

# ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)

## Board of Officers Meeting February 17, 2026

**Officers in Attendance:** Michael Anderson (1978), ACAA 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; Kathy (Polanski) Noce (1982), ACAA Director; Louis Sitnik, (1986), ACAA Treasurer.

**Officers excused:** Aundre'a Cika-Heschmeyer (1985), ACAA Vice President; Marcia Pilkiewicz (1975), ACAA Director; Richard Day (1985), Chair of Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation.

**Alumni present:** Roberta Polovick, Kim Dimeck-Dobrzynski

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Michael Anderson. President Anderson welcomed Kim Dimeck-Dobrzynski to the meeting and then shared the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes from the December 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

Louis Sitnik prepared and shared the Treasurer's report.

#### Cash position shows

\$4053.21 checking

\$9280.44 savings

\$13,333.65 Total

#### Expenses

\$2.66 Paypal

\$250 Marquee/webhost

\$252.06 Total Expenses

#### Revenue

\$542.94 Membership Dues (1 lifetime, 1 renewal)

\$ 0.08 Chase Bank Interest

\$543.02 Total Revenue since last meeting

Louis Sitnik reported he reached out to the Polish National Alliance (PNA) for a donation to ACAA and has been notified we will receive a \$500 donation from them.

There were no questions regarding the Treasurer Report.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Mary Ann Posanski reported she paid a total of \$224 for updated membership lists using People Finder, looking up 1377 names for the years 1968-1987. The master membership list has been updated, and she continues to work on organizing all the files. We hope to have improved contact with alumni and friends of Alliance College through a freshly updated membership list. She plans to email the membership list about the reunion using the updated information.

Since the beginning of January through today's meeting, we have 9 new members, including 2 lifetime. Currently we have 32 lifetime members; 44 members through 2026; 19 members through 2027; and 8 through 2028 for a total of 103 members. All were delighted to see the increase in the membership numbers. It was noteworthy that a new attendee at the January open meeting has become a lifetime member. Mary Ann answered questions about the directory on the website being updated with current information and emails. The first email listed is the primary for those showing more than one email address. Also, two topics were discussed about Paypal or Venmo fees through the website, and concerns about security of members information was discussed and our potential for hacking and these topics will be discussed in further detail at an upcoming website committee meeting.

Mike Anderson discussed our recent conversations about raising dues. Consensus was to increase dues effective October 2026 to \$50 per year. Lifetime memberships will remain at \$500. Mike shared a draft letter to the membership announcing the increase in dues. A suggestion was made to include a drawing for registrants for the reunion to have a chance at a lifetime membership for anyone including membership dues as part of their reunion registration. The suggestion will be discussed at the Reunion Committee and results brought back to the group.

## **ACAA OPEN MEETING DISCUSSION**

It was agreed that all officers and board members need to make increased "noise" about open meetings by liking and sharing posts, contacting our personal Alliance friends, and boost our attendance. Randy Polovick suggested we investigate a rolling banner across the website announcing an upcoming meeting. Kim Dimeck-Dobrzynski reported she would investigate the logistics of using an alert banner.

It was also noted that the link to the meeting was challenging for those who tried to connect through Facebook. This will be discussed at the 2/27/26 Website meeting.

Kathy Polanski Noce reported the upcoming meetings are always announced in the newsletter.

Mary Ann Posanski volunteered to send an email to the membership a week before the meetings.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Kim Dimeck-Dobrzynski reported that two projects are underway through Marquee Creatives; first for the revision of the contact form, which has been updated and they will begin testing it out; and secondly to update the directory listings. It was agreed that the group that currently receives the info@alliance messages should get the contact sheet messages. That group is the four officers: Mike Anderson, Aundre'a Cika Heschmeyer, Louis Sitnik, and Susia Styborski.

Marquee Creatives is currently working to update the reunion forms and reunion page. Kim and Mike reviewed the reunion registration page from the website and corrections were made. Once a cost is decided for the reunion the page can go live.

Randy Polovick reported the website committee will be asking Marquee Creatives to do automatic renewals for memberships. We would need a statement of work from Marquee Creatives which the board would need to review and approve.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Kathy Polanski Noce reported the February newsletter is ready to go. She continues to struggle with content for each newsletter. Each board member is asked to submit an article for the newsletter at least once per year. It was recommended we issue an annual list showing which Board member is "up" each month. Also board members having a picture of themselves wearing or using Alliance merchandise is encouraged to send it to Kathy for a future newsletter promoting our merch. A suggestion was made to ask for volunteers for articles at the reunion was agreed upon. Lori Kolin Neese was asked to think about writing an article about various items or parts of the Cambridge Springs Museum. Changing the format of the newsletter to quarterly was discussed and consensus was positive. Website Committee will discuss newsletter schedule and report back to the group.

## **2026 REUNION PLANNING AND UPDATE**

Members of the Reunion Committee shared updates from the last meeting of the Reunion Committee. Pricing for the reunion is still not clear. It looks like we will come in under 2024 reunion which was \$215 for all events. The recommendation from the Reunion Committee was \$200 for the entire weekend and the final determination for the cost will be determined at an upcoming meeting of the financial committee. Status of sponsorships and underwriting of the Friday evening event are not yet known. Mike Anderson stated that sponsorships coming in through Jim Koscielniak's outreach should not be considered as an offset to the reunion price and reunion pricing should be made with finalized underwritings. Roberta Polovick has drafted a letter to alumni encouraging them to join us at the reunion. Personal outreach to fellow alumni and friends of Alliance is perhaps one of our most successful ways of drawing in attendees.

## **2026 NOMINATION AND VOTING**

Mike Anderson shared a form for "Candidate for Board 2026 – Expression of Interest. The group agreed the form would be useful and should include a description of the roles for vacancies. Posting the roles on the website was also suggested. A date of July 28 was agreed upon for responses to be returned.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Anderson proposed doing 1:1 phone calls with each officer and board member to review their roles and how we as an organization can improve. All agreed this was a good idea. Mike will contact each person individually to schedule.

A suggestion to wear our Alliance wearables to future open meetings was met with agreement from all.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Tuesday March 17, 2026

Tuesday April 21, 2026           Open Meeting

Tuesday May 19, 2026

Tuesday June 16, 2026

Tuesday July 21, 2026   Open Meeting

Tuesday August 18, 2026

Tuesday September 15, 2026

Saturday October 24, 2026    Open Meeting @ Reunion

Tuesday November 17, 2026

Tuesday December 15, 2026

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Ann Posanski. Motion was seconded by Randy Polovick. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Submitted: Susia Styborski, Secretary