# The Alumni Association of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Alumni Board Minutes Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:30 pm to 8 pm Board Conference Room

In attendance: Min-li Cary, Rai Cary, Julian Chun, Mathilda Fienkeng, Brian Hose, Sharon Park, Bradley

Thomas, Chai James Wang

SGA Representatives: Michael Leung, Amy D'Silva, Amanda Batdorf, Ting He, Brandon Keith

Faculty and Staff: Janice Batzold and Jennifer McGinley

Absent: Lynette Bradley-Baker, James Bresette, Mandy Kwong, Sam Lichter, Gina McKnight-Smith, Doris Voigt

#### Welcome and President's Remarks

**Brian Hose** 

Brian welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Update from Guest Speaker:** Andy Coop, PhD Professor and Chair Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Toastmasters:** Heather Boyce, a graduate student in the **Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC) Graduate Program** at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, and Nathan Darling, a third-year student pharmacist in the School's **Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program**, have partnered to establish a student chapter of **Toastmasters International** at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). By establishing a student chapter of Toastmasters International at UMB, students from the graduate and six professional schools join together to help get on the same path to building excellent leadership and communication skills. Richard Dalby, PhD, associate dean for academic affairs, and Andrew Coop, PhD, professor and chair of PSC, will serve as advisors for UMB's student chapter of Toastmasters International.

Dr. Coop gave an update on what is going on in his Department:

1) There is now a PhD and two masters programs within his department:

PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences

MS in Pharmacometrics

MS in Regulatory Science - Launching in Spring 2014

Dr. Coop would like the PhD students and the PharmD students to come together more and also their alumni as well. He would like us all to think about how we can do that. Jennifer will reach out to Sara Michel and Marianna to talk about ideas on how to meet this goal/need.

Chai wanted to know what activities interest this group. Socializing or networking events, lectures? We will also work on this. We will also be sure to invite them personally for the Graduation Banquet. Often, Dr. Coop said, they do not feel welcome.

Treasurer's Report Bradley Thomas

Bradley said everything looked good. We just need to change the wording June to January on the accounts.

Old Business Brian Hose

The Alumni Association is gearing up for their first of two pilot programs for families. The ice skating event will take place Saturday, February 1 in Laurel, Maryland. We are hoping for a good turnout. The second event will be a family spring picnic in Gambrill's State Park Saturday, April 26.

New Business Brian Hose

**Reunion** – Ideas are still being discussed. We need easy registration and finger food for kids. Chai suggested a "Last Lecture" type of activity. Also, if a CE is offered it should be free. We will advertise Reunion at the March 30 reception at APhA in Orlando, Florida. The office of Development and Alumni Affairs will help Brian, Matilda and Cat plan the FDA/HHS TGI Friday's annual spring Fling. The goal is March.

### **Development & Alumni Update:**

We are moving forward with Graduation Banquet, Reunion and several upcoming receptions and events. The 1964 class will be honored at the September All- Alumni Reunion.

# **Committees and Charges' Updates**

**Brian Hose** 

Graduation Banquet May 14, 2014 - All underway. Min Li and Rai are helping as needed to get ready for Banquet. They approved the menu and printed materials (invite and program letter)

Reunion 2014 – all moving ahead as scheduled.

#### **SGA & Class Updates**

SGA President: Brandon Keith

Legislative Day is coming up

PSC Department is having an event at Pickles Pub from 7 to 10 pm this Friday night.

#### **2014 Class Update** – Michael Leung

 Still in search of graduation speakers. We are all very excited about our upcoming Graduation and activities.

#### **2015 Class Update** – Amy D'Silva

Puerto Rico is booked and we are ready. We made a great profit from ornaments. There are a few left! We were able to really decrease costs with our fundraising efforts.

## 2016 Class Update - Amanda Batdorf

- Focusing on lots of work and upcoming exams
- Gearing up for the Class Auction March 25, 2014 5 pm to 7:50 pm

#### **2017 Class Update** – Ting He

Ice skating event will be held January 17, 2015.

- Mock interviews were recently held
- We held a social for 30 to 40 students
   We are on our 7<sup>th</sup> rotation. Two more to go!

# **Good and Welfare**

Meeting adjourned at 8pm