



University of Colorado Medical Alumni Association
Meeting of Board of Directors
June 13, 2005

Present: D. Bessesen, M. Bartlett, J.J. Cohen, L. Fisher, M. Goodwin, D. Gordon (phone), G. Hickman, R. Krugman, D. Mills, G. Merenstein, C. Petersen, R. Rymer, (phone), D. Scott, P. Stepp, A. Stowers, A. Waldbaum

Guest:

Staff: W. Reoch

Absent: R. Downey, D. Dreitlein, J. Hanson, C. Hogan, S. Iyengar, E. Kapler, A. Sambunaris, J. Tennant, J. Zimbelman, R. Zucherman

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. Introductions were made around the table and by telephone.

Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved without comment.

President's Report

M. Goodwin welcomed everyone and thanked the following individuals for their help with reunions: the Alumni Office (Wende Reoch and Eileen Persichetti), Dan Bessesen for organizing an outstanding CME course, Christine Petersen for her help with distributing the Class Composites to graduates and Jessica Tennant for her help organizing student volunteers for the Silver and Gold Banquet. He also thanked Drs. Gordon and Rymer for their work on the CU Med Today committee, and Drs. Hickman, Zimbelman, Dart and Jessica Tennant for their work on the Awards committee this year. Dr. Goodwin noted that one of our student board members, Chris May, has transferred to another medical school for family reasons and his replacements will be Erica Kapler and James Hanson. They are on break and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Dr. Goodwin also noted that our 2005 Class Reps could not attend this meeting either and he suggested that we recognize our student board members with a plaque and thank you letter at the meeting prior to their graduation. General consensus of board was of agreement. He will work with the alumni office to get an estimate of cost to present to board at August meeting.

M. Goodwin noted that our orientation for new members is not sufficient and needs to be improved so that new members clearly understand the mission of the board and the expectations. He presented a proposed a set of responsibilities for board members and it was approved by consensus. Wende will work on updating the board manual and creating an orientation presentation for new board members to view at their incoming board meeting (Feb 2006). She will try to have a draft for the board to see at the August meeting.

M. Goodwin reported that the board's Executive Committee had met by phone and had a draft strategic plan presented to the board for their input. All members present agreed the proposed plan was a good start. A suggestion was made to broaden the scope of fundraising in bullet point number 6.

Dean's Report

Dean Krugman reported that 8 weeks from today the new curriculum would be rolled out. Emphasis on small group teaching is a significant aspect of the new curriculum and he asked the board to spread the word to fellow alumni. The curriculum is making a shift from lecture based teaching to 50% lecture and the remainder small group teaching and mentoring. In addition, class size has increased to 144 this year and will be 156 next year. The number of medical student rotations will increase consequently.

The budget continues to be an area of concern but the 20.1% increase in tuition coupled with expansion of class size may alleviate the situation. The School has the dubious distinction of ranking 77th out of 79 in state funding for medical schools.

On the subject of leadership vacancies and searches, Dean Krugman reported that former US Senator Hank Brown had been approved as Interim President for CU but other than that, there was no update to provide regarding that search. The search committee for Chancellor of the consolidated campus, UCDHSC, had met to review over 60 CVs which were submitted. Dennis Brimhall left his position as President of UCH last week and Joyce Cashman is serving as the Interim President. A search firm is collecting names of potential candidates and there is internal momentum to move the process along at a reasonably quick pace as Dr. Shore would like to appoint a replacement before he leaves in October. Other searches on-going at the School: Pathology, Pediatrics, Neurosurgery, and Ophthalmology. In addition, Jerry Merenstein is stepping down from his position as Sr. Associate Dean for Education and Celia Kaye, MD, PhD, will begin in that position on August 1.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

D. Bessesen reviewed the budget report briefly noting that the budget operates on the academic calendar - July 1 to June 30 each year. Main expense items are publications, reunion and stethoscopes. Income is directly from dues or event (reunion) registration fees. He noted that this year the Alumni Office budget and not the Association's budget would assume the expense for stethoscopes and most of the reunion activities. This was due to Alumni Office salary savings and would be a one time exception to the Association's bottom line. He revisited the discussion from last quarter's meeting regarding the need to focus on membership and use the class rep system to increase membership and participation. He stressed a need to start the tradition of philanthropy and membership with the students and young classes and encourage them to start early and regularly give. All agreed this was a good idea. Arthur Waldbaum offered to help on the Committee and it was agreed that Membership activities would be handled through this committee rather than setting up a separate committee.

Class Reps/Reunion Committee

M. Goodwin thanked participants and volunteers earlier in his President's Rpt.

Awards Committee

No report.

Nominating Committee

C Petersen reported that a slate of candidates will need to be presented to the board at the August meeting. She asked board members to use the recommendation form to submit names of potential board candidates to her as soon as possible. She passed out the form at the meeting (and the Alumni Office will mail or email to those participating by phone or not able to attend).

HOST/Mentoring Committee

No report.

Student Activities Committee

No report.

Outreach Committee

Drs. Scott and Rymer reported that Dr. Rymer has offered to host an event with the Dean in Kansas City and we were looking at a date in October. A meeting has been scheduled in July for the Dean's Office, the CU Foundation, the Alumni Office and Dr. Scott as Chair of Outreach Committee to discuss a calendar of outreach events for the coming year. Dr. Scott would report on that at the next meeting.

Student Representative Reports

No report.

Alumni Office Report

W. Reoch noted that a Search Committee had forwarded three candidates for the second position in the alumni office and she had hired Anthony Kapp. He comes to Colorado from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and will begin working on June 20.

Next meeting is August 11, 2005 at 6:30 pm in the Chancellor's Suite, School of Medicine Room 1660. Please note this is moved to later time to accommodate the board's participation in the Matriculation Ceremony from 5:00 to 6:00 pm that same day.

New Business

Unfinished Business (None)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wende Reoch
Secretary pro tem