

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF NURSING
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Minutes of June 19, 2006

Present: Dean Pat Moritz (Ex-Officio), President Karren Kowalski, Carol Brautigam, Mary McMahon (conference call), Elizabeth Pace, Clare Sandekian, Marty Stoner, and staff Anthony Kapp and Wende Reoch.

Location: School of Nursing, Dean's Conference Room

Time: 5:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, August 21, 2006
Home of Elizabeth Pace (social evening) 5505 6th Ave @ Hudson.

Meeting was called to order by President Karren Kowalski. Minutes of the April meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Report: Successful annual reunion due to extensive assistance by Wende and Anthony. Class of 1956 thoroughly enjoyed the event. The first Clare Sandekian Scholarship Award was well received.

Dean's Report by Pat Moritz: 230 new juniors are expected (January and June starts). The faculty is reorganizing their structure over the summer. New faculty member Jane Kass Wolf, women's health nurse practitioner, will have a faculty practice. Ginger Raterick completed her PhD and has been hired as an Assistant Professor.

Legislative information shared. Enrollment funding of \$600,000 was not cut. The faculty loan and the nursing licensure compact were passed and are awaiting Governor Owens signature

E-News goes out quarterly from the Dean's office beginning in June. Diane Lenfest is the contact person. Our alumni database has email addresses for approximately 20% of our alumni. Email addresses are often hard to get. Encourage sharing of the E-News and promote the alumni website and on line directory with fellow alumni. Goal is to expand communication tools to electronic media to reduce printing costs and reach alumni in alternative ways. Newsletter will be upgraded to look more like the one from the School of Pharmacy.

Nominating Committee: No report

Reunion Report by Clare: Sent a thank you and a Tattered Cover gift certificate to speaker Boyd Loehr, RN. There was a positive response regarding scholarship award.

Membership Committee: Send a special invitation to faculty and faculty emeriti in the fall. **Marty will supply names from the emeriti group to Wende.** Letters to the '05 grads should be sent this summer. **Karren will sign and Alumni Office will print and mail. Pat Moritz will supply faculty home addresses to Wende.** New membership form identifies what dues fund.

Tasha Mansfield, Claire Sandiekian Scholarship recipient, sent a thank you note to Clare. Consider including a story about Tasha for the fall newsletter. The newsletter is mailed to all alumni and schools of nursing (@ 8,000 piece mailing). This August compare numbers of new vs. retained members.

Student Activities: Question posed to Dean Moritz on how to help with new student orientation. Targeted topics for brown bag lunches can be sponsored by the Alumni Assn. and perhaps presented by alumni. Presentations for graduating students could include career-counseling, resume writing, and interviewing skills, including appropriate dress and key questions to ask at interviews. **Pat Moritz will send a memo to Gayle Preheim and Pete Wolfe with this offer. Wende will work with SON staff to recruit student representatives for the Alumni Board.**

MOTION: Scholarship dollars are to be increased by \$1,000 for 2007 (moved and seconded by Clare and Elizabeth and approved by voice vote).

Alumni Office Report: FYI--Not all of the Association's monies need to be spent each year; can carry over year to year. Expect cuts in the Alumni Office.

Suggested a fall reunion for 2007 and tie it to Homecoming because the office resources are stretched thin in spring due to commencement and medicine reunions. University sponsored reunions are becoming less common and less frequent. In the CU system, Boulder does only 50-year reunions in line with the decision by many of the other Big 12 schools. The class of 1957 is awaiting a decision on when the reunion will be held. Moved and seconded by Carol and Elizabeth to have the **2007 reunion in the fall and to continue to co-sponsor the Lola Fehr presentation in the spring. Motion approved by voice vote.** It was suggested that the reunion committee recruit interesting speakers and awardees of interest to the community as keynote speakers for the reunion weekend luncheon to boost (or increase) attendance.

There is a possibility of having an Alumni Center for the Health Sciences at Fitzsimons. The former Red Cross building has been identified as a possible site. A major donor and a public campaign will be needed to fund renovation of the building. Carol and Clare moved and seconded a motion to support the concept of developing the Red Cross Building as a Health Sciences Alumni Center. **Dr. Stoner volunteered to serve as a representative** from the retired nursing faculty and the SON alumni board.

Building 401, which has housed the SON archives, has to be vacated. There will be no storage in the new school space. Corrine Koehler will head up possible archives for all of the health profession schools.

Wende announced that she has resigned as the Director of the Alumni Office effective early September. She plans to return to school. Board members expressed their appreciation for all that Wende has done and while she will be greatly missed, the members of the board offered Wende best wishes for success in her new endeavors.

Alpha Kappa Chapter at Large STTI will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of its Charter with a Gala celebration for the October, 2006 meeting. The Chapter has archival information stored in file cabinets in the copy room on the 3rd floor. Those files are of concern with the impending move of the SON to Fitzsimons.

A Board of Directors Operations Manual is needed. **Clare, Elizabeth and the Alumni staff will work on a draft. Marty will help with editing as needed.**

Keystone planning: Focus is to locate certificate nurse practitioner graduates and obtain contact information. Carol will attend Friday. Wende & Anthony will be unable to attend. Alumni reception will not be held.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Brautigam