

MINUTES

Alumni Society Board of Governors
November 15, 2010
Pearson Museum

Present:

Thomas Baumann, MD
Doug Carlson, MD
Deborah Case
William Casperson, MD
Elizabeth Cavanaugh, MD
James Cunnar, MD
Denise Davis, MD
J. Kevin Dorsey, MD
Robert Farmer, MD
Amelia Frank, Class of 2013
Ann Hamilton
Stephen Hazelrigg, MD
Nedra Joyner, MD
Sheryl Lloyd

Fritz Lower, MD
Cris Milliken
Renee Mueller, MD
Elizabeth O'Brien, MD
Kari Oxford, Class of 2012
James Phoenix, MD
Julie Robbs
Wesley Robinson-McNeese, MD
Sara Rubenacker, Class of 2011
Gary Rull, MD
Ericka Stalets, MD
Joseph Sutton, MD
Matthew Winkleman, MD
Robert Woodward, MD

Dean Dorsey and Dr. Robbins provided a tour of the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU SOM at 6 p.m.

President Doug Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. **Deans Report** – Dean Dorsey presented the 40th Anniversary Report to the People and encouraged board members to take a copy if they did not receive one already. He stated that he recently returned from the Annual Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting where Dr. Gary Dunnington, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, received the 2010 Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award. He added that this is a very prestigious award and a great honor.
3. **Student Reports** – Ms. Rubenacker, MSIV, reported that she and her classmates are busy interviewing and figuring out their life-long careers. They continue attending their electives, and that generally, everyone is doing well. She added that the students are working on a school-wide service project, and she hopes to be able to report on that at the next meeting. A member asked if the HOSTS program was being used this year. Ms. Robbs reported that there have been 23 requests thus far and interview season will continue through February. She will provide a full report at the spring meeting.

Ms. Oxford, MSIII, reported that her class is busy with the clerkship rotations.

Ms. Frank, MSII, reported that the second-year class is studying for their Unit 2 exams and planning for the student Winter Ball. She added that they are preparing for the annual clothing sale to raise class funds, settling into Springfield, and are happy to have completed the first unit.

In Mr. Austin's absence, Ms. Rubenacker read Mr. Austin's report. The first-year students are taking exams Nov. 16 – 19. They are looking forward to traveling to Springfield for the Winter Ball.

4. **Student Activity Report** - Dr. McNeese introduced a new brochure from the Office of Diversity, and encouraged board members to take one. He reported that the first-year class has twelve underrepresented in medicine minority students, nine African-American students, and three Latino students. He reported on Diversity Week activities and is pleased that attendance at the presentations has increased every year for the first three years. He said there are 24 freshman high school students in the Physician Pipeline Preparatory Program (P4 Project) this year that begins November 29. He reported on the passing of Dr. Junaia Carter, a recent graduate of the School of Medicine. He attended her funeral service in Texas along with some of her classmates, and noted her family was very pleased to have school representation there. Ms. Robbs added that the Office of Alumni Affairs sent a note to the family and communicated with her classmates via the class listserves to share information. Dr. Dorsey announced the recent passing of Dr. Caryl Moy and Dr. James Dove.

Ms. Robbs provided Dr. Constance's report in his absence. The Alumni scholarship program has a minimum amount of \$2000, and all of the money is used each year. Senior students are chosen with the most debt/need who serve in leadership roles for the School of Medicine. Dean's letters were released November 1. Match Day is March 17 and program rankings will take place January 15 through February 23 in which residency programs and students can rank their lists. Ms. Rubenacker expressed appreciation as a recipient of one of the recipients of the Alumni Scholarships.

5. **Nominating Committee Report** – Dr. Carlson noted that Dr. Allison, a member of the nominating committee, regretted that she could not be in attendance and hopes to return in the spring. Dr. Cunnar, serving as chair of this committee, reported that the committee of six met and reviewed details and demographics of the current board and the nominees. He commended Dr. Woodward for his excellent spread sheet that helped the committee do a very efficient job selecting five alumni to present to the board as a slate of nominees. There was discussion about adding a resident to the Board. Dr. Casperson noted that inclusion of a resident has been one subject addressed by the Bylaws committee and we have a great candidate who would meet this inclusion. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of recommendations. The motion carried. New members to begin with the spring, 2011 meeting are: Gordon Grado '77; Niva Lubin-Johnson '84; Adolfo Napolez '81; Nicole Sommer '96; and Christine Waller '08.

6. **Foundation Report** – Ms. Case reported that the current Student Resource Fund balance was under \$9000. She stated the gifts into the fund were usually around \$100, but some as high as \$2000. The Annual Solicitation letter will be mailed November 2 and will highlight about student need, include the Student Resource Fund as an option, and donors will be able to decide which account their donations will go to. She reported that they have been working on a separate

solicitation that will go only to alumni and only for the Student Resource Fund from Dr. Carlson in January. The next Aspects will include an article about the Student Resource Fund. The solicitations will go out at different times. Dr. Constance may send a letter regarding the Student Scholarship Fund in late spring. Ms. Case added that the 40th Anniversary Scholarships are \$1000 a year donation for four years and goes to a single student of need. Donors may choose whether the funds go to a male or female student, and the donor could meet the student if they choose to. She added that there was a poor response to this scholarship. There was discussion regarding the clarity and marketing of the 40th Anniversary Scholarship solicitation. It was asked if someone could donate less than \$1000 a year if desired. Ms. Case welcomed feedback and will use this information for future solicitations.

7. **Student Resource Fund** – Dr. Carlson explained the Student Resource Fund purpose and goals. He stated that the letter regarding the Student Resource Fund will explain that that fund is the one that traditionally funds the students’ health club memberships. He added that this year the Dean’s office made up for a shortage in the fund to pay the gym memberships. The goal is to have the health club membership fully funded and provide funding for additional student requests as the board did in the past. Dr. Carlson asked for volunteers for the Student Resource Fund committee. Drs. Allison, Woodward, Winkleman, O’Brien, Davis, Stalets, Carlson and the student representatives volunteered. Ms. Robbs will schedule a conference call for a March meeting.

8. **Bylaws Committee Report & Review** – Dr. Casperson commented that Dr. Allison is to be credited for implementing the review of the bylaws. He noted that the organization and what it does has changed over time and should be reflected in updated bylaws. The idea was to have them ready by this meeting, but the bylaws committee realized it is too big of a project to wrap up. Members appreciated having a hard copy of the bylaws. Dr. Baumann suggested that the Alumni Society and Board of Governors be better explained and to include this in the definition/purpose. Ms. Robbs will email members the current bylaws. Members are encouraged to review them and send Ms. Robbs any suggestions. The updated bylaws will be ready for discussion by the spring meeting.

9. **Outgoing Board Members** - Dr. Carlson presented outgoing board members Drs. Baumann, Casperson, Hazelrigg, and Mueller with plaques and certificates in appreciation for their years of service on the Board of Governors. Dr. Thompson’s plaque will be mailed to him. Drs. Woodward, Phoenix and Sutton all renewed their terms for another three year term.

10. **Distinguished Alumni Committee Report** – Dr. Carlson reported that there was a total of nine nominations and the committee narrowed the list to four. He added that they were all clearly deserving of the award. Following much discussion and two ballots, it was a clear tie and a motion was made and seconded to present two awards in 2011. The motion carried. The Distinguished Alumni award will be presented to Dr. Gordon Grado, Class of ‘77, and Dr. Amber Barnhart, Class of ‘81 at the 2011 Commencement.

11. **Other Business** – Ms. Hamilton announced that Dean Dorsey received the “Favorite Son” award for distinguished advancements toward the betterment of mankind at the Southern Illinois Medical Association (SIMA) annual meeting in Fairview Heights November 4.

Ms. Robbs reported the Dr. Jeffrey Parks '80, was one of the recipients of the Illinois Rural Physician of Excellence Award presented at the Illinois Rural Health Association reception and award presentation in Springfield in September.

Ms. Robbs also reported that a Dinner with the Dean/Alumni was held in Carterville, Illinois on October 27. Twenty-four alumni and guests were present. Dean Dorsey provided an update on the SOM including recent accomplishments and recognitions. He also asked alumni to provide input about where they feel the SOM should focus its directions in the next ten years based on their standpoint and experiences.

12. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.