

Board of Governors Meeting

December 14, 2022

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Dual Modality meeting

Present: Debby Dittman, Kieran Turan, Judy Jones, Rachel Cefalu, Karilee Wirthlin, Mitra Lohrasb, Melissa Berkay, Linda Goodrich, Kathy Roskos, Ari Wolf, Pamela Roper, Angela DeMoss

Absent: Alice Hewitt, Cherlene Wright, Catherine Ladnier, Christina Hannan, Ellen Hines

Call to Order President Dittman 5:30

President Dittman called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM

Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approve BOG Minutes from 11/9

One correction was made about the review of attendance policy. Minutes were approved.

Motion to extend open BOG meeting start to Feb.

President Dittman made the motion, and was seconded by Governor Roskos. 10 in favor. Motion passes.

President's Report

President Dittman gave her report, which included an appreciation and recap of Pam Herman's time as Interim ED, and a summary of upcoming events including the choosing of a date for the Annual Meeting to be discussed in January.

Operations Manager Report

Lila Goehring gave her Operations Manager report, updating the group on daily operations, merchandise sales, and communication, and offered her thanks to the Governors.

Resignation Announcement, Procedure

President Dittman updated the group that Debra Connick has resigned after a long term on the Board of Governors and a great amount of volunteer work for the AAMC. Due to health and family reasons, she regretfully sent her resignation last week. It was the recommendation of the Executive Committee that she not be replaced, per the bylaws, which only require a replacement if the absence causes the group to lose a quorum. After noting that Connick's term would have ended in 2025, the Board largely urged the need for a replacement, particularly one willing to co-chair communications as Connick did. Other desired qualifications include: diversity, wide range of class years, professional nonprofit experience, and human resource and fundraising skills. Governor Goodrich and Governor Lohrasb volunteered to review the list of previous applicants, and to look for someone with communications skills. Lila and Governor Wirthlin will help with this.

Motion: To replace Debra Connick. The motion was put in place by President Dittman and seconded by Governor Lohrasb. 10 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstained. The motion passed.

Board Chairs Academy Recap

Due to time constraints, Governor Turan made a motion to postpone this topic to a future date. Governor Lohrasb seconded, and the motion passed.

Guest: Kristen Caven, with a fundraising idea

Kristen Caven '88 gave a brief presentation on a fundraising idea. She addressed that alumnae want to give but need more information to do so, and want different things done with their money. She suggested that alumnae could choose exactly what their donation will go towards. Comments from Governors agreed that alumnae don't know how to give or where the money will go, and that the giving will show us how people feel about our future pathway, like the options comment period. Question raised about if we can fundraise without an updated purpose, and an idea was to specifically appeal to supporting continuing Mills students for the next 1-2 years. This will be researched further. Kristen remarked that alumnae are craving transparency, and this could provide that. An idea was suggested that a committee or group work on this with Kristen's guidance.

Executive Session: Update on Mill Law Center

President Dittman made a motion to move to Executive Session at 6:55, seconded by Governor Turan. The board moved out of Executive Session at 7:28.

DEIA

A full DEIA session will be included in a future meeting. In this meeting, Governor Wolf asked Board members to share their holiday plans and thoughts for the end of the year, and a thoughtful discussion followed.

Committee Reports

- ASR
- Hospitality
- Branches & Clubs

No committee reports were given, they are included in the agenda packet. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.