

**September 17, 2018**

**Proposed Bylaws as Amended and Restated as of September 15, 2018 - Governance Restructure of the UWAA Board of Directors**

Dear Fellow UW Alumni Association Member:

At the fall University of Wyoming Alumni Association board meeting on September 14-15, 2018 in Laramie, the Board of Directors voted to amend the Association's Bylaws. The amendments address a plan to restructure the UWAA Board of Directors. During the recent comment period for members from July 17-31, we received beneficial suggestions and feedback that were incorporated into the final draft proposal by our board.

I invite you to participate in this important decision and direct you to our website to view documents and supporting data related to the Bylaws as Amended and Restated as of September 15, 2018. In accordance with our current Bylaws, the proposal is being presented to our members for voting. You may cast your vote electronically at our website or request a paper ballot by calling our office at (307) 766-4166. Voting ends at midnight on September 30, 2018. For the Amended and Restated Bylaws to pass, 2/3 of the members who vote must approve them.

In summary, the proposal recommends:

- (1) Reducing the size of the board from 43 directors to 19 to 22 directors;
- (2) Retaining fair geographical representation from Wyoming and the U.S. while ensuring that the majority of board directors reside in Wyoming; and
- (3) Adding Emeritus Directors to draw upon valuable experience of past UWAA leaders.

If approved, current board directors with terms remaining after 2019 will serve the remainder of their terms on the newly structured board regardless of geographic location.

A smaller board will benefit the Association by providing timely, informed, and engaged discourse regarding the variety of subject matters over which the Association presides and:

- (1) Streamline the board and reduce the cost of coordinating a 43-director board both in terms of operational cost and opportunity cost of staff time;
- (2) Improve efficiency in operation and communication with the board;
- (3) Free up the Association's valuable staff and resources to apply to other engagement priorities;
- (4) Achieve efficiencies in keeping all of the directors engaged; and
- (5) Optimize the individual potential of board directors.

Thank you for being a member of the Association. Your support makes it possible for the Association to provide valuable programs to our alumni and scholarships for students. I sincerely appreciate your participation in this process.

**VOTE HERE**

Yours truly,



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