

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Rochester, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 7, 2013**  
**Scheduled Start: 7:00 PM**

At: Pittsford, NY

Attendance

Board and Committee members: Mason Argiropoulos, Rich Stewart, Lin Stewart, Chris Cassidy, Sharon Cassidy, William McCarthy, Athena Jamesson, Lois Irwin, Janice Wormington, Larry Wetzel

This Board Meeting of the Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Rochester, Inc. ("The Club") was called to order by President M. Argiropoulos. He welcomed those attending this evening's meeting.

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

Secretary W. McCarthy circulated the minutes from the January 14, 2013 Board meeting via email, and were approved on a motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report / Scholarship Funding / Dues Free Model / Budget

The Treasurer T. Helfrich was unable to attend. However the Treasurer's report was distributed via email showing the following information: Statement of Cash Flows for the Club's current 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. For the period 2/1/13 through 2/28/13, it showed an initial 1/1/13 Operating Balance of \$4,311.93; For the most recent month = Income of \$22.00, Expenses of \$22.00; Current Operating Balance = \$4,325.55.

Vice President and Programming Chair L. Irwin discussed that reimbursements seem to be going more smoothly since the hiccups during the President Skorton Event. There are still challenges to be paid from the University, in regards to the photographer needing \$3 million dollars worth of liability insurance. The Club does not have full discretion as to where money is spent. However, the University did pay the PO Box fee as well as other expenses that are not standard under the Dues Free Model.

Scholarship Funding

President M. Argiropoulos addressed current concerns with appreciation of scholarship funding versus the fund withdrawals and the need to establish a clearer path as to where the monies coming from and how much. The Club currently has 4 accounts: 1 Large General Fund, and 3 Small Specific Scholarship Funds. All assets are held with The University.

Membership Chair L. Stewart questioned the need for an Investment Committee considering The Club is now in a Dues Free Model as well as all assets are currently held with The University. President M. Argiropoulos suggested that it is still a good idea to have an Investment Committee to help The Club maintain streamline and organized finances.

Director at Large A. Jamesson asked how The Club is able to solicit and build the current scholarship funds considering the parameters of The Dues Free Model. Past events such as Big Red Jam and Zinck's Bar were discussed.

### Essay Contest

Essay Contest Chair S. Cassidy presented an update on the current contest. This year, there are 300 essays – down from 400 last year. Reasoning for this decline was the loss of two larger school districts (Pittsford). However, new schools were added to the contest this year (McQuiad, Brighton, and Williamson).

Some key notes:

- All classes participate.
- Chris & Sharon were the pre-screeners.
- A grading rubric was supplied.
- 20 readers signed up – 3 dropped out – 6 have not responded.
- 200 essays after pre-screening.

### Dues Free / Participation Model

Director at Large A. Jamesson updated The Club with information regarding events and costs under the Dues Free Model.

- Insurance Policies are needed from destinations where events are held.
- Discretionary spending is unknown
- What can The Club Spend? How much? On what?
- Is there a budget allocated toward The Club?

President M. Argiropoulos will try to have Jim and Mindy attend The Club's May meeting. Questions in regards to the Dues Free / Participation model should be forwarded to President M. Argiropoulos in advance of The Club's May meeting.

Director at Large A. Jamesson suggested a possible amendment for the Bylaws for voting/nominating considerations.

### New Business

Vice President and Programming Chair L. Irwin updated The Club with the 2012-2013 Events Calendar.

- Kary Myers is in charge of the Accepted Student Reception
- Lacrosse Game Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at The Distillery near Eastview Mall (John Burns volunteered to organize this event).
- RPO going to Ithaca at the end of March.
- Cornell Alum Jan Surasky would like to coordinate ongoing dinner events with area Cornell Alumni.
- Kid's Event at Strong Museum of Play: April 20, 2013
- Head of Allendale Columbia Mike Gee would like to establish a program with their students and The Club.
- The Mayor of Ithaca, Svante Myrick '09 is a Cornell graduate.

Vice President and Programming Chair L. Irwin also gave an update on the recent Cornell Night at the RPO.

- 18 people were in attendance for dinner at Max's.
- The concert master and husband visited dinner guests.
- Each were visiting professors of music at Cornell at one point in their careers.

Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date for the Student Send-Off BBQ.

Next Board meeting to be held Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.