

Villanova Engineering Alumni Society
November 19th, 2008
81st Meeting

President Sean O'Donnell called the 81st meeting of the EAS Board to order at 6 PM.

1. Congratulations to **Nicole**, who was recently promoted to Lead Inspector at Limerrick.
2. **James O'Leary '00**, the new EAS Board member was introduced:
 - Masters from LaSalle
 - Johnson & Johnson – 6 years
3. **501.c.3 status:**
 - We are not currently registered as a 501.c.3 (non-profit) with the IRS.
 - HOWEVER it is being pursued further via a College of Nursing initiative.
4. **Alumni Awards:** Dennis
 - The new venue (CEER) was well received.
 - 125 attendees, which was very good given the short notice this year.
 - Good faculty attendance – which is something that has always been a strong interest with alumni.
 - Start was at 3:30 PM. May try a little later.
 - Need to do some post-event follow up.
 - Need more sponsorship.
5. **Spring Social Event:** Sean
 - Option: Habitat for Humanity on a Saturday
 - Possibly add a bar-b-que back on campus afterwards.
 - ACTION: Lynda – get more details
 - Other potential suggestions:
 - Overbrook school for the blind
 - Philadelphia public school
 - Local parishes
 - ACTION: bring enough DETAILS to January meeting so that an event can be selected. The selected event should also try to include students (while still on campus).
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill O'Donnell
 - In the black.
 - See attached (will be sent under separate cover)
7. **EAAC** (Engineering Alumni Awards Committee): Bob Gordon
 - Always looking for nominations from alumni (and not just the Department Chairs).
 - ACTION: email EAS members indicating nominations. An incentive may be to have the nominator attend the awards reception.
 - Recommend try to avoid having a repeat winner in the SAME category.

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8. Dr. Steven Jones suggested having an online job posting that could be used for both alumni and current students. No action taken because the University recently announced something similar that would be available university wide.
9. **Email:**
 - Board@vueas.org
 - Any changes/updates to email address should be sent to Steven Brady.
10. EAS Funded Grants vs. Student Projects:
 - Dean favors grants.
 - \$14K this year for student projects (see attached for itemized list).
 - This year 2 scholarships were accepted (Page replaced Kaitlin).
 - \$47K/Year for tuition, room and board.
 - Dean can get project money to meet the student project's needs.
 - What happens if he does not get the money for student projects?
 - \$1K would cover 8 people on the concrete canoe vs. 1 person for a grant.
 - Alumni feel a connection with student projects. We also solicit and receive extra funding for student projects.
11. **Liaison Reports:**
 - Distributed prior to the meeting.
 - Should they be copied into the minutes too?
 - ACTION: Liaison to distribute reports PRIOR to the next meeting.
12. **Next Meeting:** January 14th, 2009 at 6 PM
 - Both the Dean and Gary are slated to attend.
 - If you are unable to make the meeting PLEASE let Sean know so that he can adjust the food order accordingly.

13. **Action Items:** here is the list that was distributed after the November meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Status</u>
Sep-10-08	Speak to Dean to flesh out details/desires for funding more scholarships (and less student projects)	Sean	Nov Mtg.	Active
Sep-10-08	Distribute Liason Reports PRIOR to next meeting (1 week)	Liasons	Each Mtg.	
Sep-10-08	Ideas for a second EAS event (social, service, etc.)	All	Nov Mtg.	Active
Sep-10-08	Identify potential new board members	All	Nov Mtg.	Active
Nov-19-08	Habitat For Humanity - details	Lynda	Jan Mtg.	Opened
Nov-19-08	Spring Social Event - ideas AND DETAILS	All	Jan Mtg.	Opened
Nov-19-08	Treasurer's Report for November to John for inclusion in minutes	Bill	Dec-19-08	Opened
Nov-19-08	Engineering Award - email distribution soliciting nominations	Sean / Steve		Opened
Nov-19-08	January Meeting Date - confirm with Dean (tentatively Jan. 14th)	Sean	Dec-19-08	Opened

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