

TULANE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, April 30, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tulane Alumni Association, a Louisiana non-profit corporation, was called to order at the Tulane Business School in New Orleans, LA at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to the notice sent to all directors in accordance with the bylaws.

The following Officers were present:

Jenny Kottler – President; Bill Kammer – President-elect; Stanley Cohn – Vice President; Steve Slattery - Secretary/Treasurer; John Williams – Immediate Past President and Richard Schmidt – Representative to the Board of Tulane.

The following Directors were present:

Brett Boyce – University College; Chris Cobb – Architecture; Sanda Groome – Member-At-Large; Burdette Huffman – Tulane College; Kelly McKean – Tulane Clubs; Dan O’Connor – Member-At-Large; Rusty Pickering – Tulane Clubs; Anthony Recasner – Graduate School; Dale Robinson-Rogers – Member-At-Large and Helen Schneidau – Newcomb.

The following Directors were absent:

Juan Castillo – Business; Rod Chapel – Tulane Clubs; Molly Dwyer – Tulane Clubs; Robert Kahl – Engineering; Surveen Klein – Social Work; Sally Knight – Public Health; Michael Littenberg – Law; John Mahoney - Tulane Clubs; Dana Ray – Tulane Clubs; Michelle Rinehart – Tulane Clubs; Neil Robinson – Medicine; Nathan Schwam – Tulane Clubs; David Silverman – Tulane Clubs; Diane Stapley – Tulane Clubs and Robert Tessaro – Tulane Clubs.

Also present were the following Committee Chairs:

Lara Geller – Tulane Clubs; Jenny Kottler – Executive; Greg Manion – Community Outreach Task Force; Rod Russell – Communications and Electronic Resources; Steve Slattery – Finance; Suzanne Valtierra – Programming and John Williams – Nominating.

In addition, the following Tulane Club Presidents, Co-Presidents and representatives were present:

Alan Bern, Houston, TX; Lynette Billello, Boston, MA; St. Paul Bourgeois, Lafayette, LA; Noel Comeaux, Washington, DC; Mary Lynn Hyde, San Diego, CA; Tom Lee, Orange County, CA; Rene Regas, Baton Rouge, LA; Theresa Schieber, New York, NY and Ruth Zarren-Koch, St. Louis, MO.

Also present were the following past presidents:

Rick Powell – past president; Rich Schmidt – past president; Charlotte Travieso – past president and John Williams – immediate past president.

Also present were Alumni Affairs office members:

Jenny Daigle Benoit; Walter Cody; Liz Guillory; Alison Raymond; Danielle Smith; Charlotte Travieso and Bill Vandivort.

Also the following guests were present:

Yvette Jones; Don Kim and Sally Lee.

Jenny Kottler, President, presided and Jenny Daigle Benoit, Assistant Director of Operations for Alumni Affairs recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

General introductions and announcements were made. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Yvette Jones, Senior Vice President

- The Evening of Distinction
 - Huge success
 - Yvette thanked Tom Lee, the Alumni Office and the TAA Board
 - DVD and VHS tapes will be produced
 - There will be follow up event in New York called Tulane Today – it will include current Tulane faculty
- The Promise and Distinction Campaign
 - Donors are up by 8%
 - The university is hoping to sustain the giving level after the campaign is over
- Tulane Baseball
 - The expansion of Turchin Stadium should begin in June 2005
 - 6 million dollar project
 - The renovated stadium will have 2600 chair back seats
 - The facility should be open at the end of February 2006 – including new suites, press boxes, concessions and bathrooms
- The University Center Project
 - Problems have been encountered with the original structure and the concrete – it has been decided that the project can move forward – the project should be complete by June 2006
 - 37 million dollar project
- Residence Hall 1
 - 270 beds
 - Students should be able to move in at the end of August 2005
 - A naming opportunity is still being sought
 - 17 million dollar project
 - There will be a faculty residence in the dorm
- New Doris and Old Doris
 - Old Doris is down
 - New Doris should be down this summer
 - Construction of Residence Hall Two will start this summer and will open in the fall of 2007
- Development

- School of Medicine has entered into a long-term lease with 1555 Poydras – Class A space – it will be the new home for the School of Medicine
- 7 acres of riverfront property have been acquired – it will be converted to research and education space

Charlotte Travieso, Director Alumni Affairs

- Charlotte thanked the board for coming to the meeting
- Scott Cowen spoke at the club presidents meeting on April 29, 2005
 - He addressed the sensitivity of fund raising and friend raising
- Each board member was encouraged to review their information in the TAA directory
- Charlotte discussed the upcoming events – the list of upcoming events continues to grow
- The listserv counts went down, however, Danielle will be entering the e-mail addresses from Grad Fest and the Evening of Distinction
- The final EOD count is in
 - 5% of alumni were reached
- Charlotte showed the board the PowerPoint presentation that Jenny Kottler will be showing the Board of Tulane
 - Ruth Zarren-Koch offered to send a letter to the club presidents to encourage board giving
 - Burdette Huffman suggested that a website screen shot be added to the PowerPoint

Rich Schmidt, Representative to the Board of Tulane

- 70% of the funds raised for the campaign have already been collected
- A new basketball coach has been hired – Dave Dickerson

Committee/Task Force Reports:

- Helen Schneidau - Awards Committee
 - The brunch will be at the Audubon Tea Room tomorrow
 - The recipients include:
 - Dermont McGlinchey Lifetime Achievement Award: Martin D. Payson
 - Distinguished Alumnus: Francis Cardinal George
 - Volunteer(s) of the Year: Walter C. (Chip) Flower III & Harry B. Kelleher, Jr.
 - Young Alumna Volunteer of the Year: Mary Elizabeth Lobrano, M.D.
 - Tulane Club of the Year: Houston Club
- Rod Russell – Communications Committee
 - New links have been added to the alumni website
 - The committee is looking into adding some type of map link
- Steve Slattery – Finance Committee
 - The budget for FY '06 was approved

	Budget Name	Budget Amt 04-05	Budget Amount 05-06
	General TAA	\$4,500.00	\$1,000.00
625482	Clubs	\$94,000.00	\$74,000.00
625036	Awards	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
625038	Club Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00
625039	Communications	\$500.00	\$500.00
625040	Executive	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
625041	Finance	\$500.00	\$500.00
625042	Marketing	\$20,500.00	\$20,000.00
625043	Nominating	\$500.00	\$500.00
625044	Programming	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
626756	Executive Travel	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
626793	Club Travel	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
	TAA Total	\$159,000.00	\$162,000.00

- Brett Boyce - Marketing Committee
 - The committee is looking into a golf discount
 - The passport books are being reprinted
 - The CD was delivered but did not include the download feature – the company is burning new CDs
- John Williams – Nominating Committee
 - Slate approved as follows:
 - Officers to Serve July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006
 - President, William Kammer (L '72)
 - President-Elect, Stanley Cohn (A&S '78, L '81)
 - Vice President, Stephen Slattery (A&S '87)
 - Secretary/Treasurer, St. Paul Bourgeois, IV (A&S '69, L'72)
 - Additional TAA Executive Committee Members
 - Immediate Past President, Jennifer J. Kottler (N '83, B '84)
 - Representative to the Tulane Board of Administrators, Richard K. Schmidt (E '66, G '67)
 - Proposed Directors to serve for the July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007 term:
 - Architecture, Chris Cobb – Coral Gables, FL (A '86)
 - Engineering, Robert Kahl – Destrehan, LA (E '79)
 - Newcomb College, Helen Schneidau – New Orleans, LA (N '67)
 - School of Social Work, Surveen Klein – New Orleans, LA (SW '96, PH '97)
 - University College, Brett Boyce – New Orleans, LA (UC '96)
 - Tulane Clubs:
 - Molly Dwyer – Kansas City, MO
 - Kelly McKean – San Francisco, CA (B '96)
 - Dan O'Connor – New York, NY (TC '97)
 - Carol Showley – San Diego, CA (N '74)
 - Suzanne Valtierra – New Orleans, LA (N '96)
 - At Large:
 - Don Kim – Minneapolis, MN (L '04)
 - Jack Kushner – Annapolis, MD (A&S '60)
- Suzanne Valtierra - Programming Committee
 - The New York Hometown party will be at the New York Athletic Club

- The 2006 summer board meeting will be in San Diego
- Lara Geller – Tulane Clubs Committee
 - The Tulane Club Committee will be having a “back to basics” meeting in New York
- John Mahoney – Athletics Task Force
- Greg Manion – Community Outreach Task Force
 - The New Orleans Paint Rally went well
- Student Outreach Task Force

TAA Awards

- Awards were given to the outgoing TAA officers and directors for FY05
- The gavel was passed from outgoing President Jenny Kottler to President-elect Bill Kammer

Closing Remarks – Jenny Kottler, TAA President

Regular session was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.