

Truman State University
Alumni Association Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2024



The Truman Alumni Board of Directors met via Zoom on Saturday, Jul 13, 2024 at 9 a.m. Central time. In attendance were: Lori Hart, Bernee Long, Lisa Marty, Jamie Matthews, Dustin Carmack, Zach Lepperd, Todd Holcomb, Michelle Mollick and Stacy Tucker-Potter, Jeanne Harding, Alison Mayer, Ian Delinger, Brad Borgstede, Elizabeth Dean, Joyce Gentry and Stacy Tucker-Potter

At 9:04 President Lori Hart called the meeting to order and proceeded with Board introductions.

Lisa motioned approval of the agenda, Bernee seconded and the motion passed.

Alison motioned [Approval of Minutes from April 2024 Meeting](#), Bernee seconded and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Zach Lepperd reported that Chapter & Club Development is working to iron out a calendar for the next 8-12 months including virtual programming. The Bulldog Break will be Sunday, October 20 with the first part of the meeting targeted toward alumni leaders and the rest of the program being open to all alumni. Also putting some emphasis on content drop resources for alumni volunteers. Finalizing a welcome to new graduates.

Alison Mayer provided the Programs & Awards report. The Virtual Book Club is in progress and having our virtual discussion with the author next week. We are currently collecting nominations for Volunteer of the Year, Initiative of the Year and Alumni Group of the Year. There is a selection committee in place for that. Beverly represented P&A on the selection committee for the Echo 25. We are working on the travel program with the plan to do a trip to Greece in 2025.

Jeanne Harding provided the Student & University Relations report. The committee is looking to find initiatives that are meaningful for alumni but also fit in the bandwidth of staff on campus. Jeanne has had conversation with faculty and leadership on campus looking for projects that are sustainable over time.

Old Business

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Lori explained that over the past few years, the Alumni Board has identified that there are many alumni who are not served by the Alumni Chapter structure established years ago. She herself lives outside of a chapter region. Our goal is to expand our base to reach more alumni. Our first step in this process was looking at our bylaws to allow for a structural change. We also removed details and procedural parts and put them in working documents that our bylaws refer to. Changes in our bylaws have to go to the Board of Governors and we want to be more nimble and not have to make changes to the bylaws if we need to adapt. Policies up for approval and the proposed changes to the bylaws were made available to all board members prior to the meeting for review

[Chapter and Club Policies](#)

Joyce Motioned passage of the policies and Father Ian seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

[Financial Policy](#)

Lisa motioned passage of the Financial Policy. Father Ian seconded. After discussion the policy passed.

[Bylaw Revision](#)

Dustin motioned approval of the new bylaws. Brad seconded. Motion passed. The next step is this will go to the Board of Governors for their approval.

Transition team update

A sub committee is working on a plan to develop a communication plan to work with our stakeholders in advance of the shift on July 1.

Foundation Report

Jamie Matthews updated on the Week of Giving totals.

Stacy Tucker-Potter provided a university update. She has sent out a link to board members to test out a new portal to connect alumni through our CRM. We would like to have a members only portion of that portal and are looking for

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feedback from the board on what content would be good there. We hired Rebekah Nelson as our new Alumni Relations Coordinator.

The next meeting of the Alumni Board will be Friday, October 25, 2024.

With no further business, Todd motioned we adjourn and Lisa seconded. The meeting ended at 10:06 a.m.