

**Illinois State University Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

April 9, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Hybrid meeting

Alumni Association Mission: To support the University through the knowledge, skills, financial resources, and loyalty of its alumni; to communicate and interpret the University's goals and achievements to others; and to promote a spirit of unity and loyalty among former students and friends.

Attendance : Karyn Aguirre, Julia Durnell, Tim Griffin, Dave Horstein, Joe McGuire, Mary McMahon, Danny Mielneczek, Lutitia Mills, Susan Nelson-Brown, Scott Preston, Stacy Ramsey, Nikita Richards, Matthew Rillie, Brent Scholl, JD Schurter, Stan Shingles, Steve Smith, Leah Walton

Absent: Lisa Castleman, Tyler Clark, Christina Fontenelle, Fellicia Foster, Liz Garcia, Dakota Pawlicki, Alice Spann

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order

Dave Horstein

- a. Horstein called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and new staff members Samantha Lowry and Dany Myers introduced themselves and gave a short biography.

2. ISU Leadership Updates

a. President's Report

President Kinzy

- i. ISBHE approved the new College of Engineering. Expect the first students in the Fall 2025. This is expected to diversify the STEM workforce. There will be majors in Electrical, Mechanical & General Engineering.
- ii. Reviewed ISU rankings
- iii. ISU received a grant to purchase a state-of-the-art electron microscope.
- iv. Over 400 students participated in a research symposium.
- v. Hired Jeannie Barrett as new General Counsel.
- vi. Credit profile was upgraded from stable to positive.
- vii. State budget approved last night.
- viii. ISU is required to report the diversity of boards. Provided the alumni association board demographics which are very positive.
- ix. 2 new coaches hired in Athletics = Ryan Pedon (basketball) & Allie Matters (volleyball)
- x. Today is the ground-breaking for the new indoor practice facility.
- xi. Andrew Purnell Honorary Degree will be awarded at commencement.
- xii. Thanks to everyone for all the work and participation.

b. University Advancement Report

Kris Harding

- i. Reviewed fundraising slides on information from Pat Vickerman.
- ii. Recently received a \$5 million dollar gift

c. Trustees Report

Bob Navarro

- i. Thanked everyone for their service.
- ii. Congrats to Kris Harding - they are now fully staffed, congrats to the new College of Engineering & the State budget passed.
- iii. Board or Trustees February 18, 2022, meeting:
 - 1. Naming of the Hancock Stadium Club as the Aaron Leetch Stadium Club (Former Deputy Director of Athletics).
 - 2. New database management system.
 - 3. \$2.4 million Milner Library subscriptions.
 - 4. Settled new natural gas contract.
 - 5. Pedestrian bridge for west campus.
 - 6. New fume hood in Lab Sciences Building.
 - 7. Hired a firm to do a Fire/Life Safety assessment of Watterson.
 - 8. Data Center received a server update.

d. Alumni Engagement Report

Kris Harding

- i. Reviewed event slides (will be sent electronically).
- ii. Alumni Staff is back in the office, fully staffed and “boots on the ground”.

e. Alumni Association President’s Report

Dave Horstein

- i. Thanks to all for their service.
- ii. DEI Committee is up and running.
- iii. R.E.D. - listed programs so far this year.
- iv. Awards Committee - new event date will be April 21, 2023.
- v. Board Development is lining up candidates.
- vi. Thanks for all the support to Kris Harding and her staff. And thanks to Steve Smith for all he did this past year (including revisiting Strategic Plan).

3. Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- a. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Nelson-Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Continuing Business

Dave Horstein

- a. Steve Smith presented information regarding review of the Constitution. Went over suggested changes. *Board will vote on changes at the Annual Meeting in June.

5. New Business

Dave Horstein

- a. Steve Smith discussed Board Experience Assessment. Reviewed “high-level” findings. This was the first time we had done this and had 21 responses.

- b. April 21, 2023, will be the next Alumni Awards Ceremony (to avoid weather problems). This will be changed to a brunch. This provides recipients the opportunity to attend Gamma Phi Circus if they wish and/or the opportunity to speak with academic classes from their colleges.
- c. Proposed Alumni Association Board meeting dates for 2022-2023.

6. Committee/Liaison Updates

- a. Written reports provided and a few various comments were given.

7. Adjournment

Dave Horstein

Griffin moved to adjourn. Seconded by McGuire. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.