

Alumni Awards Committee Report
April 18, 2020 Board Meeting

The Alumni Awards Committee has not held a committee meeting since the last board meeting.

On February 20, 2020 several committee members, board members, past board members, and Alumni Engagement staff attended the Alumni Awards dinner at the Stadium Club. It was a wonderful evening honoring 7 deserving alums as well as 2 future alums. Attending the awards dinner gives you just a small peak at what great things are alums are accomplishing on campus and around the world.

The nomination process is now open for the 2021 alumni awards. The updated, streamlined process makes it easier than ever to nominate someone for an alumni award. The nominator or the nominee can supply all the necessary information, including the letters of recommendations. Please consider nominating an alum and you can invite your ISU friends, faculty, and staff to nominate a deserving alum for a 2021 award on our website.

Submitted By:

Susan Nelson-Brown
Awards Committee Chairman

Committee Board Members:

Ryan Gilbert
Walter Brandon
Dave Horstein
Scott Preston
Fellicia Foster
Lisa Castleman (ex-officio)

Non-Board Members:

J D Schurter
Tisha Mills

Board Development Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m., January 25, 2020
Alumni Center, Kasten Room

- Identification of candidates for board vacancies and executive committee
 - Board development discussed that six seats would be open for the upcoming election cycle. Doug reached out to expiring members and found three would resign. A fourth resignation came in the following week. The committee reviewed the demographics to note that with the openings, 2/3 of CAST representation would be lost and there would be no representation for COE. Kris will reach out to COE Dean to ask for any names of interest.
 - Interest deadline for the 2020 election is February 17, 2020. Following this, Rachel will compile interest forms and ranking sheets to send to committee to rank applications. Rachel will also send out a Doodle poll to confirm phone interview dates for committee. Rachel will also remove the statement that interest forms will be kept for three years. Instead, those not selected will be asked to complete a new form each year for consideration.
 - The committee selection form was sent by Kris to seek interest in executive committee as well. Board development will review interest at its April committee meeting.
- Board teambuilding
 - Meeting activities
 - January: Alice & Lisa -Jamie supplied scenarios related to PACE for board to discuss over lunch.
 - April: Leah & Ryan
 - June: Doug & Steve

Board Development Committee Meeting
4 p.m., March 31
Zoom Conference Call

After reviewing applications, board development decided to phone the top eight candidates for interviews to fill six seats. After completing interviews, the committee met via ZOOM to discuss the outcomes. The committee agreed to add five individuals to the slate to be approved by executive committee in May.

It was decided to leave one seat unfilled as there was one applicant for COE who did not qualify for a board position. The unfilled seat will be filled in 2021 with strong consideration given to COE representation.

Kris will reach out to the selected candidates to inform them on next steps. She will also send emails to those not selected following the approval of the slate in May. Those that were interviewed Kris will call personally to encourage involvement on various committees and within departments.

ISU Alumni Association Board of Directors

RED Committee Updates

Thank You Card Project. During the January 25th meeting the RED Committee will assembled thank you cards to be sent to our network leaders. These cards were collected after the meeting and mailed March 30th to the network leaders identified by staff.

The Higher Ed Reception took place on February 26th with RED committee members Nikita Richards, Leah Walton, Tim Griffin in attendance along with staff member Stephanie Duquenne.

Board member Susan Nelson-Brown hosted a group of Alternative Break students and Dallas Alumni during the service week these students were down in the Dallas Area. A dinner was held on March 12th. Grant money covered costs.

#RedbirdImpact Day set for June 20th will need to be canceled at the direction of President Dietz's no University sponsored on campus events through July 31st. This includes having to cancel a planned collection of supplies for the School Street Food Pantry. Virtual messaging and programing are being considered.

RED committee is collecting photos that represent what they are doing at home to stay civically engaged. Chairwomen Leah is composing a short message around the importance of continued civic engagement to accompany these photos in a social media post.

Notes from quick meeting after January 25th Board Meeting:

- Vice-Chair, Scott, is the RED representative working on the ad hoc committee for the Board Priority Action Items. These action items can be found on our Alumni Association page under "Board Resources".
<https://alumni.illinoisstate.edu/downloads/AA%20Board%20Priority%20Action%20Items%202015-2018%20--Compiled%20Comm%20Info%20Final%203-21-16>
- Scott is in the process of reviewing the RED action items and will be sending them to the RED committee with his suggestions for updates. As you are aware, the RED Committee description was changed since these action items were written, so updates and changes are likely as they relate to our new description.
- Please watch for Scott's email, and respond to his suggestions in a timely manner. Our completed action items must be submitted by February 17th, so we want to have plenty of time to get that done. My goal is to complete this by email if possible, so an additional meeting is not necessary prior to our scheduled meeting of February 17th.

**ISU Alumni Association Board of Directors
RED Committee
Phone Conference Meeting
Monday, February 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Leah Walton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

II. Roll Call of Attendance

In Nikita's absence, Chair Leah called the roll and took Notes

Members Present: Leah Walton, Lisa Castleman, Susan Nelson-Brown, Steve Smith, Walter Brandon (exit at 6 p.m.), Scott Preston, Lindsay Vahl

Members Absent: Stephanie Duquette, Nikita Richards, Tyler Clark

III. Discussion

"Thank You" cards to network volunteers were signed during January Board meeting and will be mailed in April.

Scott led lengthy discussion on Board Priority Action Item suggestions. It was noted that the responsibility of collecting Board member bios appears to have been moved to Board Development committee; however, this is a responsibility listed on the RED committee description. Lisa will discuss with Kris Harding and verify. If this responsibility no longer lies with RED, then RED description will need to be updated. Scott took notes of proposed changes and will add additional details under "Action Item" description and "Measurement Criteria". Scott stated he would polish up and resubmit the document to RED members on 2/18, to be ready for Executive committee meeting on 2/20. Lisa acknowledged that additional time may be required for RED to finalize their Board Priority Action Items.

Alumni Board service project is scheduled to coincide with April 18 Board meeting. Members are asked to bring personal hygiene items to donate to School Street Food Pantry. Pantry liaison, Doris Groves, has been invited to join our Board lunch. Following lunch, Board members will provide volunteer service at School Street Food Pantry.

Advocacy: Lindsay reported that 6 students are being trained and will be traveling to Springfield on February 26th for Student Lobby Day. Students will then join 30 representatives from ISU at the Higher Ed reception at the Governor's Mansion. All members of the RED Committee have been invited to attend. At this time, Lisa, Scott, Steve, Leah and Nikita plan to attend.

Civic Engagement: #Redbird Impact Day is scheduled for June 20, which is the Alumni Board meeting date. Volunteers will participate in a morning service project, followed by a group lunch with Board members. Following lunch, Board members will join the volunteers for an afternoon service project.

Chicago Suburban Network has planned a service project for June 27th at Northern IL Food Bank in Geneva. All Networks are being encouraged to schedule a service project during the month of June.

Alternative Break will be taking place in Dallas. Member Susan will host 15 students and 5 alumni for a dinner during their time of service.

Discussed Vidette article on “Superfan” Jared O’Brien, which was forwarded to RED during January Board meeting. It was agreed that any official recognition from the University would be more appropriate from a department other than Alumni Engagement.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Monday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m.

VI. Adjournment – 6:40 PM

**Illinois State University Alumni Association
Redbird Prime Committee**

Update for AA Board of Directors:

Half Century Club 2020 updates

The original 2020 dates of are May 1st and 2nd, 2020 have now been changed to Friday, Oct. 23rd and Saturday, Oct. 24th, 2020

Planning committee informed on March 16th, 2020

Class of 1970 and prior informed via email on March 17th, 2020

Planning committee will regroup in summer of 2020

Outreach efforts

A new mailed invite will be sent May 1 with new, updated schedule

Alumni Scholarships Committee Report

April 18, 2020 Board Meeting

The Alumni Scholarships Committee put forth all changes that the board approved in September 2019. The Alumni Association Scholarship opened on January 1, 2020 and closed on February 15, 2020.

The committee reviewed 6 applicants for the Alumni Association scholarship and 22 applicants for the Redbird Family Tuition waiver, Marian H Dean and Dillow Family scholarship. After review, the committee decided on the three students that will receive the Alumni Association Scholarship. A short bio on each of those students is below. We will also invite these three students along with the other 7 students currently being awarded the Alumni Association scholarship to the Alumni board meeting in September 2020.

The committee also decided on the 17 students that are receiving the Redbird Family Partial Tuition waiver, 2 students receiving the Student Alumni Council Marian H Dean scholarship and the 1 student receiving the Dillow Family Memorial Scholarship. Each of these scholarships are \$500/semester for two semesters.

Alumni Association Scholarship 2020-2021 Recipients:

Mikayla Foreman: A sophomore at ISU studying Psychology. She's from Buffalo Grove, Illinois. She's involved with Admissions tour team as a residence hall tour guide, PsiChiSPA, Language Partners, Alternative breaks, and Path Crisis Center.

Niara Fitts: A sophomore studying Communication Sciences and Disorders. For her future career, she wants to become a Speech Pathologist. She has an interest in working with infants and toddlers and/or adults. She is also a Peer Academic Coach and a member of the Red Elite Dance Team.

Sara Schelinski: Sara is an Environmental Systems Science and Sustainability major with a Political Science minor. She hopes to attend graduate school for either public policy or environmental security. Sara transferred to ISU from Joliet Junior College in hopes of following the steps of her mom, who graduated from ISU. Sara is involved in College Mentor for Kids, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Fix it Friday and the Innovation Consulting Community

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