

Lewis & Clark College
Board of Alumni Meeting -- Remote via Zoom
June 5, 2022

Board Members Present:

Chris Ohman '77, *CAS BOA President*
Mary Bodine-Watts '09 L'13
Katie Byrnes '79
Jen Cyphers '98
Peter Dempsey '01
Aaron Forbort '02
Edgard Garcia '92
Catherine Gibson '85
Marisol Jenkins '15
Erik Jensen '81
Hongda Jiang '08
Jessica Mullins '10
Aron Phillips '07
Anthony J. Ruiz '13
Richard Sames '12
Jackson Shea '89
Simran Singh '08
Stacy Thompson '79
Dave Todd '68, *Chair Albany Society Board of Directors*
Marnie Troska '98

Board Members Absent:

Jenny MacNichol '78

APP Staff Present:

Todd Davis, *Administrative Specialist Alumni, and Parent Programs*
Emily Decker '85, *Senior Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*
Stephen LeBoutillier '00, *Director of Annual Giving*
Tara McIrvin, *Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*
Ginger Moshofsky '83, PG '18, *Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*

Pre-Meeting resources (provided to members via website):

- ❑ Board of Alumni Minutes.3.6.22
- ❑ Admin Committee Report - June 2022
- ❑ CAS Fundraising Update June 2022
- ❑ LC Admissions Liaison Report June 2022
- ❑ Albany Society Activities, March-July 2022
- ❑ ACDC Report 5 June 2022
- ❑ Equity and Inclusion BOA June22

Notes:

SESSION I

Chris acknowledges on April 1st. 2022 Anne Caputo class of '69 board of Alumni member passed away. Emily observed the live stream of the services on May 28 and shares a brief description.

Chris - **Call to Order**

President's Report – Chris Ohman '77

Board of Trustees meeting recap from May

As a whole, there is a great sense of movement and momentum throughout the three Schools (CAS the GSEC and the LAW).

■ **Leadership transition**

The Transition (Wim to Robin) feels seamless. Wim is stepping away appropriately and Robin is stepping up. Robin will assume the presidency in July 2022, following the retirement of President Wim Wiewel.

Stacy Thompson – Also in agreement with Chris's opinion that both Wim and Robin are very clear on next steps and are working together with cohesion and grace.

■ **National Student Affairs Leader Selected as Vice President for Student Life**

Dr. Evette Castillo Clark will become the vice president of student life effective August 1.

Chris shares thoughts about two campus events, which are strong examples of who we are and who we must be. We must be folks who can take controversy, difficulty and challenging topics and welcome them so that we can come to a better understanding.

- *Community Dialogue 1: The Meaning of Lewis and Clark and Community Dialogue in Action*

This two-part event in April was the first of a series of LC community dialogues about challenging topics. Chris feels the important part of this dialogue and discussion was about seeking to understand, and then to find common ground and be rooted in facts.

- **Monica Lewinsky invited to speak at LC**

The L&C Feminist Student Union invited Monica Lewinsky BS '95 to speak on campus on April 20. Her talk was titled "*An Evening With Monica Lewinsky: Social Activism, the Price of Shame, and Resilience*" Chris was very glad that the College brought her back and embraced her and her story.

■ **Enrollment**

CAS applications are up strongly from last year where they were also at a high level. The Yield rate is up sharply, which is critical and certainly is promising. In addition, so far the revenue per student is stronger than it has been in the past.

Law School Applications are down but the quality of those applications are up. The placement rate of our graduates is up and strong.

Graduate School counseling programs are strong with still a great deal of interest. Where we see lower numbers is the Masters in Counseling and Masters in Education.

■ **Campus Construction**

Many capital projects are underway with visible improvements. New tennis dome is up; new roof on the chapel is in progress; as well as Templeton, which will be our new student center welcoming students with brighter and more open spaces, updated lighting, a pedestrian corridor, outside seating, courtyard improvements, and a new exterior elevator.

On the graduate campus, the lower floors of the Corbet house are being renovated for use along with the entrance. Additional parking coming this fall in the South Campus Gravel lot (82 new spaces).

Lewis & Clark is raising funds to transform our existing Joe Huston Memorial Sports Complex into a state-of-the-art facility that is among the best in the Northwest Conference. Houston Sport Complex Renovation has received a 500 thousand dollar match donation from a trustee to help complete the renovation.

Chris had the privilege of attending on stage the May CAS graduation ceremony and he was grateful to be a part of the celebration.

Chris - asks for a motion to approve the spring meeting minutes.

Edgard - **Motion to approve minutes.**

Aaron Forbort. - **Seconds the motion.**

All members approve minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Administrative Committee - Peter Dempsey '01

(Report **Admin Committee Report - June 2022**, PDF provided to members via website)

Peter gives a summary of the committee activity since the last meeting.

■ Presentation of Candidates for Board of Alumni Election.

BOA New Candidates 2022 (PDF documents provided to members via link)

We have eight open positions including the six incumbent positions who will appear on the ballot along with the new candidates that were interviewed.

Chris Ohman is cycling off the board this June as he is finishing his second term. We have a second open position because of Anne Caputo's passing. Chris will remain part of the board as president until his presidential term is complete in June 2023.

Three new candidates were interviewed by the Committee and all will appear on the ballot along with the incumbents (Mary, Katie, Erik, Hongda, Richard and Jenny).

■ President-Elect Vote

President-Elect Candidate Statements (PDF documents provided to members via link)

Today we will elect a President-Elect who will serve for one year concurrently with the third year of the President's term. In June 2023, the President-Elect will assume the role of President and serve a three-year term. We have three candidates Edgard, Erik and Stacy who have prepared candidate statements sharing their vision in their role as President-Elect (and, ultimately, president) of the Board of Alumni. Board members were given access to candidate statements for reviewing on May 20 prior to today's meeting.

President-Elect Ballot provided to members via a link to google form/ballot.

Members Vote for BOA members by google form/ballot.*

*Jenny MacNichol '78 voted absentee

Votes are collected and counted.

Results of the voting will be shared with the board later this week but not at this meeting.

Board member David Todd, excuses himself from the meeting while members discuss the next vote of New Board candidates. (David Todd has applied to join the Board as a full member once his ASBD term ends in June 2022). David will leave the Zoom and return after the voting is complete

A discussion held about the three new Board of Alumni candidates on the ballot.

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~15 minute Break

Fundraising, *Liaison* – Edgard Garcia '92 and Stephen LeBoutillier '00

(Report **CAS Fundraising Update June 2022**, PDF provided to members via website)

Edgard – We had an aMAYzing end of the month with the Philanthropy Councils fundraising outreach. We are one board member short of 100% giving this year. Board of Alumni Giving - 95% Participation (21 out of 22 donors).

Stephen – We made all our CAS fundraising goals.

- **\$15,178,849 in Total Gifts** | Goal \$15M
CAS: \$9.9M ● LAW: \$4.1M ● GSEC: \$856K
- **\$2,317,533 in Annual Fund** | Goal \$2.3M
LAW: \$319,353 | Goal \$300K ● GSEC: \$46,933 | Goal \$43K

Campaign progress is edging close to the \$155 million goal.

Goal: \$155,000,000 Total Raised: \$125,395,721 Left to Raise: \$29,604,279

Athletics, *Liaison* – Aron Phillips '92

The Board of Trustees approved moving forward with the Huston Sports Complex renovation at their February meeting. This is the first major capital improvement for the athletics department in a decade.

- Strengthening our baseball and softball programs.(new turf)
- Expanding our varsity sports to include men's soccer and women's lacrosse.
- Honoring the late Jerry Gatto, winningest coach (baseball) in school history.
- Jack Thomson (third baseman) was named an All-American, the programs first since 1992.
- Olivia Brackin (first baseman, softball) and Alyssa Abe (pitcher, softball) both earned spots on the All-NW conference Second Team.
- Men's tennis star Kristian Peev earned All-NW Conference First Team honors for the first time in his career.
- Women's tennis stars Rachael Rice and Caren Uribe were both named to all-NW Conference Second Team. Rice earned the award for the third time in a row.
- Women's basketball star Delsie Johnson earned All-NW Conference First Team honors.
- Women's golf star Kamtyn Ford earned a place on the All-NW Conference Second Team for the third-straight season.

New Coaches:

Golf (Brad Johnson), Volleyball (Erin Labasan), Football (Joe Bushman), as Jay Locey retired in Feb. Bushman was previously offensive coordinator.

Admission, *Liaison* – Erik Jensen '81

(Report **LC Admissions Liaison Report June 2022**, PDF provided to members via website)

Since the last BOA meeting in March, the focus has been on getting the member profiles online and looking to expand the alumni profiles beyond the current BOA.

- I am very pleased to report that seven of the 12 BOA members who volunteered, have completed the profile development process and are currently online. Five others are still in the process of developing their profiles and will hopefully be on the webpage in the near future (take a look: <https://college.lclark.edu/offices/admissions/community-profiles/>):
- **Expanded Alumni Profiles:** The next step in populating the Student and Alumni profiles is to actively invite other alumni to participate.

Albany Society Board of Directors, *Liaison* – David Todd '68

(Report **Albany Society Activities, March-July 2022**, PDF provided to members via website)

- Update to the submitted report is that it has been decided to not have a summer celebration in July. Because of campus wide renovations, there was not a location on campus to have the event. We do have a space in Smith hall booked for August 2023.

Update: Recognition and Outreach Committee - Catherine Gibson '85

Four alumni honorees will be presented with their awards during Alumni Weekend 2022 on Saturday 23rd.

Anna Marjavi '98

Distinguished Alumna Award

Chris Bailey '08

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

Jane Atkinson

Donald G. Balmer Citation

Cathy Kirkland BA '75, MAT '83, JD '87

Pioneer Alumni Leadership Award

Honors nominations for the 2023 celebration are due on August 1 and we are hoping every BoA Member submits a candidate.

Thanks for your help to make sure we have a robust and diverse slate of candidates for our vote at the October BoA meeting!

Alumni Student Connections and Development Committee Report - Richard Sames '12

(Report **ACDC Report 5 June 2022**, PDF provided to members via website)

- Celeste and the SAA gathered at the end of the semester to wish farewell to the SAA seniors and welcome the new recipients of the SAA Scholarships for next year.
- The ACDC committee will likely hold a meeting in July
- Board buddy program will re-commence in Aug/Sept to give board members an opportunity to get together with their new buddies at the October board meeting.

Equity & Inclusion Committee, Report – Mary Bodine-Watts '09 L'13

(Report **Equity and Inclusion BOA June22**, PDF provided to members via website)

The committee has three main teams working on separate initiatives described in the report shared with the board.

- **What's in a name? – Mary**

The first Community Dialogues (two sessions) was a great education experience for students, faculty and staff from all three schools. The sessions really challenged folks to think critically and strive to gather full information before you make an opinion on a certain issue.

- **Black Alumni Association – Stacy**

Stacy, Jessica, and Marisol have been working tirelessly to formalize the Black Alumni Association. **More information will be available at the forthcoming BAA website!**

- **HEDS Alumni Survey – Marisol**

Working with Renee from institutional research to add Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion related questions to the Higher Education Data Sharing general survey.

We hope to gain valuable feedback regarding how the college interfaces with alumni and ways we can improve. The survey results will also be used to gauge whether we should develop an Equity and Inclusion specific survey to get more information.

Other Initiatives:

- **Bylaws**-we are continuing to work to finalize and codify the Equity and Inclusion Committees purpose into a bylaws type document.
 - **Institutional Equity and Inclusion Committee**-we are continuing to work to have a formal seat on the institutional Equity and Inclusion Committee.
 - **Development of other affinity groups** - working to streamline the development of other affinity alumni groups following the BAA structure for example a Native American Alumni Association.
 - **Annual Trainings**-we are working on organizing a training for next year. We are looking to organize trainings, where possible, that are consistent with trainings provided to college faculty.
- Thanks to our great Equity and Inclusion, team members: Stacy, Marisol, Jessica, Anthony, Jennifer, Jenny, Katie, Jackson.

Alumni and Parent Programs Update - Emily, Tara, and Ginger

Emily gives a few updates from the APP office:

- ❑ **New Database (Slate)** conversion happening in July-August. Emails will have a new look.
- ❑ **Travel programs update– Emily**

- Marisol and Ginger just returned from the recent Alumni trip to Cuba. (*Celebrate Cuba with Professor and Musician Freddy Vilches*)
- Jenny MacNichol '78 is not at today's meeting because she is in Morocco as that Alumni trip finishes this week. (*A Grand Tour of Morocco with Anthropologist Oren Kosansky*)

Upcoming trips

- *Adventure to the Galápagos Islands & Amazon with Biologist Greta Binford*
July 10 - 21, 2022
- *Sailing the San Juan Islands with Marine Biologist Ken Clifton*
July 11-16, 2022
- *Investigate Iceland with Professor of Geology Liz Safran*
August 6 - 16, 2022 (Waitlist Only)
- *A Literary Hike Through Scotland with Poet Kim Stafford*
September 4 - 13, 2022 (Waitlist Only)
- *Safari in Tanzania with Professor of Biology Ken Clifton*
January 2 - 14, 2023 (Waitlist Only)
- *Expedition to Antarctica with Professor of Law Erica Lyman*
January 21 - 30, 2023
- *Mexico: Migration of the Monarch Butterfly with Biologist Paulette Bierzychudek*
February 21 - 26, 2023

❑ Chapters Update:

- The **Mountain States** and the **Minnesota and Midwest Plains States Alumni Chapters** collaborated to host history professor emeritus Stephen Dow Beckham for a Zoom presentation, *Theodore Roosevelt: A Model for Modern Leadership*. April 26, 2022

Upcoming chapter events:

- **Northeast Alumni Chapter** is having an in-person gathering: *New York Philharmonic Concert in Central Park*.
June 15, 2022
- The **Colorado Alumni Chapter** is having an in-person gathering: L&C Weekend in Vail
July 23-24, 2022

Emily gives a special thank you to David Todd '68 for his role on the Albany Society Board of Directors. He cycles off as chair for that wonderful group in September as Mike Shiffer will take over the Chair's at the ASBD September meeting.

❑ Alumni Weekend 2022 – Ginger

So far, 650 people have registered for Alumni Weekend. Ginger shares the Alumni weekend schedule to highlight some of the key events. Three classes are celebrating reunions this year because we missed a couple of years because of the pandemic. Zero's, 1's and 2's are all celebration reunions.

AW22 Schedule Highlights:

Thursday

- *1970, 1971, and 1972 classes will have their 50th reunion dinners.*

Friday

- *Golden Medallion Luncheon.*
- *Celebration of Kim Stafford Archive and Exhibition.*
- *Overseas programs: 1974 Australia Reunion , Overseas & Off-Campus Programs Leaders Reception, Japan 1969 Study Abroad Reunion, 1975 Austria Overseas trip reunion*
- *Alumni Weekend Welcome Reception on Friday.*
- *Palatine Prost Haus, Our German Themed Pub (Friday and Saturday)*
- *Pioneer Colleges: Nightmare on the Scottie: A Reading by Stephen Orsini, and Explore with L&C Travel Program.*

Saturday

- *Overseas programs: 1976 Iran Reunion, 1972 Denmark Reunion, and 1990 East Africa Reunion.*
- *Alumni Honors Celebration.*
- *Connection Reception.*
- *Alumni of Color Reception.*
- *Pioneer Colleges: Theodore Roosevelt: A Model for Modern Leadership, Lewis & Clark Master Plan, Crafting an Entrepreneurship Education Through Beer with Brian Detweiler-Bedell, and A Conversation with Congressman Earl Blumenauer BA '70, JD '76*

Sunday

- *Overseas programs: 1968 Japan Reunion, and 1975 Austria Reunion.*

A big thank you to all the board members who have volunteered on their committees and those who will be helping during Alumni Weekend.

Chris gives some final remarks to the board

Chris expresses his appreciation to the whole board for all that they are doing.

- Encourages everyone to contribute and give.
- If you have not made an alumni profile, look at the website so you can see how impactful they can be.
- Take advantage of the Board buddies program.

- Be on the lookout for new potential board members, Chapter leaders, alumni travel trip participants, award nominees and donors.

Meeting adjourns.