

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Laramie, Wyoming                      October 4, 1974

The annual fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the University of Wyoming Alumni Association was held in the Senate Room of the Student Union in Laramie on Friday, October 4, 1974. The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hunkins at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT            Ray Hunkins, President                      Ron Lytle  
                    Rex Arney, Vice President                Mrs. Emily Macy  
                    Eldon Spicer, Vice President              Dave Madia  
                    Dick Skinner, Executive Director        Mrs. Mary McIlvaine  
                    L. Keith Anderson                        Gordon Mickelson  
                    Dave Bonner                                O. O. Natwick, Jr.  
                    Dr. Rod Chisholm                         Mrs. Mary Lou Peck  
                    Earl Cochran                                Joe F. Rulli  
                    John C. Cole                                John Rust  
                    David Crum                                 Mrs. Judith Semple  
                    Reed Gardner                               Wm. Al Taylor  
                    Richard Leedy                              Phil House  
                    Richard Vandel                             E. J. Haines  
                    Jerry Henderson (Past President)

ABSENT            Felix Buchenroth, Jr., James R. Mecca

MINUTES  
APPROVED        The reading of the previous Board of Directors meeting held March 30, 1974 was dispensed with as there were no additions or corrections.

NEW  
MEMBERS        President Ray Hunkins announced the new members; L. Keith Anderson, Platte County; Mary Lou Peck, Natrona County; and Judie Semple, Campbell County.

ANNOUNCEMENT   Dick Skinner announced that 20 tickets were being held in the ticket office for the Roy Clark show for anyone interested.

REPORTS        June Schrib gave a report on the annual membership as of September 27, 1974. The total was 3,749 annual memberships. It is a little less than last year but last year was much over the year before. A special appeal was made in May of this year and another one will be made in the upcoming spring. There are 32,140 plates in the file and 31,800 alumni all together. Life Membership has increased 115 members since last October. There are 35 total payments-- 80 beginning, 110 completing. There are 1,921 life membership plates in the file. Husbands and wives are on the same plate, so there are actually more members. Approximately one-third of the plates are for husbands and wives.

                    June Schrib also discussed publications briefly. Circulation has increased on both of the publications; Alumnus and University Reporter. The price of publishing the newspaper has increased from \$340 to \$440. The price of paper is also going up. It cost \$1700 to print the last issue of the magazine and \$1500 to print the spring issue. We will try one story for each magazine on energy and what the University is doing about the energy crisis.

                    We also plan to have a series of articles about alumni in various towns in Wyoming. If there are any suggestions about your town, June Schrib would be glad to hear them.

REPORTS

The type in the magazine was changed this year. It takes much less time to print now and because of this, the first football game of the season was included in the September-October issue.

A calendar of events was added to the Reporter, which includes plays, concerts, lectures, etc.

President Ray Hunkins asked if there were any questions and when there weren't, he congratulated June on the job she has done.

ALUMNI  
HOUSE

Executive Director, Dick Skinner reported on the Alumni house. A short background on the house was given. On May 22, President Hunkins asked if the board was interested in leasing the house. No one was opposed and the lease was signed on August 6. The estimate by Spiegelburg Construction was \$13,358 to renovate the house. This is being financed in the following way:

439 plates were sold (\$30/plate commission)	\$13,170
Donations by Past Presidents	560
Donations by Board Members	850
Olga Johnson	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>\$15,430</u>

Mrs. Virginia McBride is furnishing us with art to exhibit. Mrs. McBride is a past President of the board. They are for sale, however, no commission has been discussed.

There is a possibility that we will move into the house in the next two weeks. We are planning an Open-House and some sort of opening ceremony on November 16, which is the date of the last home football game.

O. O. Natwick asked about the lease on the house. President Hunkins announced that he has a copy of the lease and anyone can look at it if they want to.

FINANCIAL

We get \$48,000 of state appropriated funds. In 75/76 we are going to request \$53,410. We estimate we will raise an additional \$64,000. The operating budget is \$112,810. Dick Skinner is going to submit a written proposal to the Cowboy Joe Club to lease the vacant office to help pay the expenses. We are doing a pretty good job on our market potential.

A copy of the audit by the University is included in each packet.

Phil House gave a report on the life membership. Our portfolio has gone along with the rest of the market. A meeting with the Alumni Investment Committee was held in July and suggestions were made and taken into consideration. The Albertsons stock was sold and Winn-Dixie was purchased. The value of our stock has dropped but we are generating more income now than in the past. He then reviewed our portfolio stock by stock and briefly elaborated on the future of the market.

Earl Cochran asked if we were making any attempt to get all funds into the life membership account. There appears to be a lapse in payments. Woody Haines stated that there has been an improvement in this situation.

REPORTS  
FINANCIAL

Rod Chisholm asked if the life membership funds went into a savings account.

President Ray Hunkins asked Woody Haines to explain why we have been in this situation and why there is so much difficulty getting out of it. Woody stated that bills were paid from this account. A brief discussion followed.

Dick Skinner briefly discussed Homecoming activities. There is more student involvement this year and he read an article from the Branding Iron, which supports this.

September 27, October 4, 18 and 25 are possible dates for next years Homecoming.

SCHOLARSHIPS

New booklets were distributed to everyone. We now have 24 students on scholarships at the University. The grade point average for each of the Districts follows:

District #1 - 3.42 Average  
District #2 - 2.74 Average  
District #3 - 2.56 Average

District #4 - 3.52 Average  
District #5 - 3.25 Average

Dick Skinner thanked the board for their efforts in this program. A brief discussion followed including the deadline date for applications, the scholarships and their funding, and President Ray Hunkins read the policy on student's averages. Dick Skinner will correspond with the board re the handling of students applications, i.e. to whom submitted, deadline, etc., in the near future.

MEDALLION  
AWARD

Dick Skinner reviewed the Medallion Award. Mr. Joe Watt was presented to the board for consideration to receive this award. Eldon Spicer moved that it so be awarded, and it was seconded by John Cole. The motion was approved by the entire board and the motion was carried. The date it will be given is subject to the availability of the medal.

DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be given at the luncheon, Saturday, October 5th as follows; Ted Olson by Dave Bonner, Bill Solheim II by Ray Hunkins and Robert Barnard by Eldon Spicer.

Dick Skinner reported that he had discussed with the First National Bank a program by which we will accept dues by use of Master Charge. The program is open for discussion by the board.

Dick Skinner also briefly mentioned the aborted benefit cocktail party in Denver.

Recruiting efforts of the University were mentioned. An attempt was made to upgrade the potential around the state of Wyoming. Planning days this year have been decided. This schedule was given by Dick Skinner and a brief discussion followed.

PRESIDENT'S

President Ray Hunkins gave a short rundown on the things that have happened to him in the past year as president of the board. He mentioned what the house will do for the board - it will give the Alumni a much-needed identity.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT     He asked all members to give Dick Skinner a check before leaving to help with the house.

President Hunkins also discussed the membership drives. One is held every 5 or 6 years and we need to have another drive now. He asked that the new president give this some consideration.

The by-laws were then called to the attention of the new president. He suggested that he name a committee to review and revise these by-laws. President Hunkins also suggested a good committee system be used. One important thing the by-laws should do is establish the rights of the out-of-state members.

Problems which the University is going to face in the upcoming year were then discussed. President Hunkins feels the next year will be a critical one for both the University and the state. There will be declining influence in the University Alumni Association. He feels we should be aware of this. We are going to have, within a short period of time, a big turnover within the trustees.

Enrollment - we have competition from other schools and adjacent states. We would like to see the new recruitment programs continue.

The pay scale should be upgraded also. This ought to be the very best University in the Rocky Mountain region and we shouldn't be on the bottom of the list in salaries. The pay scales for the Alumni staff should be reconsidered also. They need the officers of this association to look after their interests in dealing with this administration. President Hunkins informed the board that he has made the administration aware that he is interested and that maybe next year something will be done.

President Hunkins said he is not happy with the development function within the University. There is a "great source of untapped contributions" that could be used by this University. He also stated that he is not at all happy with the Athletic Department. President Hunkins feels there is really going to be a shake-up in the department and that we ought to have a hand in the selection process. We should demand it and require it until we have our say so.

Finally, President Hunkins said throughout his time on the board he has been amazed at the quality of people that we have on the board. He then thanked everyone for helping out with this University.

OLD  
BUSINESS

There was no old business for discussion, however, the magazine, dues, advertising, and out-of-state alumni were discussed by all briefly.

NEW  
BUSINESS

Dick Skinner read a letter from Felix Buchenroth, Jr. which formally invited the board to hold their spring meeting in Jackson. Rex Arney moved that this motion be passed and it was seconded by Ron Lytle. Joe Rulli then offered Buffalo for the spring meeting. A brief discussion followed and it was suggested that the meeting be moved around every other year. Having the meeting in Jackson was voted on but was not passed. Rod Chisholm asked for a show of hands. Mary Lou Peck then offered Phil House's invitation to have the spring meeting in Casper

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NEW  
BUSINESS

and she so moved. John Cole seconded the motion and then briefly discussed Casper from an attendance standpoint. The motion was passed. The spring meeting will be held in Casper at a date to be announced.

Dick Vandel mentioned Homecoming 1975 and a brief discussion followed. An early game was preferred.

A brief discussion was held on the Master Charge issue and Ron Lytle moved that we adopt the use of Master Charge and BankAmericard for the paying of dues. Dave Crum seconded the motion and it was passed.

PRESIDENT  
CARLSON

President Carlson then gave a short speech concerning the advancement and improvement of the University. He is very optimistic about the faculty and our standing as a University. There is no reason to feel that the University will remain where we are now. We will grow and get people to come here. Salaries will have to be raised, however, inflation has hit. A short question and answer period followed.

ELECTION  
OF  
OFFICERS

President Ray Hunkins then opened the floor for nominations for officers. O. O. Natwick nominated Rod Chisholm for President from Albany County and Earl Cochran nominated Eldon Spicer for President from Sweetwater County. Rex Arney moved that the nominations be closed. It was seconded by Reed Gardner and the motion was passed. Board members voted and Woody Haines and Dick Skinner counted the votes. Eldon Spicer was elected President.

Dave Bonner nominated Ron Lytle as Vice President from District #1. Dave Madia moved that there be a unanimous ballot, it was seconded and Ron Lytle was elected Vice President from District #1.

Dave Madia nominated Joe Rulli for Vice President from District #2, it was seconded by Dick Vandel. Mary Lou Peck moved that there be a unanimous ballot, it was passed and Joe Rulli was elected as Vice President of District #2.

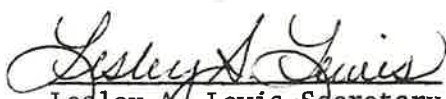
Dave Madia nominated Rod Chisholm for Vice President District IV, the chair entertained the same motion and he was elected.

John Cole nominated Richard Vandel for Vice President District V, Mary Lou Peck seconded the motion. John moved to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot. Richard Vandel was elected Vice President District V.

LUNCHEON

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. for a luncheon in the faculty dining room of Knight Hall for all directors, their spouses and the Distinguished Alumni and their families.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
Lesley A. Lewis-Secretary

