

Minutes of the AMSL Alumni Board Meeting (Approved 4/6/21)

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Time: 8:00PM EST

Via Zoom

PRESENT

Kevin Normile, Zachary Miller, Victor Bermudez, Tylan Ricketts, Amy Howarth, Dean Kevin Cieply, Dean Jennifer Lucas Ross, Christina Pasquali, Will Sullivan, Charles Mailloux, James Skyles, Brendan Kyle, Naomi Hatton, Andrew Bodoh, John Tuttle.

- 1) Call to Order/Establish Quorum
- 2) Opening Prayer - St. Thomas More Lawyer's Prayer
- 3) Welcoming the New Board Members
 - a. Charles Mailloux
 - b. Christina Pasquali
 - c. Tylan Ricketts
 - d. Will Sullivan
- 4) Thank You to Outgoing President Josh Molandes
- 5) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. November 10 Meeting
 - i. Approved
 - b. December 8 Meeting
 - i. Approved
 - c. Annual General Meeting
 - i. Approved
 - d. January 5 Meeting
 - i. Approved
- 6) Messages
 - a. President's Message
 - i. Once the Covid-19 threat subsides, we look forward to hosting in-person events.
 - ii. In light of political events, we should be mindful of the perseverance of the early Church in Rome.
 - b. Dean's Update
 - i. Josh McCaig, '03, founder of the Catholic Bar Association, will receive the Alumni Lifetime Achievement award.
 - ii. Tom Monaghan will be the speaker at Profiles in Ethical Leadership this month.
 - iii. Board Meeting on Thursday
 - iv. We are looking into merging with the University, perhaps within 5 years.

1. Bodoh: Is this chiefly to drive applications from the university to the law school? What are the other benefits?
 - a. Yes. It will also help alleviate confusion with fundraising between the University and the Law School. We are also doing a market analysis of a potential online degree, and this could open the door to an LLM degree offering. The University has the requisite accreditation for us to offer an LLM degree. Also, the University and Law School can cover each other's expenses in the event of one's shortfall. Also, the President of the University is open to the idea.
2. Tuttle: What type of LLMs are we looking at?
 - a. Jurisprudence, Business and Estate Planning.
3. Bermudez: Will this affect the location of the law school?
 - a. No. At least not for a long time. We have a good location and a new building would be very expensive.
- v. We are also looking into creating a dual MBA/JD.
- vi. We will continue online into the Summer. We expect to be in person by Fall.
- vii. We put rocks around buildings to fortify the foundations and protect it from rain.
- viii. We are going to put a sign at Vanderbilt Beach Rd.
- ix. We have a trial date in June for the lawsuit over the exercise equipment. We are hoping for a settlement or summary judgment because they admitted they only delivered about 60% of the equipment.
- x. We are looking for a clinical director for Veteran's Clinic.
- xi. We are doing well with fundraising.
- xii. March 25 will be Tom Monaghan's birthday at our signature event.
- xiii. We will do a webinar with John Manos, '03, VP of EWTN.
- xiv. Admissions are up in quality and quantity.
- xv. Career Services has a government public interest fair coming up.
- xvi. We had a small group who walked down Vinyards for MLK day.

7) Old Business

- a. VP Complaint Committee
 - i. Skyles: We have had a couple of conversations. We haven't had a formal meeting to adopt our report, but we will have that soon and will then forward the report to the board for approval.
 1. Bodoh: February 5 is due date.
 - ii. Skyles: Is there a provision for approval by Email?
 1. Bodoh: There is no specific provision. Also, the bylaws require 7 days notice for a special meeting except in case of emergency.
 - iii. Bermudez: Can we just respond to the complaint and memorialize it in writing?
 1. Skyles: The first part of the complaint is moot because the candidates were nominated prior to Shirvell being nominated. The second issue

was just a scrivener's error and didn't have any effect on the outcome of the election because the votes were tallied by hand. After interviewing people involved, the conclusion was that the scrivener's error was unintentional.

2. Bermudez: Can we just vote now and memorialize it in writing?
- iv. Bodoh: Motion for the Board to find that the conduct complained of in Andrew Shirvell's complaint of Dec 7 was the result of an inadvertent scrivener's error, the Board did not find evidence that this meaningfully altered the election results, and the Secretary should prepare a written statement of this finding to be forwarded to the complaining member by the President, and the Committee should reduce its findings to writing and present that writing at the next meeting.
 1. Skyles: Motion to amend: Furthermore, the allegations of nominating individuals for the purpose of diluting Andrew Shirvell's vote are unsubstantiated because those individuals were nominated prior to Mr. Shirvell's nomination.
 2. Tuttle: The motion should simply accept the report of the committee
 - a. Bodoh: The only problem with this is that we don't have a written report yet.
 3. Tuttle: Prior to voting, can the Committee describe their investigation in a little more detail?
 - a. Skyles: We went through the raw data of the vote tallies as well as the timing of the nominations and noticed no discrepancies that would meaningfully affect the results of the election.
- v. Bermudez: Motion to accept the Report as given by the Committee and to take no action on the complaint.
 1. Bodoh: We should take the specific action of finding that the complaint is unsubstantiated.
 2. Cieply: We should also say we approve the election results.
 3. Mailloux: I will abstain from the vote.
- vi. Sullivan: Motion to affirm that there is no merit to the complaint and to approve the results of the election and send a response to Mr. Shirvell by February 5.
 1. Tuttle: We should expand to say that the irregularities complained of did not influence the outcome of the election.
 2. Skyles: We should limit the motion to acceptance of Committee's findings and that will cover it.
- vii. **Motion to affirmatively support that there is no merit to the claims, to accept the committee's findings, to approve the results of the election as found by the committee, and to send a response to Mr. Shirvell by February 5.**
 1. Tuttle: The minutes should reflect that we examined the issue without the need for a written report. We received a thorough, detailed oral report.

2. Bodoh: The motion should just say that the board accepts the findings and approves the results of the elections.

viii. Sullivan: Motion to accept the committee's findings of no merit on the claims, to confirm the election results, and to send a response to Mr. Shirvell by February 5.

1. Normile: Yes
2. Karl: Recuse
3. Miller: Yes
4. Bodoh: Yes
5. Bermudez: Yes
6. Hatton: Yes
7. Mailloux: Recuse
8. Rickets: Yes
9. Skyles: Yes
10. Sullivan: Yes
11. Tuttle: Yes
12. Pasquali: Abstain
13. Dean Cieply: Recuse
14. Howarth: Recuse
 - a. Vote Passes
 - b. Normile: Can the Committee put its recommendation in writing and then send it to myself and the Secretary?
 - i. Skyles: Will do Asap.

8) New Business

- a. Creating Regional Committees
 - i. March for Life
 - ii. Naples Engagement
 - iii. Michigan Engagement
- b. Alumni Awards
 - i. Hatton: I will have a new proposal for next meeting with new language.
- c. Facebook Page
 - i. Hatton: Language should be available for next meeting.

9) Setting Next Meeting

- a. 3/2/21 at 8pm

10) Closing Prayer – Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas by Kevin Normile