this shortly and forwarding to Marquee Creatives.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda for January 2026 was discussed and Mike will prepare the agenda based on our discussion.

Mike reported in the last 10 days he has had two separate exchanges with alumni asking about 2026 being the last reunion. This is not the case and we are all reminded to refer people to the Legacy Preservation document, which contains our plans, should we get any inquiries.

Mike thanked everyone for a great year with lots of great work completed and he looks forward to working with all in the coming year and beyond.

Lastly, Mike reported he has been contacted by Janice Kornacki about donating a beer stein to use for membership incentive or a reunion raffle. He will continue to work with her and the Board on how to best use the donation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Ann Posanski. Motion was seconded by Randy Polovick. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Submitted: Susia Styborski, Secretary