Michigan Tech Alumni Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday & Friday October 19 & 20, 2017

Present: Chad Arney, Joe Azzarello, Dan Batten, Andy Burton, Derek Chapel, SherAaron Hurt, Kerry Irons, Jenna Joestgen, Kristin Kodule, Sarah Lorenz, Emily Mcdonald, Mike Peterson, Brenda Rudiger, Dennis Sage, Max Sexauer, Hossein Tavakoli, Ashwin Vekaria, Bob Wojcik

Absent: Matt Barens, Ed Eiswerth, Denise Slattery

Thursday, October 19

Superior Room Memorial Union Building

4:00 – 5:15 Alley Maker Space – teams constructed two “corn hole” boards for Alumni House.
5:15 – 5:50 Round table of “recent events” in Directors’ lives.
5:50 – 6:05 President’s report & playbook review (presentation on web site)
6:05 – 6:25 VP report & balanced scorecard (presentation on web site)
6:25 – 6:30 Secretary report (presentation on web site)
6:30 – 6:35 Treasurer report (presentation on web site). Proposal to have a campus-wide student organization funding committee to coordinate awards across all organizations.
6:35 – 8:00 Committee breakout sessions

Friday, October 20

Great Lakes Research Center

8:30 – 10:45 Academic department visits for Directors and report back sessions.
10:45 – 11:30 New business, Constitution & Bylaws Motion by Dennis Sage, seconded by Joe Azzarello to approve the Constitution change to allow officers to extend their Board term. Approved unanimously. General discussion about changing the Constitution to reflect that it is for the Board rather than for a non-existent “Alumni Association.” Board consensus that we should pursue a new constitution based on the draft that has circulated previously. Secretary will send the draft Constitution to the Board with the proposal for a first vote at the Winter Carnival 2018 meeting.
11:30 – 12:30 Traditions of Giving Scholarship-Fellowship updates, MTSF updates
12:30 – 1:15 University Updates (Les Cook & Bill Roberts)
1:15 – 1:45 GSG (Hossein) & USG (Max) updates
1:45 – 2:30 Reports & updates
  o Governance Committee Update & Award discussion (Dan Batten). Directors should start thinking about possible new member nominations and officer positions.
  o Student Initiatives Support Program (SISP) (Joe Azzarello) The program might change its name to the Student Impact Support Program. The committee will break projects into “traditions” and new ideas. An opportunity might be to support things like student competitions (elevator pitch, concrete canoe, steel bridge, etc.).
  o Communication & Marketing update (Kerry Irons). Suggestion to use Instagram as well as Facebook, as IG is more in tune with students and very recent alums.
  o Alumni Engagement update (Brenda Rudiger). Good student participation on Bucket List phone app but now Apple has pulled the app from their store. It is still in Google Play. Will be working to improve app and get it back into the App Store. Pilot mentoring program is getting started. Alumni Legacy scholarship is going to be changed – details being defined.
2:30 – 3:30 Winter Carnival 2018 meeting planning and meeting wrap up.

Save the Dates: Winter Carnival February 8-10, 2018
Alumni Reunion August 2-4, 2018