

**Notre Dame Alumni Association  
Open Meeting Agenda for  
May 14, 2012 – 7:00 PM  
Library**

**Opening Prayer - President, Joe Jummati**

*Loving God, You bless us with a wonderful school and the ability to serve the Alumni of this community. Keep us committed to our mission of providing a quality education promoting spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth for our young men. Guide us in our decision making today and always. For the blessing to serve our community, we give You thanks and praise. In Your name, we pray. Amen. Notre Dame, Pray for us.*

**Roll Call - Recording Secretary, Bill Stanton (P)**

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| † Joe Jummati- President (A)         | † Staff Rep (A)  |
| † Phil LaPalermo- Vice President (P) | † Student Ambassadors (A)  |
| † Brad Tokarz- Treasurer (P)         | † Development Rep (A)  |
| † Bill Stanton- Secretary (P)        | † Enrollment Rep (A)   |
| † Skip Lawson- Alumni Director (P)   | † Introduction of attendees- State Name and Graduation Class * Total attendance = 14 |
| † Faculty Rep (A)                    |  |

**Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary, Bill Stanton**

*Are there any corrections to the minutes? Motion to approve minutes (as read, or as corrected).*

- Minutes approved

**Representative Reports**

† President- Joe Jummati

Joe's President's report was distributed in written form. It highlighted the many events that the alumni association has been involved in over the past few months, and directed our attention to the upcoming Ray Gorzynski golf outing.

† Alumni Director- Skip Lawson

Skip reported that his transition into a dual alumni/development role has been a busy one. His focus now is helping to make the golf outing a huge success, both attendance-wise and from a fundraising standpoint.

† Treasurer – Brad Tokarz

Brad passed out a treasurer's report detailing income/expenses from 11/25/11 Poker Tournament, 1/16/12 Poker Tournament, 4/7/12 Alumni Basketball Tournament, 4/9/12 Poker Tournament, and 5/5/12 Dinner Auction. Discussion was held as to the necessity and feasibility of getting our own alumni bank account.

**Committee Reports**

*Please provide an update on your committee activities. If you cannot attend please send brief recap to Joe Jummati prior to scheduled meeting.*

† Golf Outing-Mike Biel/John Bamber

The golf outing committee has been meeting on a regular basis, and is on schedule for the July 16<sup>th</sup> event.

† Senior Breakfast- Joe Jummati

The senior breakfast went well. Alums Ernie Halvorson '00 and Bill Stanton '98 spoke. Kappy's provided a tasty breakfast.

† Bill Casey Tournament- Mike Heavey/AJ Acierno

The new format of the tournament (3 on 3, two different

† Scholarship

Twenty \$1500 scholarships were awarded by the alumni

age groups) was a success, as 16 teams participated and \$845 was raised

association, with 5 going to each class for the 2012-2013 school year

† Lifetime Learning- Gene Faut

Gene reported that the lifetime learning series was a success in terms of alumni and student participation.

† Texas Hold'em

The 3 tournaments for this school year have raised over \$10,000. The next tournament, originally scheduled for 8/6, is TBD, due to school availability. Phil mentioned the possibility of hosting 4 additional tournaments per year by using another license. In order to do that, more volunteers would be necessary.

**Open Meeting**

Bob Z expressed concern that there were not enough alums in attendance at the meeting. He would like to see the agenda and minutes distributed in advance of the meeting so that members are better able to participate. He feels that the association needs to get more organized. Bob suggested that everyone in attendance should call five people before every meeting to spark attendance.

Bill Harrington also conveyed disappointment that more people are not involved. He believes that 100s of additional alums should be involved, and that class reps need to make a commitment to attend the meetings. Bill remarked that the association is looking to the Board to be leaders, and that the members would follow the Board's lead. However, the Board needs a better plan moving forward. We need to make meetings more enjoyable.

Gene stated that the problem may be poor communication. Meeting information needs to be much more targeted, and needs to be conveyed in a variety of media.

Mike Sweeney said that he and others would be willing to help, but specific requests need to be made.

**Unfinished Business –**

- Stroot Award – Steve Zeier and Dan DeFranza was chosen as the faculty winner and alum winner, respectively.
- All Don Reunion – Ideas include a 5K race in the morning. More planning

**New Business –**

- We have an expectation that scholarship winners and their families will give back to the alumni association. We need to follow up on this expectation by including it in the literature and contacting winning families for service when needed.
- Phil suggested that a Recruitment Committee take shape in the association. Coach Aug and Coach Kozole indicated they would be willing to take the lead on it.
- We need a better on-line presence, and need to obtain more current email addresses. Larry Amidei suggested grouping alums by class, by class representatives, by a sport or activity, etc. Jim Churak stated that the system currently in ace may need updating. Larry said he would help with the organizing of an on-line Don community.

**Adjournment**

Upcoming meetings/events:

- Student Awards (May 25<sup>th</sup> Scholarships will be handed out)
- Graduation
- This is the last meeting of the school year. New meeting dates will be presented once confirmed.

**Closing Prayer – Bill Stanton**

Meeting ended at 8:56 p.m.