

**Illinois State University AA Awards Committee  
2018 Alumni Association Award Recipients  
Awards Dinner/Founders Day –February 15, 2018**

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

Paul Flessner '81 Business Information Systems (COB)

**Senator John W. Maitland Jr., Commitment to Education Award**

Peter Rankaitis '74, M.S.'98 Sociology (CAS)

**E. Burton Mercier Alumni Service Award**

Beverly Beyer '03 Sociology/Applied Community & Economic Development (CAS)  
( '08 graduate certificate in Technology/Project Management--CAST)

**Alumni Achievement Award**

Thomas Carroll '84, M.S. '89 Psychology (CAS)  
Amelia Franck-Meyer '89, M.S.'95 Psychology/Sociology (CAS)

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

Garrett Anderson '10 Criminal Justice (CAST)

**Illinois State University Alumni Association**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Illinois State University Alumni Center**

**Alumni Association Mission:** *To support the University through the knowledge, skills, financial resources, and loyalty of its alumni; to communicate and interpret the University's goals and achievements to others; and to promote a spirit of unity and loyalty among former students and friends.*

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order            *Michele Guadalupe*

The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm.

In attendance: Doris Groves, Michelle Guadalupe, Lisa Castleman, Kathy Murdoch, Doug Reeves, Alice Spann and Steve Smith

Members absent: Tim Pantaleone

2. Approval of Minutes            *Lisa Castleman*

A. May 18, 2017

Kathy Murdoch moved to approve the minutes. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

3. Acceptance of Financial Report

*Michele Guadalupe*

Michelle Guadalupe presented the financial report. There were a few changes made for this fiscal year. The Homecoming budget increased \$2000 to fall into line with the costs that have occurred over the past few years. Other items in the budget will stay the same. Scholarship fund is doing exceptionally well with 100% participation from the Board of Directors. A positive stock market has also had a positive impact of the fund balance. The fund balance is currently over \$500,000.

4. President's Report

*Michele Guadalupe*

President Michele Guadalupe noted her excitement that students are back on campus. She extended her thanks to the RED committee for their work on the bio project. Kathy Murdoch, former chair of the RED committee applauded Rachel Kobus for her work on the project. Doris Groves will be sending the bio information to many members of the University community to be used a resource and a connection to Board members. The bio information will be reviewed and updated annually.

Michelle Guadalupe also reminded members of the kick-off event for the Capital campaign.

5. Executive Director of Alumni Engagement Report            *Doris Groves*

- Ashley Pritts has moved to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access. Beth Theobold will be moving to the role as Office Manager. The position for Customer Service Assistant will be posted and filled.

- The 2017-18 school year is underway; enrollment numbers will be available next week.
- Activities around campus are underway including Move-in, Welcome Week, Festival ISU and House Calls
- State of the University Address is Thursday, Sept 21 at 2:00pm
- Financial Campaign kick-off, September 16
- Alumni Relations staff is meeting with all Academic Colleges and Student Affairs to create FY 18 alumni engagement plans
- Board Bio project is complete and on the website. Will send to University Leadership next week

## 6. Continuing Business

### A. Homecoming 2017 Updates

*Doris Groves/Doug Reeves*

- The Homecoming committee will be meeting on September 13, 2017 at 5:00pm.
- The King and Queen have been selected.
- Homecoming activities have been planned. Board members will have the opportunity to sign up to help at events during the September Board meeting. Doug Reeves noted the importance of having members at the tent to help clean up.
- The Parade will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Current Board members and past Board members may ride the tram. Any other family members can walk the parade route but should not ride the tram.
- The Alumni Day Luncheon will be held this year at Redbird Arena not the Brown Ballroom due to the renovations at the Bone Student Center.

## 7. New Business

*Michele Guadalupe*

### A. Proposed Committee Assignments & Liaison Positions for 2017-18

Doug Reeves motioned to approve the proposed committee assignments and liaison positions for 2017-18. Steve Smith seconded the motion. There was discussion about the importance of scheduling committee meetings at a variety of times to allow members the flexibility of attending multiple committee meetings. The motion to approve the proposed appointments was approved. Committee list is attached.

### B. Review of Board Effectiveness Ideas

There was discussion about more social/bonding activities for Board members at events and meetings as well how Board members can be more visible on campus.

### C. Awards Committee review of criteria & selection process

*Lisa Castleman*

Lisa Castleman updated the committee on discussion regarding the selection process of Award recipients. A subcommittee was formed with current and former Award Committee members to discuss possible changes to the nomination process. This group recommends the following changes to the nomination process:

1. Requiring two letters of recommendation with a recommendation of three
2. Changing the nomination process for Distinguished nominees. Nominees must currently have received a previous Alumni award, because of this the

information needed for the nomination can come from their previous Award nomination information

3. Changing the nomination form to prevent requiring duplicate information from resume and questionnaire.
4. Changing the nomination process so that nominees are nominated for the pool of awards. The selection committee would then be responsible for selecting the recipients and the award they are receiving.

D. Update on Legislative Advocacy meeting – 9/22/17

*Doris Groves*

- On September 22 there will be a gathering of a small group of people who are involved and/or connected to the legislative process to discuss how and where there are opportunities to advocate on behalf of the University with lawmakers.

E. Input on 9/30/17 Board Meeting

- Review of Board Meeting Ideas
  - Review Board Action Items
  - Dr. Dietz and Pat Vickerman will be in attendance
  - LJ would like to come and update the Board on the Greek Taskforce
  - Scholarship recipients will be in attendance to share and update the Board on their experience at ISU
  - Discussion was also held about Board members engaging with students on campus

8. Committee Updates

Updates about each of the committees were provided during the meeting.

9. Additional Comments?

There were no additional comments.

10. Confirm Next Meeting of the Executive Committee

The next meeting will be held on November 9.

11. Adjournment

Kathy Murdoch moved to adjourn, Steve Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

## **2017-2018 ISU Alumni Association Committees**

### **Approved by Executive Committee 8/29/17**

**Executive:** Michele Guadalupe (Chair/President), Lisa Castleman (Secretary), Kathy Murdoch, Tim Pantaleone (Past President), Doug Reeves (Vice President), Steve Smith, Alice Spann

**Awards:** Lisa Castleman (Chair), Kathy Bohn, Tyler Clark, Fellicia Foster, Ryan Gilbert, Joe McGuire, Danny Mielneczek, Kathy Murdoch, Tim Pantaleone, Michele Guadalupe (Ex-officio)

**Board Development:** Tim Pantaleone (Chair/Past President), Dave Horstein, Bob Navarro, Doug Reeves, Kaci Rollings, Steve Smith, Alice Spann, Jerry Wright, Michele Guadalupe (Ex-officio)

**Homecoming:** Doug Reeves (Chair), Linda Yap (Vice Chair), Danny Mielknecek, Kathy Murdoch, Scott Preston, Stacy Ramsey, Alice Spann, Jen Wiebel, Michele Guadalupe (Ex-Officio)

**RED:** Kaci Rollings (Co-chair) , Mike Willis (Co-chair), Fellicia Foster, Ryan Gilbert, David Horstein, Daniel Lopez, Bob Navarro, Scott Preston, Stacy Ramsey, Ron Whitton, Michele Guadalupe (Ex-officio)

**Redbird Prime:** Kathy Bohn (Chair), Maggie Im, Jerry Kerber, Bob Navarro, Ron Whitton, Jen Wiebel, Mike Willis, Jerry Wright, Linda Yap, Michele Guadalupe (Ex-officio)

**Scholarship:** Maggie Im (Chair), Lisa Castleman, Tyler Clark, Jerry Kerber, Daniel Lopez, Stacy Ramsey, Steve Smith, Michele Guadalupe (Ex-Officio)

**Liaisons Assignments:**

**Bone:** Linda Yap

**Athletics:** Joe McGuire

**Foundation:** Tim Pantaleone

**Honorary Degree:** Michele Guadalupe

Alumni Board Homecoming Committee Wrap Up Document  
11/7/17



- Campus decorating took place on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. 31 departments participated. Judges include Stacy Ramsey, Valerie Brown (SAC rep), Kathy Murdoch, Marsha Reeves and Doug Reeves
  - The winners were announced at the Staff Appreciation luncheon on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> in the Bone Ballroom. Marsha Reeves helped pass out the awards. All of the judges shook hands of the winning representatives
  
- On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Alumni Luncheon took place in the Redbird Arena. The King and Queen, Mike and Nancy Monken were crowned by Alice Spann and Doris Groves. Michele Guadalupe gave an address to those attending. Doris recognized the honorees from each department including Marsha Reeves, honored by the Mennonite College of Nursing
  
- Friday evening the Board participated in reception hosted by ISU President, Larry Dietz
- Saturday of Homecoming, the set up team had the Spread the Red Alumni Homecoming Tent decorated and ready for guests in record time! Thank you to all who helped!
- The Homecoming Committee and Alumni Board road in the parade on the tram provided by the ISU Farm once again. Hundreds of footballs and red and white beads were handed out along the parade route. The Alumni Tram was a hit!
- Post the parade the committee and board help to host the Spread the Red Alumni Homecoming Tent. We registered 320 names and hosted over 550 alumni, community members and friends in the tent.
  - Tent was torn down, cleaned up and packed away prior to the 2pm kick off!  
Way to go volunteers!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2018! October 8-14, 2018**

**Illinois State University Alumni Association**  
**RED Committee Meeting**  
**September 30, 2017**

**Members present:** Kaci Rollings, Mike Willis, Fellicia Foster, Ryan Gilbert, Daniel Lopez, Bob Navarro, Stacy Ramsey, Michele Guadalupe

**Staff present:** Doris Groves, Colleen Rice, Lindsay Vahl

**Guests present:** Jan Paterson

**Members absent:** David Horstein, Scott Preston, Ron Whitton

1. Kaci Rollings called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Doris Groves shared historical information regarding the RED committee and the current challenge of clarifying the continuing purpose of the committee. When there were very specifically defined requirements for the chapters and clubs that comprised the Alumni Association, then there were more specific duties for the RED committee. Today most geographic networks and most affinity groups are more loosely structured because there are typically only 1-3 primary volunteers in each area (geographic networks) or they are affiliated with an academic college or department (MCN, Agriculture). As a result, there are fewer responsibilities for RED to manage. There are still opportunities for RED to engage with networks and affinity groups (i.e. appreciation notes, etc.) but these duties may not be enough to keep an entire committee productive.

As a result of this challenge, in the summer of 2016, Doris, Colleen Rice, Lindsay Vahl and President Tim Pantaleone met regarding RED. One observation noted at this meeting was that most successful AA committees have a specific event, task or responsibility that needs to be accomplished (i.e. Scholarship Committee completes scholarship selection process; Awards Committee completes Award selection process and Awards recognition dinner). One possibility for RED that was identified by this group was Civic Engagement which is a core value of the University. As a result of this conversation, the RED committee was encouraged to explore this opportunity and to try to complete a service project for the board during 2016-17. This service project was accomplished in April 2017.

However, it seemed clear that there was still some confusion about the definition of Civic Engagement and the ways that it might be meaningful for the Alumni Association to promote it. For example, it might include encouraging networks/affinity groups to have a day or month of service as some alumni may be interested in gathering for this purpose, rather than a social activity. It could involve advocacy work on the state level. It might include sharing opportunities for alumni to participate in campus activities related to civic engagement.

In order to have a better understanding of what civic engagement entails and to share some opportunities for AA involvement, Dr. Jan Paterson was invited to the meeting to share more information.

3. Civic Engagement Presentation: Dr. Jan Paterson, Interim Director for Civic Engagement, shared information about what comprises civic engagement. The general definition accepted by ISU is Illinois State University prepares students to be informed and engaged global citizens who will promote and further the goals of society. The University promotes active learning experiences through which students will gain an awareness and understanding of civic engagement as a **lifelong responsibility**. Dr. Paterson shared information about the reasons ISU is embracing civic engagement and the stages of engagement. She also shared a variety of opportunities locally that could be considered.

4. Committee members asked a variety of questions. Ryan Gilbert expressed an interest in the possibility of having alumni in areas around the country meet students who are participating in Alternative Breaks in their locations. Fellicia Foster indicated that her employer supports a day of service that encourages employees to be involved in their communities.
5. Based upon the conversation, it appears that there is interest in learning more about civic engagement and investigating what this might look like for the RED committee. Mike Willis indicated that he would like to see a project completed again this year. There was interest in asking Dr. Paterson to attend a future meeting of the Alumni Board so that all members can increase their understanding of this topic.
6. Kaci and Mike will identify a time for the next meeting.