### Illinois State University Alumni Association

Board of Directors Annual Meeting June 19, 2021 11:00 a.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.

Members present virtually: Walter Brandon, Liz Garcia, Michele Guadalupe, JD Schurter, Stan Shingles, Alice Spann

Members absent: Lisa Castleman, Tyler Clark, Christina Fontenelle, Fellicia Foster, Joe McGuire, Mary McMahon, Alyssa Cattaneo (SAC), Nick Schaack (SAC)

### **Meeting Notes**

### 1. Call to Order

**a.** Smith called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. Dave Petersen in attendance.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 2020 Annual Meeting (Action)
  - i. Ramsey moved to approve. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. New Business

- a. Election of Board Members (Action)
  - i. Shingles reviewed the slate of candidates for re-election: Liz Garcia, Scott Preston, Susan Nelson-Brown, Leah Walton
  - **ii.** Shingles reviewed the slate of candidates for election: Karyn L. Aguirre, Julia Durnell, Daniel Jackson, Matthew Rillie. Each candidate was called to podium and gave an introduction.
  - **iii.** Guadalupe moved to approve the slate, Brandon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members (Action)
  - Shingles reviewed the slate of candidates for Executive Board: Dave Horstein, Steve Smith, Leah Walton, Tim Griffin, Liz Garcia, Susan Nelson-Brown, Dakota Pawlicki
  - **ii.** Shingles moved to approve the slate. Spann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Steve Smith**

# Leah Walton

**Steve Smith** 

# 4. President's Comments/Presentation of Gavel

- a. Smith shared reflections on "Leading, Learning and Languishing Together"
  - i. Hopes and Aspirations
  - ii. Alumni Strategic plan
  - iii. Redbird Pride pictures
  - iv. Partnership slide pictures
  - v. Practice gratitude
- **b.** "Hope" is the thing with Feathers by Emily Dickinson
- **c.** Bright future following President Dietz, and grateful to have been on the search group for Dr. Kinzy.
- d. As the sign in the Bone Student Center reminds us, "Once a Redbird, Always a Redbird"
- e. Thanks to all for being ambassadors. Continue to lead and have an impact.

# 5. Acknowledgement of outgoing Board members

- **a.** Brandon, Guadalupe and Reeves shared departing remarks.
- b. Smith presented thank you gift to Harding

# 6. Incoming President's Comments

- **a.** Reflections on Smith that we had the "right leader at the right time". Gift presented to Smith.
- **b.** Challenge now is to rise to the next level and implement strategic plan.
- c. Support, guidance and resources are needed to achieve goals set out in the plan.

# 7. Adjournment

**a.** Griffin moved to adjourn. Nelson-Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting concluded at 12:10 p.m.

# Dave Horstein

**Steve Smith** 

## Steve Smith