

Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 27, 2021 via Zoom

I. WELCOME

At 6:02pm the Alumni Association Past President, Dr. Jack Folbe, welcomed everyone to the first-ever virtual Medical Alumni Association Annual Meeting. Joined by several members of the Executive Leadership of our Board of Governors who you will hear from over the next hour. Normally the Medical Alumni Association Annual Meeting is held during reunion weekend in May. However, since the last year has been anything but normal, the reunion has been pushed back to the first weekend in October. Reunion weekend offers a wonderful opportunity to look back, celebrate the past, reminisce and reconnect. It is a joyous and important event, and one we are looking forward to this year - maybe more than ever before. While this past year has created many challenges, it has also provided many opportunities. Postponing the reunion has given us an exciting opportunity to use this annual meeting as a time to look forward, and to introduce the next generation of Warrior MDs to the alumni community. All of you who are attending tonight know that one of our primary responsibilities as alumni is to mentor, motivate and inspire medical students. But I think when you hear from the students about their incredible accomplishments, you will be the ones who are motivated and inspired. As you listen to these amazing student stories, please keep in mind that their success is due in large part to the opportunities afforded by your generosity and support.

**II. STUDENT VIDEOS
INNOVATION**

Dr. Folbe announced the spotlighting of two student-innovators, Sean Jones, Class of 2023 and Matthew Tukel, Class of 2021. Not only is the School of Medicine interested in recruiting students who strive to be exceptional clinicians, we are also looking for students who have the ability to identify problems and the drive to develop solutions.

ADVOCACY

Dr. Steve Daveluy, Vice-President of the Medical Alumni Association reported. The School of Medicine has always focused on exceptional patient care, and we know that much of this care is impacted by local, state and national policies. From day one, our students understand they have an obligation to advocate for policies they believe will help their patients. Because of that, we have one of the most active and successful student advocacy organizations in the country. Not only have our students focused on impacting medical policy at the state and national level, they have also advocated for curriculum enhancements at the School of Medicine. We are pleased to share clips of students describing advocacy projects they have been involved with.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. Patrice Harold, Treasurer of the Medical Alumni Association, reported. The Medical Alumni Annual Fund, which is managed by our Board of Governors, supports nearly 80 student organizations and interest groups. We didn't have these kinds of organizations in the 80's when I was in school, so I didn't understand their impact on our students' medical education and the community until I became more involved with the Alumni Association. We would need hours to showcase all our student organizations, but I think the following videos will give you a sense of their importance in developing competent and compassionate physicians who make an impact in their communities.

Dr. Folbe announced our students are doing incredible things, and much of their success is due to the opportunities afforded by the Medical Alumni Association.

III. DEAN SCHWEITZER

Dr. Folbe introduced a message from Dr. Mark Schweitzer, Vice President of Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine. Dean Schweitzer just completed his first full year as dean, and he has been actively engaged with our board throughout his first year.

IV. MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Treasurer Report - Dr. Patrice Harold, Treasurer, Medical Alumni Association reported.

- The Medical Alumni Association receives the bulk of our funds from membership dues.
- Our goal is to use these funds, which should not be confused with donations to the Medical Alumni Annual Fund, to promote and support the School of Medicine and the Medical Alumni Association.
- These funds are primarily used:
 - To sponsor Medical Alumni Association Lifetime of Dedication scholarships for students.
 - To subsidize alumni-sponsored events like Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend and Future Docs.
 - To purchase the School of Medicine-branded merchandise and apparel that is sold in the alumni office and online. Prices are as close to cost as possible since the majority of sales are to students and all purchases demonstrate school pride.
 - And to sponsor booths and ads at medical conferences.
- Our closing balance on December 31, 2020 was \$8,082.

Membership - Dr. Rhonda Marvar, Secretary of the Medical Alumni Association reported.

- As Dr. Harold said in the treasurer's report, membership dues provide funds that are critical for the promotion of the Medical Alumni Association and the School of Medicine.
- Membership is also one of the best ways to show pride and appreciation for the medical education you received at the School of Medicine.
- We ended fiscal year 2020 with 2,633 dues paying members, which was a 5.2% increase over 2019. We are running slightly behind where we were at this time in 2020.
- If you aren't a dues paying member, please consider joining. In addition to supporting the Medical Alumni Association, you'll gain access to some great benefits.
- And if you are a current member, but not a life member, consider upgrading to lifetime membership.
- Your membership helps the Medical Alumni Association thrive!

Annual Fund – Dr. Patrice Harold reported

- The Medical Alumni Board of Governors is responsible for helping to raise funds and direct allocations for the annual fund. However, please don't think that donations to the annual fund are the only donations our generous alumni and others make to the School of Medicine. As a matter of fact, the annual fund reflects just a small, but vitally important portion of the money the School of Medicine receives.
- The annual fund is a primary source of funding for student organizations and other programs that, as you heard from the student videos, supports their work in the community.
- It also provides funds for academic success programs, like Step 1 and Step 2 prep, which helped the Class of 2021 achieve a historic 99% match rate!
- As you can imagine, 2020 was a difficult year for fundraising across the board, including the annual fund.
- We ended 2020 at \$402,000, which was approximately \$150,000 less than 2019.
- Medical Alumni reunion giving contributes significantly to the annual fund. Because we had to postpone last year's reunion, we hope to significantly increase donations this year with a double reunion.
- Thank you for all who have donated! If you haven't and would like to make a gift, the link is in the chat.

Special Projects – Dr. Rebecca Klisz-Hulbert reported.

- In addition to providing funding for student initiatives, the Medical Alumni Association also provides an exciting array of mentoring and engagement opportunities for our students and alumni. There are countless ways to support the School of Medicine, and we are here to help find the best fit for our alumni, whether in Metro Detroit or beyond.
- Prior to the pandemic, we hosted in-person Medical Specialty Lunches, One-on-One mentoring, Shadowing, and Dinner with a Doc programs.
- In mid- March of 2020, when the campus closed, we converted all of our alumni-student engagement programs into virtual programs.
- In total, more than 220 alumni and 400 students participated in the virtual engagement programs, which included 76 medical specialty webinars.
- Moving forward, we will host a mix of virtual and in person mentoring and engagement programs.
- If you are interested in volunteering for any of these programs, the link is in the chat.

Election of the Medical Alumni Association Board of Governors – Dr. Jack Folbe reported. The full slate along with individual bios are on the web site. The alumni board represents our many alumni constituencies including MDs, Residents, Fellows, PhDs, Master of Public Health and Master of Science grads, as well as current residents and students. Before we vote, I want you to have the opportunity to meet some of the alumni board members who serve you. Board videos were shown.

If you are an active member of the Medical Alumni Association, meaning your membership dues are paid, please vote now. The results will be tabulated and reported on the website next week.

The board recently approved a by-law amendment that allows out-of-state alumni to serve on the board remotely. Over the summer we will be seeking nominations to fill two newly created out-of-state member-at-large positions. If you are interested, see that chat box for the nomination link.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jack Folbe announced on behalf of the Medical Alumni Association Board of Governors, thank you for joining us tonight, and for all you do to support and enhance the standing of our School of Medicine. If you have questions or comments about anything you heard tonight, or you would like to become more involved, please contact the alumni office. Their contact information is in the chat. As a reminder, this year's Medical Alumni Reunion weekend is planned for the first weekend in October and we hope to see all of you there!

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ramos