

ALLIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (ACAA)

Hospitality Committee Meeting July 23, 2026

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

Officers excused: Susia (Burgess) Styborski (1983), ACAA Secretary.

Alumni present: Roberta Polovick (1982).

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Michael Anderson. President Anderson welcomed all members and shared the agenda for the meeting. Mike emphasized that the main topic of this meeting would be the inclination of whether current officers wish to be nominated for their position for 2026 and assess the intention of the directors.

Minutes from the March 2026 meeting were reviewed. I did not take note of who made the motion to accept or who seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report Louis Sitnik prepared and shared the Treasurer's report.

Cash Position May 2026 (as of 5/18/26)

\$11,472.74 Checking

\$9,407.73 Savings

\$20,880.47 Total

Expenses

\$28.90 PayPal Fee

\$28.90 Total expenses since April 2026 meeting

Revenue

\$1,200.00 Reunion Payments (6)

\$350.00 Membership Dues (7)

\$100.00 Donation (Kim Dobrzynski)

\$0.08 Chase Bank Interest

\$1,650.08 Total Revenue

Mike noted that the balance is higher than last month's, largely because of reunion payments, and that the Association remains in good financial shape.

MEMBERSHIP (Mary Ann Posanski, Chairperson)

Chairperson Mary Ann Posanski reported there have been nine membership renewals of various types. We currently have 120 active members and two eternal (lifetime) and two eternal members.

There were various positive, congratulatory comments to Mary Ann and all for the great work they are doing. She is finding people more responsive to snail mail compared to electronic messages. It was noted that we had fewer than ninety paid members at the August 2024 reunion.

It is suggested that we update the membership page on the website to attract additional members.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Randy Polovick reports that research and costing are still in process for the membership renewal project. We are also considering other upgrades, nothing specific to report.

NEWSLETTER

Kathy Polanski Noce reported the June newsletter was beginning to take shape and shared some items that will be included. She asked for photos of people wearing their Alliance merchandise.

Kathy thanked alumni that have shared stories and articles for past newsletters and asked all those in attendance to consider sending her information and pictures to use in the future newsletters.

2026 REUNION PLANNING AND UPDATE

As of the meeting, fourteen people had registered for the reunion and fifteen rooms were booked at the Sheraton, a pretty good indicator with 5 months to go before the reunion. Suggestions from the reunion committee for activities on Friday night were made, such as a photo booth. Estimated costs are being researched and will be discussed at the next reunion Finance committee meeting. Also, we are looking into red polo shirts for the Board to wear Friday and Saturday so guests with questions can easily identify us. Mary Ann will post the shirts online at our cost since we do not think people would buy them as merch. It was suggested we provide shirts for reunion volunteers who are not Board members. Aundrea was going to determine how many non-Board volunteers there might be and bring it to the next meeting. A question about audio for the meetings and for music during the reunion was raised and Aundrea will research costs with the hotel.

2026 BOARD ELECTION PLANNING

Mike asked the Officers and Directors whose term is expiring if they wished to be nominated for another term. Randy Polovick wants to remain on the Board as a Director. Mike Anderson, Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer, and Lou Sitnik are interested in remaining in their offices. Each will have to be nominated or can self-nominate. Susia

has made it known that she would like to be nominated for a Director role but does not want to remain as Secretary. Lori Neese Kolin will be stepping down, as will Marcia Pilkievicz whose term was to conclude in 2028. Nominations are open to all alumni who are paid members and will close on July 28.

A question was raised concerning whether someone interested in becoming Secretary already had to be an Officer. That rule only applies to President.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Basia Gdula Adams reported for the Foundation as Richard Day was unavailable. Scholarships have been announced and press releases were sent out.

Applications are being accepted for the 2026-2027 year, and one application has already been received.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Someone contacted Mary Ann asking how to get information on a relative who graduated long ago. She was directed to Mercyhurst University where Alliance College archives are kept.

Aundrea suggested we try to get the presentation on the Ryder Hotel to share at our next Open Meeting in July.

NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday June 16, 2026 6:30 PM EST

Tuesday July 21, 2026 Open Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lou Sitnik. Marcia Pilkievicz seconded motion. Motion carried.

Submitted: Mike Anderson