

Notes
Casper College Alumni Association
Board of Directors – Mid-Winter Meeting
February 23, 2006
Fitness/Wellness Center – Room 160

Members Present: Doug Leonard, Gigi Leman, Bill Duncan, Charlotte Babcock, Denise Blesi, Virg Bodyfelt (by phone), Derrel Carruth, Rob DeStefano, Nancy Gerlock, Lu Hinderliter, David Long, Deb Werner Simon, Mike Stepp, Donna Wichers, Nolene Wright, Paul Hallock, and Linda Nix.

President Doug Leonard conducted the meeting.

Bill Duncan, Treasurer, reviewed the new financial report format. It was suggested that banquet income expense should be broken out in a way that allows the board to know how much to spend on the banquet and raises awareness of the need to cover all banquet related expenses without using Alumni Foundation income. Linda explained cost overruns from Footprints and the need for a budget increase for 08-09. Board members praised the new report format and thanked Bill for his efforts.

Doug needed to leave for another obligation, so Gigi Leman, Vice President, took over as the meeting chair. Gigi asked Virg Bodyfelt to introduce herself and share a little of her background and her current job in Podgorika, Montenegro.

Gigi reported on the Scholarship Committee meeting held earlier in the afternoon. She explained the efforts to streamline the application process and the desire of the committee to make scholarship amounts meaningful in light of current expenses associated with attending college. Linda reviewed college efforts to move to an online application process by 2009.

Derrel Carruth presented the report of the Membership and Honors Committee. The committee met prior to the board meeting to review the process for awarding the Distinguished Alumni award and the Commitment to Excellence award. The committee agreed to meet again on April 10 at 4 p.m. at a location to be determined. The committee will then review the candidates for the awards to create a slate of recommendations for the full board. At that time, they will also review term expirations, so we are prepared to fill any vacancies on the board.

The board agreed that a regional reception should take place in Douglas on Saturday, June 7. Deb Werner Simon volunteered to arrange a place for the reception.

Linda reported on a proposal by Barbara Mueller, International Program Coordinator at Casper College, to arrange an alumni trip to Oaxaca, Mexico. Although there is some interest, there were concerns about how to handle the need for deposits. The board

discussed the need for a strategic plan to clarify how these types of efforts fit into the board's vision. It was expressed that the first priority is to fund scholarships. It was agreed to continuing exploring the possibility for Fall '09, if we could find another way to handle the deposit issue and the commitment of staff time. Concern was expressed regarding the advisability of working with an out of town travel agent.

The group then adjourned to organize the Alumni Chili Feed.