

## College of EMS Alumni Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m., October 6, 2007

Platteville West room, Pioneer Student Center  
UW-Platteville

### **Present:**

Tammy Salmon-Stephens, President  
Laura Fenley, Past President  
Jeff Kronser, First Vice President  
Anne Saylor, Second Vice President  
Rayelle Miller, Director  
Rob Ehlers, Director  
Barbara Boldt, Director  
Matt Thalmann, Director  
Chanaka Mendis, Executive Secretary  
Kim Schmelz, Director of Alumni Services

**Guests:** Joe Bunker, Angie Gasior, Brooke VonRuden

### **Absent:**

John Belken, Treasurer  
Dan Kaul, Secretary  
Rich Shultz, Dean of EMS College

### **1) Call to order:**

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by President Tammy *Salmon-Stephens*

### **2) Introductions:**

Self introductions were made by all in attendance

### **3) Agenda approval:**

Director *Boldt* made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Director *Ehlers*. The motion carried.

### **4) Theta Tau:**

Theta Tau was unable to have a representative in attendance, so President *Salmon-Stephens* provided an update.

- The Theta Tau house did not sell at auction, so is now on the market. The national chapter was requiring costly changes to the house, and membership has dropped (dues have increased). The Chapter does not feel it is in a position to make the upgrades or maintain the house at this time.
- M-Ball is still being planned for spring – April (no date yet). Theta Tau is working with ASCE for M-Ball 2008. **Date is set for March 8, 2008.**
- The Geode was distributed in the fall rather than the spring. Director *Ehlers* suggested a winter publication rather than spring or fall. President *Salmon-Stephens* will talk with Theta Tau to see if this will work in their schedule. Since an issue was released at the beginning of the fall 2007 semester, perhaps an abbreviated version would be appropriate for this winter – and then begin a new publication schedule.

## 5) Tau Beta Pi:

The Board received a letter from Tau Beta Pi advisor, Dr. Joanne Wilson, requesting funds to support Tau Beta Pi scholarships. We agreed to stay with the \$250 amount we previously provided. This will be approved when we approve the budget. With the absence of Treasurer John *Belken*, we will have to wait for budget approval.

## 6) Elections and Appointments:

President *Salmon-Stephens* extended a thank you to Rob *Ehlers*, Jeff *Kronser* and (in absentia) John *Belken* for the years of terrific effort they've put into this board. Each was provided a thank-you gift. Since terms have expired, the positions of First Vice President and Treasurer, and one Director, are now open.

Director *Rayelle Miller* has been working with John *Belken* as a Treasurer-in-transition. She was still interested in, and accepted the nomination for, filling the Treasurer position. Matt *Thalman* was nominated for the position of First Vice President. Joe *Bunker*, CE '96, was nominated to fill Director *Ehlers*' position. Mark *Shubak*, CE '93, was nominated to fill Director *Miller*'s position. All accepted the nominations and were unanimously voted into the positions.

One Director position – vacated by Matt *Thalman* – remains open. President *Salmon-Stephens* knows of some who might be interested.

## 7) Dean's Report:

Dean *Shultz* was unable to attend, so Executive Secretary *Mendis* provided the Dean's Report.

- The Tri-State Initiative is on track and definitely coming along. This has created the need for 12-13 new faculty.
- Construction has begun on the new engineering building. The building is scheduled to be open for classes in January of 2009. New Director *Bunker* suggested selling stepping stones or paving bricks to become part of a walkway between Ottensman Hall and the new Engineering Building. There was good reception to this idea, by the Board. Angie *Gasior* will investigate the possibility.
- The Ullsvik Hall addition and renovation is nearing completion. The Criminal Justice Department and the Business and Accounting Department will be housed in Ullsvik Hall. They will take possession of the building in mid-December 2007.
- The College of EMS has taken a special interest in helping students transition from high school to college level engineering education environment. The General Engineering Department is geared to address the needs of the freshmen students. This year, the university as a whole thought that this model was one that might be useful campus wide. Dr. Joanne Wilson, a professor in General Engineering, has been named the Executive Director of the First Year Experience for the university.
- The Board of Regents awarded the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department the 2007 Regents' Teaching Excellence Award. This award is given to one department each year. This is the first department at UWP to receive the award and the first engineering department in the system to do so.
- Additionally, the Women in Engineering Programs and Advocates Network awarded UW-P's Women in Engineering Program the 2007 WEPAN Women in Engineering

Initiative Award. This award recognizes the overall quality, effectiveness, and innovation of our program. **Congratulations Tammy Salmon-Stephens!**

Both the Regents' Teaching Excellence Award and the WEPAN Award have been issued for about 20 years.

### **8) Faculty Liaison Report:**

Executive Secretary *Mendis* provided a report.

- Our (EMS Alumni Board) account is now at Mound City Bank in Platteville.
- Approximately 110 people attended the "Fish Fry". This breaks down to 68 faculty and alumni, and 42 seniors.
- The EMS Brat Fry will take place today. The Alchemist Club will be cooking. The Board provides the assistants with \$100 each year.

### **9) Secretary's Report:**

Secretary *Kaul* was unable to attend. The minutes were distributed. First Vice President *Kronser* moved for their approval and the motion was seconded by Director *Boldt*. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as distributed.

### **10) Treasurer's Report:**

Because of the absence of Treasurer *Belken*, we were unable to approve the 2007/2008 Budget Report and the 2006/2007 Final Budget and Ledger. At this time the Board agreed to adopt the budget as it was developed previously, and discussed at the June 2007 meeting. We will confirm and vote to approve the budget at a later date, via e-mail, when we receive those completed documents. New Treasurer *Miller* will work to secure those documents from outgoing Treasurer *Belken*, and send to the Board upon receipt and review. A motion to accept this process was made, by outgoing Director *Ehlers* and seconded by incoming Treasurer *Miller*.

**To cover operating expenses**, a motion to move \$6548 from the EMS Alumni Chapter Fund to our checking account was made by outgoing Director Rob *Ehlers*. This was seconded by incoming Treasurer *Miller*. The motion carried. Director of Alumni Services *Schmelz* will make this transfer.

Review of endowment fund balances (June 30,2007/July 1, 2007):

#### Zapata Geode Account

- (1) Endowed: \$12,363.05/
- (2) Market gain/loss: \$6,406.73/
- (3) Total Endowed: \$18,769.78/
- (4) Temporary: \$ -62.03/**\$ 688.76**

Geode Awards are paid in the fall for the previous spring issue. Although it covers an event from a previous fiscal year, it is paid out of the current budget. **To provide \$500 for these awards, we will discuss, at the spring meeting, the potential to re-endow \$188.76 of spendable (temporary).**

#### Heiser Fund

- (1) Endowed: \$14,849.98/
- (2) Market gain/loss: \$10,576.53/

- (3) Total Endowed: \$25,426.51/
- (4) Temporary: \$1,135.15/\$ 2,152.21

We awarded two Heiser Scholarships this past year to get caught up. There will be only one awarded each year, typically.

#### EMS Alumni Chapter Fund

- (1) Endowed: \$30,000/
- (2) Market Gain/Loss: \$5,173.80/
- (3) Total Endowed: \$35,173.80/
- (4) Temporary: \$9,930.16/\$ 10,337.11

#### 11) Alumni Office Report:

Director of Alumni Services, Schmelz, provided a report.

##### Membership campaign

- 773 one and three year memberships, down by about 150 from last year
- \$12,810 in Life memberships, up by about \$4000 from last year
- Total dues revenue is \$41,600, down about \$6,000 from last year
- Reminder mailing being sent to about 3000 alumni this week

##### Alumni Board of Directors

The Alumni Association will be meeting in January and the plan is to have a facilitator help with the mission of the Alumni Association, define a clear purpose and set goals, and help the Association Board to become more effective. DoAS Schmelz then plans to work with College Board Presidents to see how the mission and goals might affect their chapters.

##### UWP AlumNation

- Over 400 people have registered
- Free 30-day trials right now for those who aren't members
- Great way to find lost alumni and many ideas are there on how to use it more and to its greater potential
- About \$1,500 has been brought in from the on-line store

##### Outstanding Alumni for December 2007

**Jeff Miesen** graduated in 1994 with an Ag Business Comprehensive Degree. He is currently employed as the Associate Vice President of Lending at Mound City Bank, Platteville.

**Dr. Amanda L Trewin** graduated in 1992 with a biology degree. She obtained an MS in Biological Sciences from UW-Milwaukee in 2001. Amanda is currently an Associate Professor of Biology at UWP.

**Dr. Patrick Lofy** graduated from UW-Platteville in 1992 with a degree in Chemistry and Mathematics. He received his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 2003. He's currently an analyst for the UW Army, training the Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Team.

**Roger W. Lautz** graduated from UW-P in 1993 with a Mechanical Engineering degree. Roger is the Associate Vice President and Director of Mechanical Engineering for the Milwaukee office

of HGA Architects & Engineers – a national firm. The focus of his work is on managing the design of mechanical systems for various building types, though focusing on healthcare facilities.

#### Upcoming Alumni Events

- November 3 – Athletic Hall of Fame
- December 15 – Commencement
- January 20 – 100 years of Engineering Brunch
- February 16 – Alumni Reunion in conjunction with Ebony Weekend
- April 18-19 – Wilderness Weekend in the Dells
- May 10 – Commencement
- May 29-30 – Sheboygan
- June 28 – Motorcycle Tour
- November 2008 – shopping trip

Keep checking the UW-P Alumni Board calendar of events

#### **12) Chapter business**

- Spring 2008 meeting date: Planned for the day of M-Ball (that is likely to be April 5 or 12), 10:00 a.m., at UW-P.
- June 2008 meeting planned for 5:30 p.m. at Strand Associates' office, in Madison

#### **13) Committee Reports**

##### Special Events

Executive Secretary *Mendis* reported on the Fish Fry and Brat Fry during his Executive Secretary report

The other committees (Honors, awards & Scholarships; Supporting Members; and Membership) continue to work on their efforts. Additional committee members are always welcome.

#### **14) Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The motion for adjournment was made by outgoing Director *Ehlers* and seconded by Past President *Fenley*. The motion was approved.