

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call June 6, 2016

Present: Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Jen Pullman (Past-Pres), Katie Bridgens (Tres), Madelyn Barrows (Sec), Alex Hast (Co-VP) Elizabeth McMillan, Brenda Eissenstat, Kathy (filling in for Alison), Alissa Smethers (NGSA)

Absent: Michael Green, Allison Witmer (SNA), Kristi Stoehr, Rachel Walker (NGSA), Sherry Bibaway, Gwen Chodur

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The May 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Katie reported that there is an account balance of \$2219.93. This amount includes the carry forward amount for student support for the NDAS Brunch for 2017 of \$437.56. The remaining balance is \$1782.37.

Report from the Department

Brenda reported that the second round of interviews for Department Head position occurred last week. She also reported the department is planning to hire new instructor pending candidate accepting offer.

Brenda reported the graduate SNA group elected new officers.

Undergraduate SNA reported that board positions were restructured prior to the end of 2015-2016 school year. Restructuring included change to THON and community outreach chair positions to better align with the needs of the SNA group.

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- Graduate SNA is seeking volunteers for discussions with graduate students. They are especially interested in hearing from anyone in non-academia careers. Anyone interested should contact Barb.
- Barb spoke with Dr. Rebecca Corwin, the graduate student nutrition association advisor regarding NDAS connection to graduate students.

MACS: Awards

- There was discussion of adding an outstanding graduate student award next year. There is money in the treasury to be used for this award.

MACS: Communication

- Elizabeth reported that there has been minimal feedback to LinkedIn postings. Other members are also not receiving updates, so Elizabeth is planning to look into this in more detail. Alex, former communication chair, to assist. New announcements on Linked In to include details of life membership to alumni association, \$50 for APG with code: GBF.

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- NDAS Board is working on plans for Philadelphia meet up. A survey was sent to alumni, and there were about 20 individuals interested in a gathering. Kristi sent the list of interested alumni to board members. Alex and Barb to check on location options. Preference is for weekday, late afternoon/early evening gathering.

Other Business

- Terms
 - Barb sent list of board member terms. Alex will be the only board member to finish term in August 2016. All other board members to end term in August 2017.
- Summer break
 - The board is planning to take a break from meetings for the summer. Our next meeting will be in September.
- The next call will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by: Madelyn Barrows