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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, July 11, 2019
One MetroTech Center, 19 Floor, Jacobs North, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Attendance:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Anthony Concolino '82 PAA President

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Robert V. Jones '87, Gus Maimis'84

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Neil Weiser '73

MEMBERS: Amy Battallones, Izzy Borovich, Stefan Cherubin, Justina Choi, Richard Day, Valentina D'Costa, Corey Harper, Ravi Islam, Bertha Jimenez, Marina Krol, Steve Kuyan, Kevin Sukhoo, Igor Tarnopolsky, James Taylor, Nayana Susan Varghese

STAFF: Valerie Cabral, Alexandra Serret

Executive Summary:

Anthony Concolino, President of the Polytechnic Alumni Association, called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:00pm, reporting that quorum had been established. He welcomed fellow alumni, alumni relations staff members, other guests.

Prior to entering the discussions associated with the meeting, the Association observed a moment of silence to remember the 260 alumni who passed away since the last annual meeting of the Association, mentioning a few specifically by name:

- Theodore Tamiya, PhD, '62
- Fred Mirran, '69
- Sophia Milner Laskowski, '63
- Frank Padavan, '55 and Stern '63
- Elliott Kazan, '49 and '50
- John Bursman, '66 and 2001
- Harry Ettlinger, '66
- Bernard Glassman, '60
- Norman Burg, '49 and '55

- Bernard Buc, '56
- Arthur Bavario, '62
- Raymond Delio, '61,

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 introducing Jelena Kovačević as the dean. He mentioned Jelena's impact on the school, on NYU, and I know that in my travels during the year and my engagement with Jelena, he was impressed with the enthusiasm that she brings to the school.

She has been very busy over the past academic year. In addition to the numerous events she attended she was recognized along with the Deans of Engineering from Columbia and City College as the first time NYC Engineering schools were led by females. This was further accentuated by an Article in the New York Times Magazine Section highlighting Jelena's personal life in the Upper West Side.

Anthony mentioned of the Golden Jubilee Induction and luncheon for the class of 1968. It was such a great event reminiscing with the alumni of some the events that took place 50 years ago, especially sending a man to the moon and the engineering feat associated with that historic accomplishment.

Anthony highlighted other events such as the commencement at Barclays Center was one of the most notable events. He noted the size of the venue, having 20,000+ seats as well as the high level of energy and excitement. Anthony thanked Jelena, Valerie and the team for their efforts in helping put together such a great event.

Anthony mentioned the state of the school, noting its thriving growth and mentioned some interesting statistics.

- graduate student applications up 9% (record level)
- PhD applications are up 20.9%.
- early decision applications up 65%
- early decision (2) up 47%
- total applications up 11%

He mentioned about the creation of curriculum flexibility, not available before, such as a new three-credit internship course. The establishment of the McKinsey Career Readiness Skills training with a focus on helping the students to learn how to be prepared for the working world including communication skills, networking skills, writing a résumé, doing job search. Anthony

mentioned some of the firms attending career fair, such as Accenture, Amazon, American Express, Apple, Bank of America, Barclays, Boeing, Citi, Con Ed, Deloitte, Facebook, JPMorgan, Tesla, Twitter and Hulu.

The biggest focus of this board meeting was understanding that during the last 10 years, we moved up 40 slots in US News and World Report standings. That is tremendous and everybody deserves a pat in the back for getting us here. The school has risen to a new level of notability. Although going up from here will be difficult, Anthony stressed that “we have to keep the momentum going!” Because we are a small school, we need to capitalize on the strength of our board members, as well as other folks outside of the school. So, they are putting a big emphasis on – Chandrika Tandon who was chairman of the board, she brought on new board members and she is engaging the board members outside of our board meetings. She is engaging them individually and getting them engaged in various projects and with the hopes of being able to augment our resources.

From the March of '19 board meeting the board came up with three main areas of focus that they believe are very important to being able to keep that momentum.

- First one is research. Research traditionally has been very important to the school and its something we can build on.
- Second one is reputation.
- Third one is our PhD students, which as mentioned applications have increased substantially.

There is this notion of – we have a strong reputation in various disciplines. Cannot name them all but some that always comes to mind right now of course is cybersecurity, telecommunications, wireless amongst others. The board chose what they call moonshots, the term that they'd like to use, which are if we tend to take one thing and go after it and really conquer it, really well can really help boost the school. So, they have picked four areas.

- One is urban, urban transformation, things like transportation, IoT.
- Second is cybersecurity.
- Third one is health with the formation of bioengineering program.
- Fourth is wireless communication, 5G.

Affordability is a very important topic for our school for other schools as well. It is a topic for everyone, and it is taken very seriously. Andy Hamilton's speeches have a focus on the topic and is very on the top of his mind.

Lastly, nothing is closer to a moonshot, than this pet project, which we are very happy to report about and that is that Chandrika is very committed to the alumni association, and she wants to

help. There are upcoming meetings scheduled where she is going to bring some board members together from the board, and brainstorm how can we take a leap in alumni engagement.

Valerie Cabral reported on behalf of Gerry Dawes on the progress of the Polytechnic video. This dates to 2007 when Gerry led a committee, that advocated on behalf of Polytechnic Alumni Association. Their goal was to preserve the school's rich history and be certain it is never forgotten. So, a video was produced, interviewing alumni and faculty and administration over certain years, certainly, from every 10 to 15 years. With overwhelming support from President Hamilton and Alumni Relations the video was produced. The basic things that were captured by the interviews conducted along with other related footage, speak to the school's impact on engineering then and now. Katepalli Sreenivasan was interviewed along with sitting dean, Jelena Kovacevic. This 15-minute video will be featured on October 25th as part of NYU Alumni Day. The events will kick-off the evening before with a presentation to showcase our student's projects to VIP teams.

Anthony then thanked outgoing PAA members (names below), whose terms were ending on August 31st, 2019 for their dedication and service to the association, their support of their alma mater, of their fellow alumni and our current students.

- David Bomzer '06
- Maria Carnicella Indovina '08
- Philippe Adam'92
- Lisa Weiser Friedman, PhD '80-83
- Robert Migliore '87
- Robert Jones '87
- Gus Maimis '84
- Dennis John '09 '11

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 Gerry Dawes '89 and '88, and fellow committee members David Campana '96, Reema Albahri '15, John Catuogno '91, and Michael Schwartz '83, who worked diligently with committees throughout 2018 and 2019 to build the 2019 slate of candidate for their offices and international board of director members who will 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 2018 and 2019 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 300 donor by garnering 310 donor gifts for the total of \$58,054.00 which includes the most generous match of \$25,000.00 by Charlie Hinkaty to NYU one day on March 28, 2019. Thus, surpassing our full-year 18 figure of 232 donations totaling \$45,214.00.
- Special thanks to members of PAA leadership participating in our social media challenge and posted, reposted, and tweeted and retweeted encouraging alumni and friends to donate. It's very effective. Additionally, I would like to thank Redwan Hussain, Class of 2014, 2020 for joining faculty and administrators this year as our alumni representatives on an awards panel for this year's Jacobs Award for Teaching Excellence, and to Brian Gill, Robert Jones, Gus Maimis, and Tanzee Silver for being our 2019 alumni student practice host this year.

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

- Nikolai Wolfe '09 '11 will continue to serve as the School of Engineering Voices on the NYUAA Alumni, along with Anthony.

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 Monday at 12:00PM.

Anthony welcomed Valerie Cabral, our executive director who will provide us with the executive director's report.

- Valerie began by recognizing 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.
- Valerie presented a video showing highlights from the events of the past year. She thanked Matthew Chang, who will be in the Class of 2020 for helping put this together for us. Some of these events include:
 - Alumni event at Beall Center for Arts and Technology in collaboration with the University of California-Irvine.
 - Made in Brooklyn showcase has been part of our NYU weekend last year. You can see that we are with some of our Motorsports team members, and a couple of our alums.
 - This is the tour and talk with our archivist, Lindsay Anderberg.
 - The Dean's Luncheon that is held every year and this year, it will be in Brooklyn.
 - An event with Steve Kuyan who has stepped out, but this was done to celebrate Veterans Day at one of our Veterans Day incubators in Brooklyn.
 - The Washington DC alumni luncheon. This was a development event where it was hosted at one of the offices of one of our alums.
 - This is an event in Silicon Valley. We went to northern California. We had about 52 of our alumni and guests at this event. The gentleman at the podium is Martin Hellman and he was the 2018 Changemaker.
 - This was an event held in La Jolla at the home of Allan and Joan Kleinman, Class of '66. They very graciously opened their beach bungalow to us in La Jolla in March.
 - Another event by Alexandra Serret is the women's tech brunch. She is holding one soon, June 27th so if you have not gotten your tickets, so this is now the hot ticket.
 - Johnny Lai, and few other alums hosted some of our alumni, Happy Hour, at different bars around the city, a few here in Brooklyn, and a couple that were down in Manhattan.
 - Back to School Day, Jubilee. The luncheon had about 50 people there. This is in honor of the Class of '69.
 - This is our Global Day of Service. We did three of them and a shout-out to all our alumni who participated. These are the guys who set it up, visited classrooms, it was a full day. A celebration we had during this event, Tau Beta Pi to toast the annual for the graduating class.
 - Anthony mentioned, Richard Thorsen who went to the Heights event we had. This was the first event we held there for over two years. He was able to bring the Tau Beta engineering society symbol to the NYU campus from the heights.
- Valerie mentioned for fiscal year '19, we will have completed 27 events. Up to now, we had exactly 1,148 alumni, it does not include the guests and students that come to our events. We are anticipating in a nice round number of maybe 1,300. There are fundraising efforts for this, our bottom line was the NYU One Day campaign, but fundraising fiscal year up until July 3rd, the figures we have are surpassing our goals. So, if you have made a

gift to the NYU One Day, or to the annual fund, or to the Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association scholarship fund, we thank you.

- Valerie mentioned about the US News and World Report. They rank all schools every year. Part of this formula where they come up with ranking overall, there is a part that reflects us and our passion for our school, our philanthropic passion. The important thing is the act of giving, and that is why we track the number of people giving. So, the higher that number, the more we can inch up where we are, what we can do to raise our ranking, and again, not about the dollar gift, it's about act of giving.

Valerie introduced the candidates for this year's election. We are electing off this year a three-year officer position. Each will serve a two-year term; we've got three the names of the seven candidates running in this year's election.

- For the president, we have Anthony Concolino.
- For vice president, we have Robert Jones.
- For secretary, we have Konstantinos Gus Maimis

We have five positions, each with a three-year term and that is for our International Board of Directors:

- Amy Batallones '18 MOT,
- Valentina D'Costa '17 CBE,
- Ravi Islam '16 and '19 CBE and ME.
- Bertha Jimenez, PhD '16 Management of Technology.
- Gregori Joseph, '17 ME.
- Richard Day '15 Chemical & Biological Engineering
- James Taylor '71, '75, (He is our candidate representing the Heights.)

Valerie thanked the ballot counter as the voting closed for 2019 with 129 votes. For President, Anthony Concolino. Vice President, Robert V. Jones. Secretary, Gus Maimis. [it's a two-year term and term will begin September 1st as the current sitting president, executive vice president, and secretary.

She 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, 2019. For the International Board of Directors, the winners are Valentina D'Costa, Bertha Jimenez, Richard Day, Ravi Islam and James Taylor. The elected officers and directors will begin their respective terms on September 1, 2019.

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.