



MWCC Alumni Network Monthly Meeting – June 6, 2016

PRESENT:

- President - Mark Geoffroy
- Treasurer - Elizabeth Reiser
- Secretary - Briana Nobrega
- Board Member - Joanne Davidson
- Board Member - John Day
- Board Member - Marianne Geoffroy
- Board Member - Adesholla Gionet
- Board Member - Karen Greenwood
- Board Member - Amanda Landry
- Board Member - Lawrence Nfor
- Associate Director of Alumni Relations - Carol Jacobson

ABSENT:

- Vice President – Kathy Matson
- Board Member - Charity Cooley
- Board Member – Philip DeCharles
- Board Member - Carrie DeCosta
- Board Member - Stacey LaPlante
- Board Member - Phillip Stan
- Alumni Liaison - Renee Eldredge
- Alumni Liaison - Karl Hakkarainen

Discussion

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved

2. Alumni After Hours Event (Carol)

- Will be held tomorrow (6/7) at 5:00 pm at the 435 Bar & Grille in Leominster
- Maedon Coburn is presenting on "What You Need to Know to Succeed in Today's Job Market", she is a wonderful and interactive presenter so all attendees are sure to enjoy
- There will be appetizers and a cash bar available
- We have about a dozen people registered at this point, we were hoping for at least 15
- **ACTION ITEM:** All are encouraged to promote, attend and bring anyone who might be job searching

3. Treasurer's/Foundation Report

- We will start giving a financial report to the board at our annual meetings
- Carla will need to pull the numbers. We will need to give her a couple weeks notice.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Carol will ask Carla for our current numbers and bring them to the September meeting

4. Member Activity

- Karl notified us that he unfortunately needs to resign as an active board member, however, he has been very involved for many years and will be staying on as an Alumni Volunteer/Liaison participating as much as he can
- This prompted a discussion about member activity
- *Reminder:* We don't ever want to discourage anyone from being involved at any level. If the time commitment of being a Board member is too much at any point in time, you can always stay involved by dropping your status to Alumni Volunteer/Liaison just like Karl and Renee. With this status you

will still receive our minutes and reminders via email and are always welcome to participate in our meetings and events as you can fit them into your schedule. You must notify Carol if you are dropping your status, please don't just stop coming.

- *Reminder:* The By-Laws state that three (3) consecutive unexcused absences is considered an automatic resignation, so please notify Carol when you need to miss a meeting.
- *Reminder:* ANY alumni is welcome to our Board meetings at any time. While they cannot vote on any matters, they can still participate in discussions and share their opinions.
- **ACTION ITEM:** All board members, make sure you notify Carol when you are not able to make a meeting or if you need to drop your status from Board Member to Volunteer/Liaison.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Carol and Briana will review the minutes from the past 6 months to see who has consistently missed meetings. Carol will reach out via email asking if they'd like to drop their status to Volunteer/Liaison.

5. Summer Meetings

- **ACTION ITEM:** No meetings July or August
- **ACTION ITEM:** The September meeting will land on Labor day, so it has changed to Monday, September 12

6. September Meeting

- Mark posed the question: “What should we be prepared to discuss at the September meeting?”
- Fall Fundraiser ideas
 - Since last year was backloaded with events in the Spring, we should think about what we can do during the fall (other than the bowling event that Carol is spearheading)
 - The bowling event we discussed last meeting will likely take place in November, Carol is still working on pulling together details on how that will be run
 - Since we had great success with Dine for a Cause in March, we want to keep that consistent from year to year, so we will not move that to a fall event. We also decided not to try to do two, we don't think the Ale House would allow two/year and we don't want to minimize the impact of the event.
 - John suggested exploring the idea of doing an on-campus event during school hours to increase our visibility and engage with current students. All were in agreement, we will discuss more in September.
 - The idea of a golf tournament was brought up, but all agreed not to do one as experience proves they are not profitable, they are a lot of work and there are already many local tournaments

- A couple ideas were thrown out about doing an event/fundraiser at/with Wachusett Mountain, Theatre at the Mount and Escape the Room, all viable options we can discuss further in September
- **ACTION ITEM: All Board members should come to the September meeting with fundraiser ideas for Fall**
- One of our goals is to develop a student/alumni club, so it would be really great if we could recruit a young alum that has strong ties with current students (Jasson Alverado-Gomez was quickly noted as a possible candidate for this)

7. Elections

- Mark was again nominated and voted in as President
- Prior to this meeting, Kathy notified Carol and Mark that she is not seeking reelection for VP this year
 - No one stepped up to fill the VP shoes, so we are putting the VP election on hold until September
 - The only new thing Mark was hoping the VP could help with this year is attend the Foundation meetings for him as his schedule does not allow him to get to Gardner at the time they are held
 - Lawrence was nominated, but did not want to accept right away as he has many things on his plate, though he will consider it
 - **ACTION ITEM: All are encouraged to consider seeking election for the VP position, at this time the VP responsibilities are minimal and should not take up too much of your time.**
- Liz was again nominated and voted in as Treasurer
 - **ACTION ITEM: Liz and Carol will help each other remember to put in the request for the new Foundation report**
- Briana was again nominated and voted in as Secretary
 - **ACTION ITEM: It was requested that we have more copies of the minutes at the meetings. From now on Carol will print 6 copies of minutes for the meetings so there are more to go around. All are reminded that the minutes are posted on our website at mwcc.edu/alumni.**

8. Other Business

- The president offered a challenge the new Class of 2016 alumni: He will match whatever funds they raise from graduation 2016 to graduation 2017 for scholarships

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.