

Virginia Tech Alumni Association  
Richmond Chapter  
Board Meeting  
July 21, 2020  
6:00pm  
Virtual Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER: Welcome Officers & Guests; Introductions

BOARD MEMBERS:

Elyssa Mackey, President	Vernon Wildy, Ambassador, 2021
Jason Habel, Past President (absent)	Lauren Knowles, Ambassador, 2021
Aaran Kelley, Vice President	Eugene Pogue, Ambassador, 2022
Steven Smith, Treasurer	Charlie Wood, Ambassador, 2022
Cotter Starnes, Communications	Emma Bradberry, Ambassador, 2023 (absent)
Patrice Strachan, Recording Secretary	Steve Smith, Ambassador, 2023

ALUMNI AND GUESTS:

Paul Louie	Matt Davidson
Mark McMurray	

II. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Elyssa Mackey. June minutes were approved as corrected by Aaran.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Treasurer: Steven reported that the duties have been transferred over. The bank account balance is \$64,597. There were not many transactions this past month.
- b. Recording Secretary: Patrice reported that the duties have been transferred. She asked for updated user/pw accounts from everyone, and will be posting the minutes on Alumni Spaces. She is planning to create a permanent repository for records online using Google.
- c. Communications: Cotter reported she has taken over duties. She will be setting up a committee to delegate duties. She asked that all communication requests be emailed to [vtcotter@gmail.com](mailto:vtcotter@gmail.com), and committed to communicate on a timely and appropriate manner. She welcomes any new ideas and suggestions for new committee members.
- d. Diversity: Eugene is still evaluating how to coordinate a virtual diversity event. Cotter will look into promoting some of the diversity events being hosted by Blacksburg.
- e. Vice President: Aaran reported she has trained the new Secretary. She just got access to Alumni Spaces, and will upload all minutes and data from last year.
- f. President: Elyssa will review upcoming events. Blacksburg cautioned us to not plan any in-person events for the foreseeable future – at least until January, 2021.

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Monthly Chapter Events:
  - i. Blacksburg planned upcoming event - Chapter Cheers: Wine Discussion with John Boyer - Tuesday, July 28 at 5 p.m. Elyssa encouraged all to attend, "this is going to be huge."
  - ii. The Richmond Hokie Club is hosting a Virtual Fan Day & 5K - Sunday, August 9. Coach Fuente will be making a guest appearance.
- b. Student Send Off, Welcoming & Scholarship

- i. Elyssa reported that Blacksburg is planning a Virtual Student Send Off on Tuesday, August 4 at 6 p.m. for all Virginia students. They are putting together a video for alumni members to participate.
      - ii. Elyssa reported that Blacksburg will be hosting a Welcome to the City Event in September (Exact Date TBD) virtual event for all alumni new to Richmond.
      - iii. Scholarship: Lauren reported all students have been notified of awards by email.
    - c. Community Service:
      - i. Career Expo. Patrice reported
      - ii. Blood Drive Recap: Eugene reported the blood drive was hosted yesterday, 7/20. Eugene is waiting for actual participation numbers; however, the Red Cross reported excellent attendance.
      - iii. Hokies Helping Hokies: Jason reported that a HHH Facebook group was created and many have joined. Virtual HHH has gotten off to a good start.
      - iv. Alumni charity Challenge: Elyssa reported this year's event will be virtual. Date is sometime in September. It will be coordinated by the Young Alumni Committee (Taylor and Emma are meeting weekly to organize).
      - v. Book Drive – Matt Davidson reported VT placement services has a mentor program with local students. Mary Paige is a VT student who lost an internship due to COVID. She is working with Blacksburg to organize a “Reading is Priceless” book drive supporting Title I Elementary Schools. The goal is to collect book donations and raise funds to support the book drive. Books will be distributed to Prices Fork Elem or other Montgomery County Title I schools. Matt will collect locally in RVA and send to Mary Paige in Blacksburg. The Board agreed to support the event by sharing on our website with details.
    - d. Technology: Eugene recruited a new volunteer to help with the website. He is working on the GoDaddy accounts and domains. Eugene recommended we get Admin access to the Secretary Google account.
    - e. Young Alumni: No report.
- V. COMMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION: None
- VI. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS
  - a. The Board unanimously approved two proposed amendments to the Constitution (Article 2: Goals; and Article 3: Membership).
  - b. The Board unanimously approved three proposed changes to the Bylaws (Article 3: Responsibilities of Chapter Officers and Succession Plan; Article 4: Responsibilities of Board Directors; and Article 5: Responsibilities of Committee Chairpersons).
- VII. New Business: None
- VIII. NEXT MEETING: August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm via virtual platform
- IX. ADJOURNMENT at 7:15 pm