

ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)

Open Meeting January 20, 2026

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

Alumni in attendance: Kristina Kwacz (1983), Roberta Polovick (1982); Susan Adams Nicol, Basia Gdula Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Michael Anderson, President. President Anderson welcomed everyone to the quarterly Open Alumni Association meeting and introduced the Officers and Board Members.

The agenda for today's meeting was shared on the screen.

The minutes of October 4, 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 Marcia Pilkievicz, seconded by Kathy Noce. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL RECAP

Treasurer Louis Sitnik welcomed everyone in attendance and then shared the Treasurer's report on screen and reviewed each item. Current cash position is \$4447.77 in checking; \$9,280.38 in savings for a total of \$13,728.13. Revenue of \$1644.70 in membership dues; \$449.72 Website Donations; \$40.37 Merchandise Sales; \$0.08 interest on Chase Savings Account; for a total revenue \$2,134.87. Expenses of \$437.50 Marquee Creatives (website redesign and maintenance); \$33.88 Paypal fees; for total expenses of \$471.38. There were no questions from the audience.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT/MEMBERSHIP (Mary Ann Posanski chairperson)

Mike Anderson reported that alumni engagement has been a priority task of the Officers and Board since August 2024 when we were elected/reelected. President Anderson thanked the officers and Board members for their tireless efforts to increase our reach to alumni. Director Mary Ann Posanski recently took over the role of chairperson of membership and she and President Anderson thanked previous Membership Chairperson Marcia Pilkievicz for her efforts to move us in the right direction. Mary Ann Posanski reported there are currently 30 Lifetime members; 45 members through 2026; 19 members through 2027; and 7 members through 2028. There has been 1 renewal and 10 new memberships since last meeting. Thanks was shared to those that have paid for their memberships and added that alumni should be aware that membership dues provides for: content and maintenance of website (www.alliancecollege.com); delivery of alumni engagement content through social media platforms; cover costs associated with Alliance College memorabilia; reunion venue deposits; and other miscellaneous expenses as noted in Treasurer report. Memberships can be paid via the website or directly to Mary Ann at her mailing address, **Mary Ann Posanski, 617B Hickory Hollow Road, Waterford, WI 53185.**

Mary Ann highlighted some of the steps she and her committee have been working on. Anna Crone has been assisting with membership efforts and is concentrating on email contacts and reports many "bouncebacks". We encourage members to go to our website and make sure their contact information is correct. Anna is asking for videos from alumni to use in social media posts. Christmas cards were sent to past members and postcards are currently being sent to open

lines of communication and obtain current information. Mary Ann has graciously purchased “People Finder” to search for members and has completed nearly 600 searches thus far. Lastly she reported the committee is reaching out to key members of Alliance College Greeks and other organizations (Kujawiaki for example) to access their contacts they may maintain. Questions about lifetime members that pass on were asked and answered reported we maintain them as eternal lifetime members; currently have three eternal lifetime members. A comment was acknowledged that having access to computers at the next reunion would be helpful for alumni to access the website and “claim their directory listing”. Thanks were given to Mary Ann and her committee for their tremendous efforts to reach out in many ways to alumni.

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

Director Randy Polovick reported the website committee continues to meet and are currently working with Marquee Creatives to move forward on two additional projects that will continue to improve our website and users experience.

The first is for Reunion updates and MARQUEE will deliver: One fully functional online reunion registration form aligned with the 2026 Reunion event plan; Secure online payment capability tied to registration; Website integration with existing reunion materials; and Confirmation messaging for registrants.

The second is from suggestions that came from the Philly meeting and MARQUEE will deliver: A fully consolidated contact and intake flow; Updated Contact page with integrated membership, donation, directory, and volunteer options + A revised navigation/CTA structure across the website; Confirmation messaging for directory listing claims; and Activation of monthly recurring donations (pending platform compatibility).

President Mike Anderson reminded all that our biggest line item expense is to fund the website that is the key to driving member engagement and communication and donor sponsorships for the upgrade of the website continue to be accepted, with four levels designated as follows: Platinum at \$1000, Gold at \$500, Silver at \$250, and Bronze at \$100. Checks should be made payable to **Alliance College Alumni Association** and mailed to Louis Sitnik at **16939 Horn Point Dr., Gaithersburg MD 20878**.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT/NEWSLETTER

Director Kathy Polanski Noce shared an update on the newsletter. We continue to publish a newsletter about once every two months. All alumni and friends of Alliance are encouraged to submit content for the newsletter. Randy Polovick suggested a future newsletter feature David Matejczyk and his time spent volunteering at the Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics. If not receiving the newsletter please send a note to info@alliancecollege.com.

Kudos were given to Kathy for her efforts on the newsletter!

2026 REUNION

The 2026 ACAA Reunion is secured for the Sheraton Bayfront on October 23-25, 2026. All activities will be based out of the Sheraton Bayfront property and all activities will be held on the second floor which is fully accessible. The memorabilia room will be set up and open all weekend. Alliance College themed merchandise will be on site and available for purchase and ordering. Draft menus are available on the website and feedback is appreciated. A sign up for Committees is on the website and alumni are asked to consider taking a role in making this event happen. Thanks to those that have agreed to help thus far and more volunteers are needed. We have begun meeting via ZOOM. We are working to maintain costs of the reunion at or near 2024 pricing. We are currently talking to alumni in hopes of gaining

sponsorships for some of the activities. Some of the activities/events being discussed include: Friday night trivia hosted by our very own David Matejczyk; Saturday afternoon social gatherings for fraternities, sororities, other groups; and continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. All alumni are encouraged to send any Alliance College contact they have to Mary Ann Posanski and she will contact them about Alliance College Alumni Association (ACAA) and the upcoming reunion. Possible contacts for some organizations were discussed.

Roberta Polovick showed the Polish pottery bowl that will be raffled off and Aundrea and Kathy will get details and include them in our communications. Roberta also suggested that Board members or other interested alumni bring a gift card to the reunion to include in our basket raffle.

LEGACY PRESERVATION PROJECT

Director Lori Neese Kolin reviewed the Legacy Preservation project and stressed that this is a guideline for future planning and in no way is a sign that ACAA is ending. We plan to be around for many more years and creating this document shows the forward thinking leadership by the Board to have a good business plan as many organizations and companies do. The Legacy Preservation document has been shared on the website and feedback was received from some alumni, aiding in the final tweaks of the document. Mary Ann Posanski made a motion to accept the Legacy Preservation document; seconded by Randy Polovick. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried. President Anderson thanked Directors Lori Kolin Neese and Kathy Polanski Noce for their leadership on this project.

2026 NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCESS

President Anderson reported that all officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) are 2 year terms and all up for nomination and election in 2026. Two director terms are ending in 2026 also and open for nomination and election. Planning to have an efficient nomination and election process in place prior to the reunion is underway.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Richard Day introduced himself as the President of the Alliance College Foundation, a 501c3 organization, separate from the alumni association. The foundation has a separate board of trustees that manage the organization. He reminded the group that the foundation was established for charitable and educational purposes, its primary function is to provide scholarships in the name of Alliance College. Basia Gdula Adams provided an overview of the recent scholarship awards. Scholarship packet acceptance closed December 31, 2025. The scholarship committee met two weeks ago and selected four winners of a \$2500 award each. The winners selected include: Mya Frollick, niece of Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer and a student in journalism in Krakow Poland; McKenzie Burgess, niece of Susia Burgess Styborski and an entering freshman at SUNY Fredonia in Arts; Gabriel Groves from New Carlise IN and planning to study Kinesiology; and Emma Parkland a student from Cambridge Springs, PA and planning to attend Gannon University to pursue legal studies. Basia thanked all for reaching out to family, friends and neighbors to spread the word about the availability of the scholarship. Questions were asked and Basia further explained that any student can apply for a scholarship – it does not have to be an undergraduate student and does not have to be a legacy connection although the committee does give preference to those applicants that emphasize their commitments to upholding the Polish language and customs and traditions of our heritage.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Thank you to all that attended!

Motion to adjourn by Marcia Pilkiewicz, seconded by Mary Ann Posanski. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Susia Styborski, ACAA Secretary