

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
Colgate University Alumni Corporation
Saturday, June 1, 2013
Hamilton, New York**

The annual meeting of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation was held on Saturday, June 1, 2013, in Hamilton, New York, after due notice to all members of the Corporation.

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Ms. Christine Cronin Gallagher '83, President.

The Executive Secretary conducted a silent roll call of Council members and verified the number of proxy forms to reach quorum and to conduct the annual meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gallagher reported on the state of the Corporation and provided an overview of the selected highlights of the 2011-2012 year to attending guests and members of the Alumni Corporation.

The Alumni Council advised the university on projects associate with President Herbst's strategic planning committees. Specifically, the Alumni Council heard reports on "Living the Liberal Arts", branding & identity, and the study on student enrollment size.

100% of the membership of the Alumni Council contributed to the successful Passion for the Climb Campaign, raising part of the \$480MM for the university. Each year, the Council awards two worthy students a \$1,500 scholarship for financial aid.

In FY13, the Alumni Council consulted the university on dramatic changes with the Center for Career Services. New staffing structures, hires, endowments, and programs were all reviewed by the Council for feedback and recommendations. At the April meeting, the Council learned of new Professional Networks that will be introduced in the coming year.

Students played an active role in Alumni Council meetings during the past fiscal year. Seniors, SGA leaders and Konosioni members attended different committee meetings and networking programs throughout the year. They learned about the function of the Council while offering valuable feedback about student life.

The Alumni Engagement Index rose in FY13 to 55.8% (from 53.7 in FY12). This percentage reflects the number of alumni engaged with the university in either of four ways: event attendance, volunteers, gifts to the university, and online login to alumni profiles.

According to Ms. Gallagher, the Alumni Council remains committed to the "pursuit of better alumni connectedness" and regularly adapting to new engagement strategies on behalf of Colgate.

ELECTION

Theresa D. Egler '77, Vice President, reported on the election of new members to the Alumni Council, the board of directors of the Alumni Corporation.

Out of the nine elected positions, eight positions were uncontested and, in accordance with the bylaws, the Executive Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for those candidates, who are as follows:

ERA I: Guy Martin '57

ERA II: Robert Glendening '71

ERA III: Patricia Apelian Aitken '76

ERA IV: Eric Seidman '84

ERA V: Robert Grossman '96
ERA VI: Carmella Alvaro '98
AT LARGE: Harry Horwitz '76
AT LARGE: Vaughn Crowe '02

One petition candidate challenged the ERA VII Alumni Council's nominee, and, in accordance with the bylaws, the Alumni Corporation conducted an election ending June 1, 2013. Results of the election will be reported to the Corporation within two weeks.

In addition, the following Regional Vice President was appointed to a full term on the Council:

RVP Upstate NY: Nancy Maynard '05

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Kathleen Dill '89 (Treasurer) reported that the Corporation's finances were in good order.

Ms. Dill reported the IRS 990 form was filed in cooperation with the university's accounting office and tax preparers at KPMG. The adjustments made on the annual 990 reflect the accurate holdings of the Corporation and the University. Given that the university changed its fiscal year ending June 31, the Corporation filed an additional 990 form for one month.

The Corporation's commission account saw a \$5,000 increase in FY13 due to college ring sales and travel programs. The endowment account saw a 10% increase.

DISCUSSION

The officers of the Alumni Corporation answered a question about election costs. When candidates choose to petition the slate of alumni nominated for positions on the Alumni Council, the university provides the funds to hold an election. Fees were reduced in FY13 due to online voting, bulk rate mail, and utilizing a trusted proxy firm to conduct a fair election. Total costs were approximately \$37,000 to conduct the 2013 election.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Mansfield
Executive Secretary