

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 20, 2010, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
200 McNamara Alumni Center

Committee Members Attending

Esten, Phil
Givens, Archie
Himle, Karen
Horsager, Kent
Loyd, Susan Adams
McLeod, Mary
Mooty, Bruce
Reed, Maureen
Thacker, Kip
Tuzcu, Ertugrul

UMAA Staff Attending

Coffer, Curtis
Isaak, Ruth
Rader, Bruce
Shortridge, Julie

Guest

Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop

President's Report

Archie Givens thanked the Executive Committee for attending today's special meeting to review proposed changes to the Association's bylaws. He introduced Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop. Bishop is a principal with the Gray Plant Mooty law firm and has provided legal counsel on the proposed revisions.

Givens explained that the Alumni Association bylaws require updating and need revision to comply with the Memorandum of Understanding with the University signed in May, 2008. Curtis Coffer, CFO and Senior Director of Operations, has worked with staff and also engaged legal counsel to review the bylaws and recommend changes.

Board's Role

Ertugrul Tuzcu, President-elect, led a discussion on the board's leadership role to provide background before proposed bylaws changes were discussed. The consensus was that the board's role is to set strategic direction and overall governance. It is the CEO's role to implement the board's overall directions and direct staff.

It was noted that the associations' committees work very closely with their staff liaisons. Ideally it is a collaborative process. If there are unresolved issues, board members and staff should inform the CEO.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The committee reviewed current bylaws against suggested revisions and discussed each change. A summary of changes is attached.

The Executive Committee will review the revised document at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 3.

Committee Chairs

Incoming President Ertugrul Tuzcu reviewed his committee chair choices and asked board members for their service. All agreed.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Executive Committee	Ertugrul Tuzcu
Advocacy	Mary McLeod and Kip Thacker
Finance and Audit	Patrick Schott
Marketing and Communications	Susan Adams Loyd
Program	Maureen Reed and Kip Thacker.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Isaak
For Kent Horsager, Secretary-Treasurer