

# **ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)**

## **Board of Officers Meeting March 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; Marcia Pilkiewicz (1975), ACAA Director; Basia Gdula Adams for Richard Day (1985), Chair of Alliance College Alumni Association Foundation.

**Officers excused:** Aundre'a Cika-Heschmeyer (1985), ACAA Vice President

**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 February 2026 meeting were reviewed. A motion by Louis Sitnik was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Lori Neese Kolin. Motion carried.

### **SUMMARY OF 1:1 CONVERSATIONS WITH BOARD MEMBERS**

Mike provided a summary of the individual meetings he held with each officer and Board member. He noted positives shared included: Keeping spirit of Alliance College alive, Board works together well, Board members care about each other, attitudes and work ethics are professional, and overall felt it was a good report card.

Difficult aspects of being on the board included: Two hour meetings after working a full day are a tough demand, and concerns about when the meetings bog down and need to move discussions along.

Suggestions for areas to focus our work included: Keep striving to keep alumni informed, address an uneven division of labor within the board, need to publicize election rules, address alumni apathy, recognition that board members don't know each other outside of ACAA, and pressures on us due to limited finances. Mike reported going forward he would like to try using an ice breaker at beginning of meeting to get to know each other on a different level.

Questions or Comments: Randy Polovick commented that it was valuable and thanked Mike for leading this exercise. Many voiced agreements with the comment.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

Louis Sitnik prepared and shared the Treasurer's report.

### Cash position shows

\$8426.64 checking

\$9369.14 savings

\$17795.78 Total

### Expenses

\$32.39 Paypal

\$2093.75 Marquee/webhost

\$2126.14 Total Expenses

### Revenue

\$3149.57 Donation for reunion/Ed and Dee

\$1500 Donation for reunion/Anonymous

\$1200 Reunion payments/6 people total

\$500 Donation/PNA

\$100 Donation/Unspecified

\$95 Membership Dues

\$ 0.07 Chase Bank Interest

\$6544.64 Total Revenue since last meeting

Mary Ann Posanski requested information the new members. Lou will send to Mary Ann.

Randy Polovick requested a copy of the invoice from Marquee Creatives so the website committee can compare to the Statement of Works signed. Lou will send to Randy.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Mary Ann Posanski reported two new members making a total of 111 paid memberships. Two members are now transitioned to eternal memberships.

## **MEMBERSHIP, continued**

Mary Ann reported that emails were sent out by Anna Crone and due to the numerous “bouncebacks” Anna stopped sending the emails at last name letter N. Mary Ann plans to use postcards for the remaining people in the group. She will add a note about the reunion to the postcards as well. Marcia Pilkievicz recommended that efforts to improve the directory information be a priority at the reunion. Any board members with personal contacts from Alliance are asked to share them with Mary Ann. Kathy Polanski Noce suggested each board member take a portion of the names still to be verified and try to contact them. Kathy added that adjustments to the master list will be made to put the bouncebacks on a separate spreadsheet and have an active membership list of those with emails that did not bounceback. It was also suggested we try to reach those with bounceback emails by postcard. Kathy thanked Mary Ann for all her hard work on this massive project.

## **ACAA OPEN MEETING**

Mike Anderson discussed the lack of non board members attending the open meetings. At our January meeting we had two non-members attend. Suggestions for improving attendance were requested. Kathy Polanski Noce suggested each of us contact 5 people we know and personally invite them to attend the April meeting. Basia Gdula Adams suggested we have a speaker such as David Matejczyk on his Olympic experience.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Randy Polovick reported the last two projects authorized for Marquee Creatives to do for the website have been completed. Tony of Marquee Creatives has put something in place to decrease the “trolling” ability of nefarious users. Marquee Creatives has also suggested we put a disclaimer on the website noting that users should consider what personal information they want to share on the website.

An “upcoming events” tab (such as an upcoming open meeting) is being discussed, and Randy will follow-up with Kim Dimeck-Dobrzynski and Aundrea Cika-Heschmeyer from Marquee Creatives. The website committee will also be requesting an estimate on a statement of work to have an annual membership reminder sent to members. All agreed that one we align membership dates to annually the reminder will be an easier function to manage.

Posting of current board descriptions will be completed as part of the monthly work allotted by Marquee Creatives.

Kathy Polanski Noce reported that names in the directory were duplicating and Marquee Creatives has addressed that issue.

There were no questions or additional comments.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Kathy Polanski Noce reported the February newsletter was sent out. She continues to look for 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; a schedule will be developed and board members will be notified. Anyone that has not sent a picture of themselves wearing or using Alliance merchandise is encouraged to send it to Kathy for a future newsletter promoting our merch. Lori Kolin Neese will work on getting some pictures of the museum to Kathy for the newsletter. Lastly it was suggested we all wear AC merch for the open meetings.

## **2026 REUNION PLANNING AND UPDATE**

Members of the Reunion Committee shared updates from the last meeting of the Reunion Committee. A fleece blanket is being considered for the reunion favor. An entrance survey has been developed, and we hope to use it as people register at the Alliance College check-in. Roberta May Polovick will begin the Polish Pottery raffle in the summer. A Board member shirt/polo is being researched for wearing at the reunion. It would be a good way for attendees to find a person that can help with any questions or concerns. Lori reported that Mouse needs an up-dated list of lifetime members for the reunion. Aundrea will be ordering the name badges; Marcia has the template for printing the cards that go in them.

We have a promotional budget for the reunion and will do a heavy attack in April-May and again in August-September.

Discussion about spotlighting a particular group for reunion weekend as well as having a speaker for the Saturday dinner program continues to be discussed.

## **2026 NOMINATION AND VOTING**

The group agreed to introduce the nomination and voting process at the April meeting and post after that meeting.

## **FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Basia Gdula Adams reported for the Foundation as Richard Day was unavailable. Richard and Sally send greetings from Japan.

Basia reviewed the completion of the IRS project to re-instate the Foundation’s 501.c.3 status.

Scholarships have been announced and press releases were sent out. Funds have been paid out except for one student who has asked to wait until the fall 2026 semester.

As a result of the press releases for the scholarships, we heard from an Alliance alumni who is interested in learning more about the program for her granddaughter. Applications can be accepted for the 2026-2027 year.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Basia Gdula Adams reported she did an AI look for Alliance College and 4 notable names (Aaron Hernandez, A Baraducci, Ada Lisowski, and Adam Krajewski) came up. We may be interested in contacting these people for inclusion in our newsletter and reunion activities.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

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 Marcia Pilkiewicz. Motion was seconded by Kathy Polanski Noce. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Submitted: Susia Styborski, Secretary