Dear Alumni,

The Polytechnic Alumni Association endeavors to provide career growth opportunities, networking events, and other engagement opportunities to the entire alumni community.

Since the merger of Polytechnic and NYU, the Alumni Association leadership has come to realize that it's easier to plan activities and programs as a chapter of the NYU Alumni Association than as an independent non-profit corporation. **We now ask for your vote to move forward under a less cumbersome organizational framework.**

Please take a few moments to read this explanation of what this means, how we came to it, and how it will affect you and your fellow Polytechnic and Heights alumni.

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A year ago, the leadership of the Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association (PIAA) wrote you to ask for your vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting, or via proxy, to approve a new set of bylaws which would set in motion a transition to an organizational form that was more like the alumni chapters of NYU's other schools. This motion passed by a large majority, and the NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering Alumni Association (“Polytechnic Alumni Association” or PAA for short) was born. In the year since then, the PIAA and the PAA have operated in parallel, with the same officers and directors, though with modest differences in bylaws.

Now we come to you again to ask formal approval to complete the transition from the PIAA to the PAA. This step is required by New York State in order to dissolve the corporation that constitutes the PIAA.

A little background will help explain why this is happening.

For reasons lost to history, the original predecessor to the PIAA was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, operating under New York State’s Not-For-Profit Corporation statutes, and later became an IRS-recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization. The mechanics of operating as
an independent corporation adds a level of complexity (such as the need to file annual tax
returns) that does not contribute to our mission. At its January 2016 meeting, the International
Board of Directors voted unanimously to continue the process of dissolving the PIAA and
merging future operations into the PAA.

In order to dissolve the PIAA, New York State law requires an affirmative vote from its
membership. *That's you.* Even if you haven't been active in the Polytechnic Institute Alumni
Association, you are a member if you graduated from Polytechnic (in any of its various names)
or NYU School of Engineering and Science (NYU/SES) and haven't expressly requested to be
removed from membership.

If we achieve a two-thirds vote in the affirmative with at least a quorum of 100 members,
dissolution can proceed immediately, and we will henceforth operate exclusively under the name
and bylaws of the Polytechnic Alumni Association, a chapter of the NYU Alumni Association.
The actual mechanics of the dissolution process are expected to take between six and nine
months, involving filings with various governmental agencies.

We hope we can count on your support by attending the 2016 Annual Meeting in person, or
voting via written proxy, or electronically at the alumni website. To be counted, the Proxy must
be received by the Executive Director no later than 5:00pm EDT on Monday, June 20, 2016.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend the reception and Annual Meeting by phone or in
person by registering here.

To those participating by phone, kindly note you must submit your proxy ballot no later than
5:00pm EDT on Monday, June 20, 2016 since there is no capability to vote via phone.

**Notice of 2016 Polytechnic Alumni Annual Meeting & Elections**
[http://engineering.nyu.edu/alumni/piaa/annual-meeting-elections](http://engineering.nyu.edu/alumni/piaa/annual-meeting-elections)

Should you have any questions, please write to me at engineering.alumni@nyu.edu.

Thank you for your time, and your support.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gerry Dawes, President
Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association, Inc. and Polytechnic Alumni Association