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## Board of Directors

### Meeting #63

**April 7, 2004**

### Attendees:

Sara Carlson	Pat Dougherty
Al Fazzini	Tom Gresko
John Happ	John Karpowicz
Steve Lester	Bill O'Donnell
Sean O'Donnell	Jenny Papatolis
Jim Zaleski	

### Guests:

Student Program Presenters

The Meeting began with self-introductions, since newly appointed members were attending.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 15, 2004 meeting were approved without comment.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill O'Donnell distributed the attached Treasurer's report. The report was accepted by the Board.

Deans Remarks:

Dean Johnson was away on University business.

Election of Officers:

The following slate of Officers was elected by unanimous vote of the Board members present:

President:	John Karpowicz
First Vice President:	Matthew Marquardt
Second Vice President:	Sean O'Donnell
Secretary:	Pasquale Dougherty
Treasurer:	William O'Donnell

Membership Report:

1. John Karpowicz noted that there was nothing new to report since the last meeting.
2. A Membership Committee meeting is scheduled with the Alumni Association on May 26, 2004.
3. Sean O'Donnell suggested that we solicit the current College of Engineering Faculty to become members. Sean also suggested that we solicit recent graduates through our Website.
4. Sean O'Donnell reminded everyone that Annual Dues are needed by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Department Liaison Reports:

- Chemical; Jenny Papatolis has agreed to be the Chemical Engineering Department liaison.
- Civil/Environmental; No Report. Sara Carlson has agreed to be the Civil/Environmental Department liaison.  
Jim Zaleski noted that the CE's Concrete Canoe Team has won the Regional race, and was going to the National event in June.
- Electrical; No Report.
- Mechanical; John Karpowicz distributed the attached report.

EAS Webpage:

Sean O'Donnell noted the following:

1. The photos from the memorial service and tree planting for Rich Gatti were posted on our Webpage.
2. Our Membership List was posted on the Webpage.
3. Sean suggested that we utilize the Web as much as possible for mailing to Alumni
4. Sean suggested that Nominations for the Annual EAS Awards be solicited through our Webpage.
5. Sean suggested that we post our previous Award winners on the Webpage.

Awards Banquet:

1. Christine Acchione provided the attached Report.
2. Pat Dougherty presented a brief verbal report on the Banquet. The Committee met on March 4<sup>th</sup> to review the Banquet arrangements and mailings.
3. Suggestions were presented for providing incentives (ie. Table seats) for our Sponsors. Pat was directed to review this issue with the Committee and Dean Johnson and develop categories for various Sponsorship levels.
4. Sean O'Donnell suggested sending emails to our membership describing the Awards to entice attendance.
5. Jim Zaleski agreed to send out letters to previous Sponsors to solicit their contributions. Jim asked for updated letterhead for these letters.
6. We are hoping to get the Student Clubs to provide videos and short presentations of their work. We expect to setup a video on the Connelly Center screens for the Student presentations and the MC.
7. We are providing reserved tables for TopCats, Awardees, 25 & 50 year Reunion Classes and Sponsors.

Awards:

All of the Awardees and presenters were contacted. Formal Invitations will be mailed on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Student Presentations:

Presentations were provided for the following Engineering Student Programs:

1. Nicaraguan Service Trip;      The attached Report and a slide show were presented by the leaders of the service trip that reviewed and improved water supply service for the remote village of Waslala, Nicaragua.
2. Formula SAE Competition;      The attached report and a presentation on the competition and building of Villanova's Formula –Style Race Car was presented by Mechanical Engineering Students.
3. Student Section of SWE;      A presentation was provide by members of Villanova's Student Section of the Society of Women Engineers.

Freshman Grants:

John Happ recommended that we provided six grants of \$1000.00 each to outstanding freshmen coming into Villanova's College of Engineering. The Board approved providing these Grants.

Support Grants:

1. Jim Zaleski recommended providing \$11,000.00 in support Grants to Student Clubs and individuals. The awards were made to 2 individual students, the Concrete Canoe Club, the SAE Competition, The Mini-Baja Club, The Robotics Club, the Nicaragua Service Trip, and SWE. In addition, the Student Clubs received support in the form of materials, supplies, and expertise.
2. Bill O'Donnell was requested to research the records and provide a listing of all of the Grants provided by EAS to date.

General Alumni News, Leadership Weekend:

1. The Alumni Association report by Christine Acchione is attached.
2. John Karpowicz noted that he attended the Leadership Conference and would review this at the next Board meeting.

Engineering Newsletter:

1. Sean O'Donnell noted that he has written an article for publication in the Newsletter.
2. Sean noted that there will be an article and photos of the Gatti memorial and tree dedication in the Newsletter.

Old Business:           None reported

New Business:       None reported

New President:

Outgoing President Steve Lester passed the gavel to Incoming President John Karpowicz. Steve was praised for his leadership over the last two years and John was congratulated on his election.

Next Meeting:

The next Event is the Awards Banquet on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Connelly Center. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at the CEER.