

# Augustana College

## AUGUSTANA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES

Friday April 14th 2023

### **Executive Board:**

Hannah Sundwall, President

Julie Maring Dreixler, Vice President

Darien Marion-Burton, DEI Chair

Lindsey Cannata, Secretary

**Administrative Staff:** Kelly Noack & Evan Sammons

### **Attendees:**

- In Person: Hannah Sundwall, Julie Maring Dreixler, Dan Allan, Rich Jensen, Patrick Hunt, Dave Barajas, Jr., Jane Baker, Loryann Eis, Mike Lopez
- Virtual: Lindsey Cannata, Lori Spencer, Helen Borochoy, Brent Ericson

The Augustana College Alumni Association Board of Directors business meeting was called to order at 2:44 p.m. by President Hannah Sundwall.

### **Elections & Alumni Board Fall 2022 Minutes:**

- Email to be sent with voting information for new alumni board members and officers, award recipients, and approval of fall 2022 board meeting minutes.

## **Awards and Nominations: (Chair: Lori Spencer)**

### New Members:

Current number of board members is 27, the maximum per by-laws is 30. Goal is to have about 5 members per decade and as such we're considering the following 5 candidates- Ann Pederson class of 1982; Lori Dryg 1984; Clyde Grady 1991; Heather Carlson Hoftender 1996; Danny Gavillet 2008

Members leaving the board: Loryann Eis- term expiring; Zak George- stepping down

### Alumni Award Nominations:

- Outstanding Achievement: Dr. Alan Bridges
- Viking Vocation: Dr. Wendy Hilton-Morrow
- Finest Under Forty: Colleen Leonardo
- DEI: Natasha Flowers
- DEI Organization Award: Latinx Unidos
- Swanson Humanitarian Award: Wayne Miller
- Honorary Alum- Decided to not award this year

In the past there was an Outstanding Service to the College Award and a lot of alumni award nominees fit this criteria. This award is specific to service leadership to the college. The board is considering bringing back this award. To do so, the board would need to amend its by-laws or even take this out of the by-laws. It was agreed the board would look into this in more detail prior to the fall board meeting with the intention to bring this back at next spring's meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **1. Career Development Report (Chair: Dan Allen)**

- Homecoming alumni event
- Leveraging the alumni award recipients to better create opportunities with current students. Key challenge is structuring this to encourage maximum student involvement. Kelly mentioned involving faculty members and Hannah suggested that other alumni may be interested in these alumni award recipients as well. Perhaps hosting breakout sessions with these alumni award recipients.
- Viking Connections continues to do well. Great engagement and Dan encourages all to continue writing blogs.
- Attendance at committee meetings is okay; Dan expressed some board members may have some confusion on the committee structure.

## 2. **Affinity Report** (Chair: Jane Baker)

- Continuing to work with Career Development on Homecoming networking event.

Thank you to Loryann Eis for all your service to the board!

### **Next Steps:**

Summer Meet-Up: considering hy-brid meeting and exec board to send out dates as soon as possible

Fall Board Meeting: October 5th-8th 2023 Homecoming

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Cannata '13

Alumni Board Secretary