



February 8, 2025
Quarterly ZOOM Meeting
10:00 AM

Attendance

OBAA Board of Directors:

Present: Michael Hoover, Kyle Popek, Dave Zirngibl, Dan Koniecko, Lucas Kraft, Michael Dayton, Pete Waskel, Sean Lane, Jeff McGlynn, Bill Sanders, Justin Lofton, Greg Van Praag, Wally Hankwitz, Mike York.

Staff, Alumni & Guests:

Bob Fine, Mary Loucks Voltz, Anita Kopaczewski, J Hankwitz, Lee Breitkopf, Bard Bond, Bryan Edlund, Troy Akerman, Ricky Tan, Kevin Dryman, Craine Bliwas, Emerson Connely, Jimmy Hoover, Rickie Goyal, Steve Murphy, Scott Branovan, Mark Hardwick.

OBAA MEETING

Opening Remarks:

OBAA President Michael Hoover called the meeting to order at **10.01 am hours**. Made some brief remarks about the tenor of the meeting.

10:02 am hours: Michael Hoover asks for the last meeting minutes approval. Greg Van Praag motions to accept at the next meeting and Anita Kopaczewski seconds the motion. Motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

10:04 am hours: Michael Hoover introduces Guest Speaker Bob Fine gives a state of the academy report.

- 230 Students on campus, 70% increase of where we were two years ago.
- Financials, all audits are complete and up to date.
- We are 2% ahead of budget, not out of the woods regarding financial status but are in a better place.
- Received a \$55,000.00 grant for safety from the state of Wisconsin.
- We have started ancillary programs, rental of school, chapel, pool.
 - Pool will bring in \$140,000.00 in revenue this year as this space is rented.
 - Dual certificate programs will bring in \$120,000.00 this year.



-10 Chinese students on campus for winter break, that will bring in \$20,000.00
-The school is doing consulting in Cutter/Qatar, UK and Bahrain this should bring in some additional revue.

-Dorm renovations are completed, \$4,100,000.00 in renovations from investment. Mostly funded from Hendricks foundation, but some from the academy as well.

-Working on upgrading the internet in the buildings.

-Weight room has been upgraded.

-Engineering/Robotics/Aviation is a focus.

-Alumni is donating a simulator in the aviation room.

-We are getting great support from alumni.

-The president's house should be ready by the Alumni weekend.

-Students: 20 Cadets in Minnesota at drill meet, 30 cadets at ski event in Wisconsin, DME is competing in Louisville today. The students are busy.

-\$3,000,000.00 in college scholarships so far.

-7 Students are going for the ROTC scholarship this year, or service academy.

-there are a high number of kids looking to go into becoming officers, there is a high number of kids that express desire to seek service academy nomination or ROTC scholarship.

-School has 230 students, 144 JROTC program, 33 females, 24 day students.

We are building for the future and not on life support anymore. This Is a brief synapse of what is going on campus today.

General Q&A

10:27 am hours: Financial report by David Zirngibl

- Current balance = \$11,701.26

-Old Trust has a balance at \$74,535.40 (5% Withdrawal is \$3,726.00)

-Total on hand = \$15,427.26

-New Trust Balance is \$35,039.94 (School CFO believes we could pull money out of this account with minimal fines.

-Upcoming expenses

-Scholarships – Unknown (we normally give \$5,000.00)

-Excalibur/Fund a Need – Unknown (we normally give \$1,500.00-\$2,000.00)

-Plaques could be \$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00

-First Motion 10:31 am hours: 5 Students at \$1000.00 each for a total of \$5,000.00.

Wally Hankwitz makes motion to approve and Greg Van Praag seconds the motion.

General Discussion is had about how to donate more.



-Second Motion 10:55 am hours: Jimmy Hoover makes a motion to allocate 5 students at \$500.00 each and 5 students at \$1,000.00 each for a total of \$7,500.00 each. Greg Van Praag amends his first motion to the second motion amounts. Lee Breitkopf seconds the motion. Motion passes with Unanimous voice vote.

10:57am hours: Michael Hoover asks for a motion to donate to Excalibur/Fund A Need this year.

10:58 am hours Jimmy Hoover makes a motion to donate \$500.00 to Excalibur. Bryan Edlund seconded the motion.

11:00 am Michael Hoover asks for a motion to accept the financial report. Lee Breitkopf makes a motion, and Greg Van Praag seconds the motion. The motion passes with unanimous voice vote.

11:05 am hours: Secretaries Report, Kyle Popek states we have 6 vacancies on the board of directors. A Full list of eligible new directors will be available at commencement meeting.

10:10 am hours: General Discussion was had about the new Alumni Weekend and changes for the Commencement weekend.

11:12 am hours: Michael Hoovers moves to the awards committee chaired by Luca Kraft. General discussion was had about each candidate listed below.

Honorary Old Boy Candidates:

-Duane Rutherford
-Col. Abston
-Jim Blackburn

Honored Old Boy Candidates:

-Paul Gardetto
-Zeke Fairbanks
-Randy Carl

Honored Athlete Candidates:

-David Hellenbeck
-Anthony Marino

Distinguished Service Candidates:

-Roger Baily
-Nate Meyers

11:25 am hours: Voting Occurred via Zoom and the results of the vote are below with the winners in bold.

Honorary Old Boy Candidates:

-Duane Rutherford (voted in unanimously)
-Col. Abston (17 Votes)
-Jim Blackburn (3 Votes)

Honored Old Boy Candidates:

-Paul Gardetto (12 Votes)
-Zeke Fairbanks (2 Votes)
-Randy Carl (15 Votes)



Continued results of voting,

Honored Athlete Candidates:

-David Hellenbeck (6 Votes)
-Anthony Marino (16 Votes)

Distinguished Service Candidates:

-Roger Baily (16 Votes)
-Nate Meyers (5 Votes)

11:35 am hours: Michael Hoover moves to discuss the new business. General discussion was had about the possibility of a Cubs/Brewers game sometime this year.

11:37 am hours: Reminder that Excalibur will be on April 26, at the commodore restaurant. General discussion was had about Excalibur.

11:39 am hours: Reminder about Alumni weekend, there has been no schedule of events provided but will pass it along when it is made available.

11:41 am hours: No schedule for commencement, no idea if luncheon will occur, or when we will be able to give out awards.

11:42 am hours: Next OBAA Meeting will be Friday, May 23rd, 2025 at 4:00pm in the TLC/ZOOM. The bylaws state, that it must be done at commencement. A general discussion was held regarding amendments to bylaws.

11:43 am hours: General discussion was held about the lack of communication from the academy and alumni department. Many alumni are worried about the lack of communication and discontinuation of traditions. Additionally, alumni are worried that their reunions will no longer be acknowledged by the academy. With no academy representative present the only explanation was from Scott Branovan. With no schedules or information being put out alumni cannot plan to attend either weekend which is causing worry by the alumni.

11:55 am hours: Justin Lofton makes remarks about Nikki Cummings memorial at the columbarium; this will take place on commencement weekend. A go fund me will be created for donations. A Ride is also planned for Nikki's memorial at commencement.

11:57 am hours: Michale Hoover asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Greg Van Praag motions. Lucas Kraft seconds the motion. The motion passes with unanimous voice vote.



This report was prepared and submitted by Kyle F. Popek, OBAA Secretary, for & on behalf of the OBAA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

OBAA of SJNA Board of Directors

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