



**University of Colorado Medical Alumni Association**  
***Meeting of Board of Directors***  
***January 26, 2004***

**Present:** J.J. Cohen, R. Downey, P. Gnadinger, M. Goodwin, D. Gordon (via phone), S. Gottesfeld, G. Hickman, C. Hogan, D. Hutchison, R. Krugman, C. May, D. Mills, G. Merenstein, C. Petersen, P. Stepp, R. Zucherman (via phone)  
**Guest:** R. Bakemeier, M. Dawe, S. Sherick  
**Staff:** A. DeLeon, W. Reoch  
**Absent:** M. Anderson, D. Bessesen, A. Best, D. Dart, P. Halandras, S. Iyengar, C.E. Mossberg, R. Rymer, G. Soriya, A. Stowers, J. Zimbelman

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Introductions were made around the table and by telephone.

**Approval of minutes**

Motion by C. Petersen for approval of minutes from 7/7/03. Second by G. Hickman.

**President's Report**

D. Hutchison welcomed Dr. David Mills, who has agreed to fill in for the remainder of the term vacated by Dr. Sanders. D. Hutchison noted that one of our board members, Dr. Dan Bessesen was recently included in the Denver magazine, *5280*, as one of "Denver's Top Docs." Dr. Hutchison introduced Dr. Richard Bakemeier, from the School of Medicine faculty and Continuing Education Office. Dr. Bakemeier is working with the Alumni Relations office to organize a CME course during reunion weekend. He provided samples of past CME programs and invited the board to make suggestions for topics for the reunion course.

**Dean's Report**

Dean Krugman noted that the Certificates of Participation (COPs) were recently put on hold due to litigation. He also noted that Reunion Weekend has been moved to Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29<sup>th</sup>. The Silver & Gold banquet will be Thursday evening and combined with honors convocation for 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students. We hope the changes will stimulate interest and attendance by both students and alumni. The curriculum improvement efforts are proceeding at a good pace. Dr. Bruce Wallace and Dr. Robert Peterson will be the core coordinators. The new curriculum is targeted for implementation for the class entering in the summer of 2005. Dr. Krugman noted there have been discussions underway regarding the consolidation of HSC and the CU-Denver campuses. Jim Shore is currently performing double duty as the chancellor for HSC and the interim chancellor at the CU-Denver campus. After a year plus study the Board of Regents will decide on whether to consolidate when they vote on the issue at their summer board meeting. Dr. Krugman also reported construction on Research Complex I at Fitzsimons was nearing completion and there are plans to host tours and scientific symposiums the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October 2004.

## **Committee Reports**

### Finance Committee

Dr. Mossberg was unable to attend. Dr. Hutchison reported that a proposed budget had been submitted to the Finance Committee and the committee recommended board approval. Budget was approved by acclamation.

### Class Reps/Reunion Committee

Dr. Goodwin recently agreed to chair this committee and looks forward to helping with the upcoming reunion. W. Reoch reported the Class Rep Retreat was held in August and was well attended by class representatives from years ending in 4 and 9 who will celebrate a significant reunion this spring. Class reunion letters and surveys would be mailed shortly.

### Awards Committee

Dr. Hickman thanked Dr. Ginsburg for his past chairmanship of the awards committee. Dr. Ginsburg recently “retired” from the chairmanship and Dr. Hickman has agreed to serve as chair of the awards committee. He asked for volunteers to review submissions for the Silver & Gold Awards. If you are interested in participating on the committee, please contact him or the Alumni Office. W. Reoch handled out a sample nomination letter with the award description as well as a list of Silver & Gold recipients from past years.

### Nominating Committee

Dr. Stepp recruited three nominees for the board ballot - Dr. Max Bartlett, Class of 1954, Dr. David Dreitlein, Class of 1998 and Dr. Angelo Sambunaris, Class of 1987. Their names will be submitted to the membership for a vote along with incumbents Drs. Gordon, Hickman and Petersen.

### Mentoring Committee

Dr. Stepp reported we are in need of additional host homes to support the mentoring program. The School graduates approx. 130 students each year and we currently have only 20-25 host names. Board members suggested the Alumni Office improve the advertising/marketing for the host program and work to create interest and excitement for hosts. Dr. Stepp offered to attend Medical Student Council meetings or work with student representatives on the board to involve students in the program. Dr. Gordon suggested the mentoring program be marketed more effectively to increase both alumni and student interest.

### Student Activities Committee

Dr. Petersen reported the committee had received several requests to fund student activities. She submitted a proposed set of Funding Guidelines and the board approved the guidelines without objection. 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical student Stephen Sherick was introduced and gave a presentation to the board on a project to create a “Cadaver Memorial Garden” on the Fitzsimons campus. Dr. Petersen recommended funding this project in place of funding the 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student’s Match Bash party. The board suggested the Alumni Office include the project in the next issue of CU Medicine Today. Dr. Petersen reported that two 4<sup>th</sup> year students had submitted a proposal for funding a class project, entitled “Achieving Excellence, Maintaining Balance.” Dr. Petersen also met with 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student Lesley Brooks, who was elected to a newly created Alumni Liaison position on the Medical Student Council. Lesley has several ideas for expanding the relationship between alumni and students, including having the alumni association fund a “white coat presentation” for medical students as they transitioned between the academic years and the clinical years of study, either at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year or beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Dr. Petersen

will ask Lesley to provide a concrete proposal for the board to review at a future meeting. The board asked the students for clarification on the relationship between Alumni Liaison and the Student Representatives to the Medical Alumni board. Dr. Gordon suggested on-going efforts should be in place that not only include giving money to the students but also encourage the alumni to participate in activities that would make a major difference in the school – such as the mentoring program.

### **Student Representative Reports**

P. Gnadinger, Class of '04 reported seniors are getting ready for interviews. R. Downey, Class of '06 reported students are finding this year's classes more interesting, perhaps a result of some of the curriculum improvements that have been implemented early. They especially enjoy the smaller groups. C. Hogan, Class of '06 will talk with Lesley regarding clarification of her role and the role of the student representatives. C. May, Class of '07 reported the 1<sup>st</sup> year students have survived anatomy.

### **Alumni Office Report**

W. Reoch announced the newest alumni staff addition, August DeLeon, who will provide administrative support over the next eight to nine months. Wende introduced Marsha Dawe, Interim VP, CU Foundation at the CU Health Sciences Center to provide an update on the status of the Alumni Office. M. Dawe discussed the CU Foundation's recent reorganization and focus on major gifts. She noted that the CU Foundation and the University were currently discussing how to best serve the University by housing the Alumni Office at the University instead of within the CU Foundation. Talks are underway and may be affected by consolidation. She noted that the Foundation will keep the board and alumni informed as the discussion progresses. W. Reoch pointed out the membership drive is off to a late start, as we were last year. The membership drive mailing will be completed the first week of November instead of our target date of September. Wende reported her concern about diminishing revenue once lifetime members have fulfilled their installments. Dr. Goodwin asked if we were going to have a lifetime membership drive again and suggested the Alumni Office research ways to increase membership and membership revenue. Dr. Hutchinson suggested alumni membership be discussed in January after the November drive is complete. Dr. Stepp asked Wende to provide a demographic breakdown of current membership at the January meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Unfinished Business (None)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

August DeLeon  
Secretary pro tem