May 23, 2025
Commencement ZOOM Meeting
4:00 PM

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, JC Fairvalley, Sean Bornschlegl,

Staff, Alumni & Guests:
Bob Fine, Mary Loucks Voltz, Anita Kopaczewski, J Hankwitz, Lee Breitkopf, Kirk Langben, Cory Byrnes, Billy Cary, Gary Sivewright, Emmerson Connelly, Robert Morse, Reed Stony, Luigi Mucerino, Scott Branovan, Gabe Rutherford.

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Opening Remarks:

OBAA President Michael Hoover called the meeting to order at **16:00 pm hours**. Made some brief remarks about the tenor of the meeting.

16:01 hours: Michael Hoover asks for the last meeting minutes approval. Dan Koniecko motions to accept at the next meeting and Greg Van Praag seconds the motion. Motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

16:03 hours: Michael Hoover introduces Guest Gary Sivewright (Chairman of the Board) gives a brief introduction.
-The school is unique and he loves the school, he is local to the school.
-We are very transparent and intend to stay that way.
-We are on the right path with Bob Fine's leadership.

16:09 hours: Michael Hoover introduces Guest Speaker Bob Fine (President of the Acdemy).
-Enrollment 135 in Aug 2022. Today 236 on campus, will graduate about 60 this year.
-Last year on June 1st we had 116 enrolled for this year, we started the year at 218, added 102 during summer. At this time we have 147 enrolled for next year.

-Admissions has 100+ in the process, 40 have contracted, about 30 are in application process.
-Fully anticipate 235-240 kids enrolled next year.
-Would like to end next year at 260+ which would make us fully sustainable, not reliant on donations to cover expenses each year.
- in the past two years we have invested $5 million into the facilities, Hendricks put $3.5 million into dorm renovations.
-Through numerous donations and events we have raised enough to put in an engineering lab, simulator room (aviation), been able to add a bus to our fleet and additions to the weight room.
-Operationally there are long-term contracts that are bad, there is a lot of work to do help drive down expenditures.
-I am disappointed I have not made more progress in three years but I will be back next year for another year to try and firm up footing of the academy.
-Bob Fine asks for questions from the Alumni and answers questions.

    -Concerns were brought up about communication from the alumni director, traditions being lost and alumni taking it upon themselves to speak for the academy.

-Bob Fine addressed the issues and asked for everyone to stop posting on facebook and come talk to him, make an appointment, etc.

16:49 hours: Michael Hoover asks if there is anything on the secretaries' report.
-Kyle Popek states there are 6 vacancies on the board. There may be people present that are eligible to be voted onto the board.

16:50 hours: Emmerson Connely and Cory Byrnes are eligible to be voted onto the Board. Michael Hoover asks for a nomination motion. Dan Koniecko nominated Cory Byrnes, Justin Lofton nominated Emmerson Connely. Lee Breitkopf seconds the nominations.

16:52 hours: Michael Hoover asks for a voice vote, nominations pass unanimously by voice vote. Cory Byrnes and Emmerson Connely are voted onto the board for 3 year terms.

16:54 hours: Michael Hoover asks for the financial report from David Zirngibl.
-Total cash on hand is $12,056.00
-Upcoming expenses are:

    -$6,000.00 Scholarships
    -$573.30 OBAA Pins
    -$1,417.35 Awards
    -$1,273.68 Senior Dinner

-Cash left after expenses = $2,791.67
(Does not include 5% draw on old trust)

-Old Trust has $73,561.29
-New Trust has $45,152.87
-There is a increase in dues to auditors/relocating funds coming up.

- Excalibur/fund a need was voted on at $500, but the executive board overrode this and matched a $2,000.00 donation.

-16:56 hours: Michael Hoover asks for a motion to approve the $1,500.00 increase for the fund a need. Lee Breitkopf makes a motion and Dan Koniecko 2nds the motion and it passes with a unanimous voice vote.

-16:57 hours: Michael Hoover asks for a motion to approve $1000 each for 6 legacy students instead of $500 scholarships.
Jeff McGlynn makes a motion to approve and Dan Koniecko 2nds the motion, the motion passes with unanimous voice vote.

16:59 hours: Question was asked if the OBAA has ever had dues, the answer is yes it had but it was decades ago (50s-70s) general discussion was had about dues to raise funds.

17:02 hours: General discussion was had about how to increase participation, events, and pull alumni into the fold and get information to them.

17:26 hours: Executive Board elections must be voted on. The candidates are as follows:
President = Michael Hoover — 1st Vice President = Dan Koniecko
2nd Vice President = Jeff McGlynn — Secretary = Kyle Popek
Treasurer= David Zirngibl

Lucas Kraft will be stepping down as 2nd Vice President but will stay on the board.
17:29 hours: Michael Hoover asks for a motion Gregory Van Praag motions, Lee Breitkopf 2nds the motion. The Motion passes with unanimous voice vote.

17:28 hours: General discussion has been had about future events, the alumni weekend etc.

17:31 hours: Next meeting will be Saturday, July 26, 10:00 AM via zoom.

17:32 hours: New Business, Gregory Van Praag states Final Salute will be June 28, 2025 for Bill Hummel. Asks that anyone who can attend, please attend, would like to have Northwestern alumni present. The Northwestern Guidons will be used at Final Salute.

1734 hours: Michael Hoover asks for a motion to adjourn, Motion is made by Dan Koniecko, 2nd was motioned by David Zirngibl.

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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