



University of Colorado Medical Alumni Association
Meeting of Board of Directors
August 10, 2006

Present: N. Alsever, M. Bartlett, R. Buchanan, J. Courtney, D. Dreitlein (phone), L. Fisher, D. Gordon (phone), S. Iyengar (phone), J. Hanson, R. Harvey, G. Hickman, E. Kapler, R. Krugman, H. Matthews, D. Mills, L. Perry, D. Scott, J. Tennant, A. Waldbaum, C. Winter

Guest: Richard Eliason

Staff: W. Reoch, A. Kapp

Absent: J.J. Cohen, M. Goodwin, C. Petersen, R. Rymer, A. Sambunaris, J. Zimelman

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made around the table and by telephone.

Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved without comment.

President's Report

Christine Petersen was not able to attend the meeting due to family emergency and Doug Scott presided in her place. Dr. Scott read the minutes of the Executive Committee (attached) and submitted them for the record into the proceedings.

Dean's Report

Dean Krugman thanked the board members who attended the matriculation ceremony and noted the addition of a presentation of white coats to the ceremony. The white coats were funded by a grant from the Arthur Gold Foundation. He thanked the board for its continued funding of the gift of a stethoscope to each incoming student.

He reported that the University was gearing up for a campaign to receive a greater share of funding from the state in the next legislative session. State funding for higher education in Colorado is extraordinarily low, especially in comparison with other states (48 or 49 of 50 depending upon your source). Of the \$15 M in funds available as a result of passage of Ref C last November, only \$325K came to the School of Medicine. The total amount allocated to the Health Sciences Center campus was approx. \$5.8 M and nearly half of that was apportioned to infrastructure needs which have been postponed over the last two to three years that funding has been reduced and the remainder is apportioned to other schools due to legislative funding formulas or other commitments. He described the funding situation for the School of Medicine as fragile.

On a positive note, he was pleased to announce a \$6 M commitment from the Charles and June Gates Family Foundation to fund a Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine program. This will allow the School to recruit and support faculty and their research, including a new chair, Dennis Roop, PhD, who

will come in January from Baylor and bring with him a team of 30 plus researchers and millions in NIH grants. Dean Krugman noted that this is an exciting gift and it sends a signal to the public that is OK to support research at the School of Medicine and invest in its future. A member of the board asked about the amount of funding provided by the School's Endowment. The Dean reported that the Endowment is currently \$156 M and all except approximately \$250K is committed to supporting Chairs. He stated that his focus for the near future was threefold: 1) Increase the Endowment to \$500 M to support scholarships, curriculum improvements and research, 2) Accomplish the move to Fitzsimons, and 3) Establish a Western Branch of the School of Medicine.

He reported that searches are underway to fill the two vacant department chairs in Ophthalmology and Biochemistry and Genetics.

The DO School will be in Denver and start in September of 2008 with 130 students and tuition of approximately \$45K. They will be a competitor for clinical faculty. Dean Krugman met with their leadership, will continue to maintain communication, and hopes to create a collaborative rather than adversarial relationship.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Max Bartlett presented the proposed FY07 budget for approval. Budget was approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.

He noted that following May's board meeting, the membership committee met to discuss strategy for increasing membership. The committee developed a membership campaign that utilized peer-to-peer solicitation – members of the board or class representatives would personally ask their classmates to join. Larry Fisher worked with the alumni office to draft sample membership letter, which was presented at the meeting for each board member to review and approve. The campaign was approved by all members and details for signing or adding personal notes would be worked out individually with the alumni staff.

The committee noted that their goal would be reach a 12% participation rate, which is in line with participation rates at other institutions. They recommendation discontinuation of Lifetime membership and instead offer graduated levels of membership including setting a rate for retirees, residents, etc. The committee will work on a proposal to formally submit to the board.

There was discussion of adding a requirement for board members to make a gift to the School or Association at some level and the board reiterated its policy not to make it a requirement for board membership.

Reunion Committee

Matt Goodwin was not able to attend and alumni staff reported that the first planning meeting for Alumni Weekend was set for September 14.

Awards Committee

No report.

CU Med Today Committee

No report.

Nominating Committee

Slate of 6 nominees was presented to board and approved: Max Bartlett and Angelo Sambunaris (incumbents), Richard Eliason, Raym Geis, Asa'ad Mubarak, and James Neisler.

Student/Alumni Committee

Committee was Student-Alumni Networking events in the coming year, most likely on a quarterly basis. The committee plans to meet in June to firm up dates and topics.

Outreach Committee

D. Scott noted the scheduled alumni reception in Seattle on October 29. Encouraged board members to contact classmates to suggest they attend. Contact the alumni office and they can arrange to get you class rosters.

ad hoc Red Cross Committee

Met with Chancellor Wilson today and he is philosophically supportive, if not financially supportive. A meeting will take place in mid-September with the new President of the CU Foundation and Dr. Petersen will attend and report on that meeting at the Nov. 6 MAA meeting.

Student Representative Reports

Class of 2010 just matriculated and won't hold elections until September.

Class of 2007 are working with the alumni staff to promote the HOST program.

J. Tennant with the Class of 2008 is working with Wende to create a Dinner with an Alum" program matching alumni with students who would like to learn more about a specialty in a one on one setting.

Class of 2009 were glad to have the first year and anatomy class behind them had or were still enjoying the last moments of the last summer vacations of their lives – some traveled with family or did volunteer work overseas. Heather and Luke are surveying their classmates for proposed topics for the networking meetings this fall and will present findings at the upcoming committee meeting.

Alumni Office Report (None)

New Business (None)

Unfinished Business (None)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wende Reoch
Secretary pro tem