



Board of Directors Minutes September 3, 2009

Members Present: Walt Merritt (Past-President), Chad Easterling (President Elect), Heath Daws (SGA President), Don Entrekin, Ann Greer, Jim Miner, Betty Ruth-Oliver, Deborah Schaus, Janet Smith, Tony Smith, Vicki Stevenson, Janice Owen, Robin Clem, Robert Mills, JJ Donahue and Cale Abernathy

Members not present: Anita Raby (President), Lisa Payne (Staff Rep.), Louise Steele, Mike English, Kent Bevil, Tressie McLemore, Kay Kelly and Mignon Bowers

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Bob Glenn (University President), Rick Mould (Director)

Also in Attendance: Tricia Di Lullo (Alumni Secretary) and Ann Entrekin (Alumni Member)

1. Welcome- Chad called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. He introduced new board member- Cale Abernathy and the new SGA President- Heath Daws
2. State of Athens State University- Dr. Glenn
 - 3 New Majors- Approval for the new Logistics, Acquisitions and Enterprise Resource Programming (ERP) majors could be announced next Thursday. Alabama A & M filed a letter against the Logistics major but many of the other schools are backing the new majors.
 - Arts Project- The Decatur arts project is still on but there has been a snag with ACHE and teaching the classes off site.
 - Civic Center- The University is still trying to move forward with it but it is currently in limbo.
 - President's Mansion- Dr. Caylor does not think the State Board will approve funding for renovation items but may approve historical restoration funds. The University might have to raise most, if not all of the \$1 million-\$1.2 million to restore/renovate the mansion.
 - Questions- Betty Ruth asked if grants were being pursued at the state and national level. Save Our Nations Treasures may pass a line item in 2011 but the building is not on the National Historic Registry.
3. Rick Mould-
 - Waters Hall- Wish lists for the Biology, Chemistry and Physics labs were submitted. Waters is expected to be completed late 2009 or early 2010, and then McCain will be started. Renderings of Waters and McCain were on display at the meeting.
 - President's Mansion- Downstairs will be historically accurate but upstairs will be renovated as living quarters and will not necessarily be a historical renovation.

4. New Committee- Anita has appointed a temporary committee to evaluate university needs. Chad will chair this committee and Jim will also serve. Chad asked for two more volunteers.
5. Minutes- Janet moved to accept the minutes from May 7, 2009. Walt seconded.
M/S/P
6. Financial Report- Jim noted that a large sum was used to replace four (4) Alumni Awards plaques. The Alumni Association has approximately \$300,000 in restricted and unrestricted investment funds. The Finance Committee will research consolidating some of those funds, similar to what the Foundation does. Jim requested committee chairs to submit their budgets at the November meeting. A \$1000 donation was made by Zeta Tau Alpha for the Angie Nazaretian Scholarship. The next Financial Report will include scholarship funds. The Financial Report was accepted without objection.
7. Correspondence- No correspondence was submitted.
8. Board Nomination Committee-
 - Cale Abernathy- The Nomination Committee moved to affirm the email vote approving Cale Abernathy's election to the board. The motion passed without objection. Cale voiced his appreciation for being chosen.
 - Vacancy- The Nomination Committee moved to elect George Williams to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board. His resume was given to all board members present. The motion passed without objection.
9. Executive Board Committee-
 - Calendars- See #15
 - Board Dues- Walt moved to re-instate the \$100 board dues to go toward the President's Mansion. Betty opposed the motion, stating that the new committee should oversee all university needs and not just Waters Hall. Walt withdrew his motion. Betty Ruth suggested naming the new committee- Special Projects Committee. The issue of board dues was sent back to the Executive Committee.
10. Fiddlers Committee- Tony proposed selling only pre-packaged foods for the tent to avoid problems with the Health Department. Individually packaged pecan pies, Goo-Goo clusters, moon pies, etc will be pursued as well as roasted peanuts. They will need workers to package brown bags of the roasted peanuts. Bright shirts will be purchased from Mike English (EBSCO), or they may work with Follett Bookstore. Tony passed around the rings and the work sign-up sheet. Ten (10) raffle tickets for each ring were included in board members packets along with two (2) Fiddlers tickets. Tony and Kay (mailed) were given parking permits. Cale asked about getting a vendor on campus. He has a friend, Dean Firestone that is interested in being sponsored by a club.
11. Awards Nomination Committee- The Awards Nomination Committee submitted a new nomination form, report and timeline. Chad suggested including a requirement for a biography or resume. All items were accepted without objection.
12. Awards Banquet Committee- Betty Ruth pointed out the dates of the Reception and Banquet- March 5-6, 2010. Her committee will meet to discuss further details and report back to the Full Board.
13. Other Business
 - Louise Steele- Walt visited her before the meeting and informed the Board that she is doing better and expects to be released tomorrow. The Alumni Association sent a fruit basket during her hospital stay.

- Vision 2020- This is a comprehensive look at the University by a 25 member faculty, staff, alumni and community panel to develop a Master Plan. Dr. Glenn is confident that they are working hard and will accomplish this goal.
- Christmas Card- Dr. Glen announced a Christmas card design competition for the official Athens State University card. Trish will email a link of the article to the Board.
- Christmas Concert- Walt had strong objections to losing the Christmas concert to the Concert Lecture Series and to members of Mr. Havelly's group not being paid Alumni members. Trish, speaking as a paid Lifetime member, disagreed with taking a strong stance on obtaining memberships and possibly severing future ties with contributors or straining the Alumni Associations relationship with Mr. Havelly. The Executive Committee, along with the Christmas Committee, will look at the situation with the Christmas concert.

14. Reports

- Golf- The event was a success, but Walt is open to suggestions to increase revenue.
- Delta Tau Delta- The Greek reunion over the Memorial Day weekend went well. A Sigma Kappa reunion is planned for the weekend of September 26th at Canebrake and another Greek group will be getting together at Mac's on Friday, October 2nd.
- Flag Day- This event was a success and well attended.
- Bridge Benefit- The Bridge Benefit made a profit this year.
- Graduation- About one hundred and sixty graduates participated. There will probably be one more spring graduation at the VBC, and then they will all be moved to Athens. The gym is not adequate or safe enough in its current state to house graduation.

15. Meeting and Event Dates- There is a conflict with the November 2009 and 2010 meeting dates. Janet moved to change the 2009 meeting to Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Ann seconded. (M/S/P) Trish will verify availability and email confirmation tomorrow. The 2010 date will be rescheduled later.

16. Announcements-

- Alumni Discounts- A current list of discounts was included in the packet and is available online.
- Canadian Rockies and Hawaiian Adventure- The Canadian Rockies by Rail trip will be approximately \$2999 and be scheduled in October 2010 and the Hawaiian Adventure trip will be approximately \$3899 and be scheduled in early November 2010.

17. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.