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**Annual Meeting and Elections of the Members of the
Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association and Polytechnic Alumni Association**

Meeting Minutes for the Annual Meeting and Elections held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 – One MetroTech Center, 19 Floor, Jacobs North, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Attendance:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Anthony Concolino '82 PAA President, Richard Migdalski '08'10

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Robert V. Jones, Michael Kokkalakis, James Taylor, Linda Weiser-Friedman, Howard Xia

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Neil Weiser '73,

MEMBERS: Henry Bertoni, Everard Campbell, Stefan Cherubin, Earl Co, Phillip Eng, Albert Feuer, Johnny Lai, Redwan Hussain, Leandro Maciel, James Oussani, Navjot Singh, Igor Tarnopolsky, Kai Tham, Evangelos Limantoudis

STAFF: Valerie Cabral, Alexandra Serret, Katepalli R. Sreenivasan

Executive Summary:

Anthony Concolino, President of the Polytechnic Alumni Association, called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:05pm, reporting that quorum had been established. He welcomed fellow alumni, alumni relations staff members, other guests, including Dean Sreenivasan. Richard Migdalski gave the Immediate Past President's Report regarding the Poly Legacy video in Gerald Dawes' stead. Sreeni was presented with gifts from the association, and a video tribute was done marking his time as President of NYU Poly/Dean of the School of Engineering. Valerie updated everyone on Alumni Office activities and growing engagement and the annual election of International Board of Directors was held.

The Association observed a moment of silence to remember the 184 alumni who passed away since the last annual meeting of the Association, mentioning a few specifically by name:

Jay H. Greene '64 EE

Harvey Kaylie '64 EE

James Lago '44CHEME

Charles D. Strang, Jr. '43 ME

A motion was requested to dispense with the reading of last year's minutes. The motion was made and seconded. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

President's Report Anthony Concolino '82 – President, PAA

Anthony Concolino opened report by thanking our special guest of the evening, outgoing Dean K. Sreenivasan, for his commitment to the Polytechnic legacy and for all that he has done to bring the new Tandon School of Engineering to even greater height. In his remarks, Anthony said, "In 1943, Betty Smith wrote a famous semi-autobiography titled "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn". It's the story about an impoverished but aspirational young girl, Francie, who lived only a few blocks from our school, and a tree called the "tree of heaven". This tree flourishes under the most unlikely urban circumstances. This story is about the hopes of immigrants to rise above poverty through their children whom they hope will receive education and take their place among true Americans. The story ends with Francie with her tenacity rises above the most difficult of circumstances and goes off to college. "Idealism and pragmatism are weighed and both found necessary to survive"

He went on to add, "Under Sreeni's leadership, NYU Tandon/Poly with its legacy of educating students that are usually the first generation to attend college in their families, embarked on a path to transforming itself into a top engineering school and becoming increasingly connected to the global NYU community.

As a testament to his success;

- The 2018 freshman class is the most competitive in history of NYU Tandon with a record number of applications and admit rate
- 2018 Women admitted increased to 49% vs national average of 21%
- Tandon turned from being a net debtor to NYU to being a net creditor!

Thanks to you, Sreeni, that tree in Brooklyn will continue to grow and flourish bigger and better than ever."

He presented Sreeni with gifts on behalf of the Association and invited Valerie to the podium. Valerie thanked Sreeni for traveling across thousands of miles to meet with thousands of alumni across the US, and overseas in Shanghai, Abu Dhabi and Geneva. A video tribute to Sreeni was viewed. Valerie presented Sreeni with a new leather backpack and thanked him for his commitment to the School of Engineering, its alumni, its faculty and its students. Sreeni thanked the Alumni Association leadership for the many years of support, especially during the difficult times faced during the completion of the merger and later through the harsh struggles following the name change. Sreeni offers the PAA his continued support.

Anthony Concolino then asks PAA Executive Vice President Richard Migdalski '08 '10 (participating via phone) to give the update on the Poly Legacy Video project on behalf of PIAA/PAA Immediate Past President Gerry Dawes '84 '89, who could not be here tonight.

Richard presented the:

“As many of you know, Gerry and members of his Ad-hoc Committee -- Charlie Hinkaty'70'72 MA; Frank Namad '68 ME; and Neil Weiser '73EE, strongly advocated on our behalf for the creation of a celebratory video to honor the rich Polytechnic legacy and those who contributed to its greatness down through the years. Their consistent efforts garnered overwhelming support from President Andrew Hamilton, Dean Sreenivasan and the Office of Alumni Relations.”

Richard then provided the summary provided to him by Gerry in advance of tonight's meeting.

“As per our my last update to you, we decided to approach another video team rather than the one we were originally in discussions with and now believe that we have identified a team that can do justice to our project - the NYU Department of Media Production that so many of us are already familiar with. That said, I believe everyone will agree that we are in good hands.

The concept of the video is to create a compelling and inspiring video about the history of the Polytechnic. The celebratory video will include interviews with alumni from various decades, telling their personal stories, their experiences at the school, the education they received and how that education prepared them for their careers. The basic themes will be the school's impact on society and how the school's history brought us where we are today and the role that history continues to play in the next phase of the school's development.

The video will be shared with NYU Tandon (formerly “Poly”), alumni, friends and prospective donors and will be used for further alumni engagement at events. Media from this project will be included in the permanent collection of the Polytechnic Archives and will become a cornerstone of what will be the NYU Tandon Oral History Collection. It will also live on the Alumni webpage and will be distributed in various forms, including social media channels.

Video will be documentary style, with sit-down interviews and archival materials. The NYU Media Production team will work closely with the Poly Archivist, Lindsay Anderberg, on researching the appropriate materials in the collection and preparing them for digital editing. Music and captioning will be added, as appropriate.

Interviews will include alumni and faculty from various decades and various fields of study and will include interviews with Sreeni and the incoming Dean Jelena Kovacevic. Video will be shot here within space in Rogers Hall and Dibner and there will be b-roll filmed around the Brooklyn campus. The video will also feature an animated timeline that runs through the video, underscoring the important historical moments in the school's history.

Production is expected to begin summer 2018; Deliverables: one 8 -10 minute video by November 1, 2018; estimated budget is approximately \$16,630.00. Costs will be shared by the Polytechnic Alumni Association; NYU Alumni Relations; and the Office of the Dean, Katepalli Sreenivasan. This ended the report by Immediate Past President, Gerry Dawes '86'89.

Anthony thanked Richard and also thanked Gerry, Frank, Charlie and Neil for their commitment to the project and their hard work. Anthony presented a motion to accept the Immediate Past President's Report. It was seconded. The motion passed.

Anthony then thanked outgoing IBOD members (names below), whose terms were ending on August 31, 2018, for their dedication and service to the association, their support of their alma mater, of their fellow alumni and our current students.

- Howard Xia '86, '88
- Philippe Adam '92
- Michael Kokkalakis '92
- Nathan Rubin '14
- James Taylor (Heights) '75

Those in attendance in Brooklyn were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and thank you gifts (others to be sent by mail). Additionally, Anthony commended PAA Standing Committee members for their hard work this year:

- Bylaws Committee Chair Neil Weiser '73 and committee members Frank Namad '68, Robert Migliore '87, Brian Gill '11;
- Nominating Committee, Co-chaired by Past President George Likourezos '92 and Immediate Past President Gerry Dawes '89 '88, and fellow committee members David Campana '96; Reema Abhari '15, and John Catuogno '91, who worked diligently with their committees throughout 2017 and 2018 to build the 2018 Slate of Candidates for the International Board of Director members who will be voted on tonight.
- The Awards Committee chaired by Frank Namad '68 and its members Norbert Bikales '56 '67; Dick Eden '73; Phil Furgang '60; Paul Glasgow '55; Charlie Hinkaty '70 '72; and Christine Ianuzzi '87'94.

In addition, Ad-Hoc committees were hard at work throughout 2017 and 2018 and special thanks to the chairs and members were given:

- Fundraising Committee (Co-Chairs Charlie Hinkaty '70 '72 & Cheryl McNear '92). Through efforts championed by and Charlie's personal commitment NYU Tandon surpassed its goal of 200 donor 24 hours by garnering 225 on NYU One Day on March 22, 2018. Special recognition was given to Charlie for his match of \$25K to the Tandon NYU One Campaign.

Anthony also used this opportunity to recognize other members and to make a few announcements:

- Nathan Rubin '14 and Nikolai Wolfe '09 '11 will continue to serve as the School of Engineering reps on the NYUAA Alumni, along with Anthony.

Anthony represented the PAA at the NYU Tandon's 163rd Commencement Exercises, held at Barclays Center on May 15th.

He concluded his President's Report, encouraging those in attendance to be active in our alumni association as it aims to focus on increasing alumni engagement at events locally, regionally and globally, and to join us in our efforts to increase the number of alumni gifts made to the school.

Anthony presented a motion to accept the President's Report. It was seconded. Motion to accept the President's Report was passed.

The next step, which will happen later in this meeting, will be the motion to approve the proposed revisions to the current PAA bylaws, and then reporting of the results of that vote.

Those present in the room who had not yet cast his or her vote were asked to do so. Those listening in on the call were reminded that the cutoff time for proxy voting ended on June 13th at 12:00PM.

Anthony presented a motion to accept the Vice President's Report. It was seconded and the motion passed.

In the absence of co-chairs of the Fundraising Committee Charlie Hinkaty '70 '72 and Cheryl McNear, Anthony invited PAA board member, James Taylor '75 to give the Fundraising Committee Report in their stead.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, James Taylor noted that Tandon is experiencing strong fundraising – noting projections of reaching goal in FY18. On March 22, 2018 NYU participated in NYU One Day – the 24 hour campaign to gain 3,000 supporters to NYU. We are delighted to report that NYU Tandon students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and friends surpassed the Tandon goal of 200 donors in one day, raising a total of 232 gifts totaling \$45,314 in 24 hours for student scholarships here at Tandon. In particular, NYU Tandon Board of Overseer member Charlie Hinkaty was thanked for his support of the campaign and his generous match gift of \$25,000K. James thanked those alumni who made a gift to Tandon this fiscal year, and encouraged those who have not to please join their fellow alumni in making a gift to the Annual Fund by fiscal year end August 31, 2018. He reminded everyone that each gift counts towards reaching this year's goal of 1.3 Mil. Motion to accept Fundraising Report was made and seconded. Motion passed. Anthony thanked James Taylor for At this time, Valerie Cabral,

Executive Director of the PAA was asked to give her report. Valerie thanked Anthony and welcomed our newest alumni members from the Class of 2018 who were in attendance. She noted that more than 1700 new alumni members had been individually presented with their alumni pin by the Office of Alumni Relations as they entered the arena floor for the ceremony. She encouraged them to wear it proudly.

She recognized Alexandra Serret, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, thanking her for working diligently every day on behalf of our school and our alumni worldwide as well as all the members of our Development Team, led by Associate Dean Stephen Sager. She noted a few alumni event highlights from the past year:

- Since the 2017 Annual Meeting and Election, 1057 alumni participated in 16 events held in alumni strongholds of New York and New Jersey; Northern and Southern California, and South Florida. For the first time since NYU closed the doors of its University Heights campus, the School of Engineering and University Heights Arts and Science alumni returned for an emotion-filled event at the beloved campus. More than 110 alumni and friends gathered for this historic evening on July 12th. Special remarks were given by Sreeni and Richard Thorsen.
- In October 2017, we hosted a faculty-led presentation by Cyber Security expert Nasir Memon during Alumni College Day. As part of NYU Alumni and Parents Weekend, alumni gathered for our annual Dean's Luncheon at NYU Kimmel Center for welcome remarks and a school update by Academic Dean Kristen Day and a presentation by Professor and CSE Department Chair Guido Gerig on new clinical discoveries from collaborative research between medicine and computer science. PAA President Anthony Concolino and Immediate Past President Gerry Dawes presented Poly alumnus and Senior VP of Electric Operations at Consolidated Edison of New York, Robert Schimmenti '97 with the Association's Distinguished Alumnus Citation for his outstanding professional accomplishments.
- In February, Tandon celebrated our engineering alumni during National Engineers Week. Alumni and friends were treated to a private event at The Hiller Museum of Aviation in Northern California where Sreeni gave an update on the new doings back in Brooklyn and Professor Siddarth Garg gave a talk on Artificial Intelligence. In La Jolla, Allan Kleinman '66 and his wife, Joan hosted 18 alumni and friends for dinner and a presentation by the Dean and Professor Garg.
- In April, we hosted Back to School Day and Golden Jubilee Induction Ceremony for the Class of 1968; programming included a campus tour and brunch at La Defense. Alumni welcomed the class of 2021 and their parents on campus for Welcome to NYU Day. The afternoon included a lecture by Cyber Security expert, Nasir Memon, followed by a sneak peek of 370 Jay, with Michael Holland, Exec Director of the Center for Science and Urban Progress (CUSP). The day ended with a cocktail reception in the Center's newly unveiled space.

- Several members from the Class of 1968, including our dedicated alumnus volunteer, Frank Namad, were inducted into the Golden Jubilee Society, receiving their certificates from PAA Pres. Concolino and Dean Sreeni.
- This year's Toast to You: Class of 2018 was held at the Microsoft Tech Center in Times Square. More than 140 soon-to-be-Tandon grads celebrated at the rooftop gathering. Poly alums now Microsoft employees joined. Special thanks to alum Phil Eng '87 for generously co-sponsoring the event.
- We extended thanks to C. Hinkaty '70 '72 and George Likourezos '92 for co-hosting our Long Island event at the Huntington Country Club.
- On April 18th, we welcomed back two of our alumni astronauts – Charlie Camarda '74 and Paolo Nespoli '88 '89 to continue the conversation on space exploration. Paolo spoke of his recent 139 day space voyage aboard the Soyuz/International Space Station and presented Sreeni and Valerie with gifts – mounted photos taken by Paolo during the trip. Additionally, Nespoli donated the Tandon tee shirt and baseball cap he took into space to the Poly archives.
- NYUAA Awards Luncheon – Charlie Camarda '74 accepted the NYUAA Eugene K. Award for Public Service on behalf of fellow NASA astronaut and friend, Lee Morin, MD, who was unable to attend.
- Redwan Hussain '14 '20 was thanked for joining faculty and administrators as the PAA alumni representative on an awards committee for this year's Jacobs Award for Teaching Excellence. Frank Namad '68 was thanked for being NYU Tandon's Class of 1968 alumni representative on the Perstare Celebration Committee.

At the point of the annual meeting where the revisions for to the Bylaws for the Polytechnic Alumni Association were introduced, Neil Weiser, Chair of the Bylaws Committee introduced the motion. It was seconded. Motion was passed. The proposed revisions are provided herein:

Summary of 2018 Revisions to the PAA Bylaws:

1. Our official name will reflect reality and now be “NYU Tandon School of Engineering Polytechnic Institute”. We will continue to be known informally as Polytechnic Alumni Association or PAA.
2. For consistency, the name “TANDON” has been substituted for “POLYTECHNIC,” where appropriate, in this revision.
3. The Executive Vice President and Vice President positions have been merged, and the

“Executive Vice President” title eliminated. From now on, there will only be one Vice President. There weren’t enough responsibilities to warrant keeping both positions once the PIAA corporation was dissolved.

4. The Nominating Committee will only be required to nominate one candidate for each open officer position, though the committee will have the discretion to nominate two, or even three candidates. Likewise, they will only be required to nominate one candidate for each open director’s seat, though the committee will have the option of nominating as many as two candidates per seat if they have vetted enough recommendations to warrant a competitive race.

5. At present, the bylaws mandate that we publish the Slate of Nominees in the CABLE magazine subsequent to February 15th of each year. Tandon has discontinued the publication and mailing of a printed CABLE, and as a result, PAA must primarily rely on electronic dissemination of the Candidate Slate and Annual Meeting information. The bylaws identify web pages, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn currently, but this may be expanded in the future to include any other electronic channel of communication that might arise and become popular. And since “February 15th” was a byproduct of CABLE’s production lead time, the requirement has been changed to require publication no later than 60 days ahead of each year’s Annual Meeting.

6. The mechanism for filling prematurely vacant offices has been clarified.

7. The Executive Council has been eliminated.

8. The window for when Annual Meetings can be held has been expanded to the last four months of the fiscal year. (Previously it had been the last three months of the fiscal year.) Since PAA’s fiscal year now runs from September to August, that gives the president and board the option of holding the meeting on any date from May 1st through August 31st.

9. Members will need to be provided with official notice of an upcoming annual meeting no later than three weeks in advance of the date of the meeting.

10. Directors may serve no more than two consecutive 3-year terms, after which they will not be eligible to be elected again as a director until five years have passed.

11. The composition of the Nominating Committee has been clarified in the event that the position of Immediate Past President happens to be vacant.

12. Various minor changes that improve the document’s readability.

Neil thanked everyone for their time and consideration and reminded those who wished to change their vote for or against the motion to do so now.

Neil then turned the floor over to Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee, George Likourezos who introduced the names of the seven candidates running in this year’s election.

**FOR FIVE POSITIONS, EACH WITH A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Israel (Izzy) Borovich, Ph.D., '67 '68 '71 (HON) '05

Norris L Larrymore, Ph.D. '69

Redwan Hussain '14 '20

Leandro R. Maciel Ph.D., '93

Pauline Madriz '08 '11

James Taylor '71 '75 (HEIGHTS)

Howard Xia, Ph.D. '86 '88 '91

Valerie thanked George and announced that it was time to continue with the election portion of the evening, announcing that as per the bylaws she was charged with assembling a neutral Election Committee to oversee the counting of the ballots. At this time, alumni who had not already done so, were asked to cast their votes by marking the ballots provided and bringing them forward. The polls were deemed official closed, ballots were collected and passed to the Election Committee members, alums Earl Co'17 and Stefan Cherubin '18 retreated into the hallway to count the ballots and proxies and returned shortly with the final official count.

After thanking Earl and Stefan, Valerie announced that the revisions to the bylaws had passed and announced the following election winners:

- Israel Borovich, Ph.D '67'68'71'05 (Hon)
- Redwan Hussain '14 '20
- Pauline Madriz '08'11
- Leandro R. Maciel Ph.D '93
- Howard Xia Ph.D. '86 '88 '91

Valerie congratulated the newly-elected IBOD members and thanked each candidate who took part in the election for their participation. The elected directors will begin their respective terms on September 1, 2018.

Anthony added his congratulations and noted that he looked forward to working alongside each and continuing his support and involvement with the PAA. Anthony thanks everyone for participating in the Annual Meeting, remarking that since there was no further business, he would now put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and all those also in favored indicated so by a show of hands.

Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.