

UMAA National Board Meeting
 March 11, 2006

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
 NATIONAL BOARD MEETING
 Saturday, March 11, 2006
 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 500 McNamara Alumni Center**

| <u>Board Members Attending</u> | <u>Board Members Unable to Attend</u> |
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| Karen Alaniz | Karen Buhr |
| Jean Bauer | Bob Calmenson |
| Marcia Carthaus (by phone) | Emily Serafy Cox |
| Lynn Casey | John Cuningham |
| Ed Cracraft | Jerry Fischer |
| Kent Dragseth | John Foley |
| Jim duBois | Karyn Gruenberg |
| Barbara Foster | Kent Horsager |
| Archie Givens | Steve Litton |
| Andrea Hjelm | Scott Meyer |
| Doug Kuehnast | Ted Mondale |
| Tom LaSalle | Rich Newell |
| Nancy Lindahl | Ravi Norman |
| Lucinda Maine (by phone) | Darcy Pohland |
| Sandy McCartney | Stanley Skadron |
| Mary McLeod | Norrie Thomas |
| Jan Meyer | |
| Bruce Mooty (by phone) | <u>UMAA Staff Attending</u> |
| Jim Mulder | Margaret Carlson |
| Sara-Lynn Nash | Diane Fisher |
| Gene Ollila | Jen Gelbmann |
| Brian Osberg | Christine Howard |
| Jessica Phillips | Bruce Rader |
| Mark Phillips | |
| Jim Resch | <u>UMAA Staff Unable to Attend</u> |
| Denny Schulstad (by phone) | Cheryl Jones |
| Robert Stein | |
| Kip Thacker | <u>University Guests Attending</u> |
| Paul Thompson | Robert Bruininks, University President |
| Ertugrul Tuzcu | Linda Thrane, VP-University Relations |
| Andy Wangstad | |

University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) President Bob Stein called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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National President's Report

Stein welcomed the board members present and those participating by phone. Stein also welcomed University of Minnesota President Bob Bruininks and Vice President for University Relations Linda Thrane. Stein noted that the UMAA board members had their annual dinner with the University Board of Regents at Eastcliff last Thursday night, with President Bruininks attending.

Stein announced that the UMAA Annual Celebration dinner is sold out, but tickets to the program are available. Stein gave special thanks to the Annual Celebration presenting sponsor, Gray Plant Mooty, and UMAA vice president Bruce Mooty. He also thanked Marshall Field's, UMAA's first signature partner, and Ertugrul Tuzcu, UMAA secretary-treasurer, for his leadership in securing the partnership.

Stein presented a slide show of recent UMAA events and activities. The Legislative Briefing on January 25 attracted a record attendance of nearly 400 alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Although the Gophers lost to Virginia in the Music City Bowl, the fans had an enjoyable time in Nashville, Tennessee.

University of Minnesota Report and Discussion

President Bruininks thanked Marcia Carthaus, UMAA geographic representative, for hosting the recent alumni event in Naples, Florida. He also thanked Denny Schulstad, UMAA president-elect, for his leadership on the committee that is determining how veterans will be recognized in the new on-campus football stadium.

President Bruininks said that the state of the University of Minnesota is very strong. Student applications are up by 30% at the Twin Cities campus. The number of alumni donors is increasing: 51,000 of 93,000 donors last year are alumni. The majority of the strategic positioning task forces have made recommendations to the University's executive team, which is now working to turn the recommendations into an action plan.

The University's \$206 million dollar budget request is being considered at the legislature, and a stadium bill is beginning to come into focus in the House of Representatives. Linda Thrane, vice president for University Relations, thanked the board members for supporting the budget request and the stadium drive at the legislature. She said that their support and assistance will be very important in the coming weeks.

Thrane also announced that the University of Florida's rankings of higher education institutions was recently published. The University of Minnesota tied for 6th and shows positive movement in five of nine criteria.

There was discussion about the status of the stadium bill. The board members approved a resolution stating that they support the University's original plan to fund the stadium.

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Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the December 3, 2005, board meeting minutes; the financial statements as of January 31, 2006; and the membership report as of February, 2006, indicating a total membership of 55,308. All items were approved as mailed.

Committee Reports

The chairs of the Advocacy, Finance, Marketing and Communications, and Programs committees reported on their activities.

Andrea Hjelm, chair of the Board Development committee, presented the following slate of candidates for UMAA officers for 2006-2007:

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| President | Denny Schulstad |
| President-elect | Tom LaSalle |
| First Vice President | Bruce Mooty |
| Vice President | Mary McLeod |
| Vice President | Archie Givens |
| Vice President | Jessica Phillips |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Ertugrul Tuzcu |
| Past President | Bob Stein |

The slate was approved by the board members.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Margaret Carlson, UMAA chief executive officer, provided a progress report on the UMAA's 2005-2006 goals. She noted that the Board Development committee is working to increase diversity among the board members. Carlson also said that the Board of Regents recently endorsed the Scholars Walk, so the dedication can occur next fall.

Carlson presented the draft UMAA objectives for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, the first two years of the association's new five-year strategic plan. The final draft of the proposed objectives will be presented to the national board for approval at the year-end board meeting on June 22. Carlson also reviewed the new UMAA management structure, which was revised to reflect the functions of the new strategic plan. She announced that she has appointed a search committee to fill the UMAA senior director of communications position.

Adjournment

Stein adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Christine Howard
UMAA Executive Assistant

for

Ertugrul Tuzcu
Secretary-Treasurer