

Fall 2009 EZAA Meeting

November 13, 2009 in Sage 3010

Attendees:

Alyssa Pasquale (2005)	Franklin Brodsky (1995)	Ed Pollack (2001)	Chris Calebrese (2003)
Charlie Dreisbach (2005)	JJ Rivera (2004)	Mike Wallace (2009)	Saied Seghatoleslami (1974)
Adam Majka (2010)	Chris LaPonte (2011)	Brandon Andreola (2011)	Dave Pazzani (2013)
Kristen Fable (2011)	Jess Sitzler (2011)	Christian Grise (2011)	Sovan Gusack (2008)
Michael Doo (2010)			

Minutes:

President (Alyssa Pasquale)

Outstanding Alumni Award

- We have been having troubles getting information about nominated alumni (what exactly have they done? What is their contact info?) as well as obtaining nominations, even after repeated mailings asking for them.
- We have decided not to choose an Outstanding Alumni Award recipient for 2007. Instead nominations will be ongoing for 2012.
- How do we know what alumni have done, as this is something that tends to get lost after only a few APO “generations?” Some ideas were brought up:
 - EZ Wiki that contains a history
 - Talking to alumni at our anniversary banquets, as well as having alumni speakers at the banquet itself
 - Send out a survey to alumni to get some brief information about what they did in their time in APO, and what they have been doing since graduation

Solicitation to Alumni

- We would like to send out a mailing to alumni asking for donations, we will ask specifically for donations to EZAA, to EZ for Nationals voting delegates, and to the EZ scholarship fund.
- Look into getting a Paypal account for the EZAA to make this easier for the more tech-savvy folks. EZ has a Paypal as well. Donations can be made with a comment to where the money should be allocated.
- We can also ask some brief survey questions, as mentioned above, to give us a better feel for our alumni and their accomplishments.
- We will also ask alumni if they would like us to update their address with the National office.
- Try to have as many online / Facebook options as possible for the “younger” alumni.

65th Anniversary Banquet

- This is a good time to start thinking about the upcoming banquet on the back burner!
- We will pick a chair at the fall 2010 meeting. Ed Pollack has expressed some preliminary interest in helping with this.

Alumni DSKs

- Nominations will be made at EZAA meetings **WITH QUORUM** (10 members) for possible alumni DSK recipients.
- Nominations can be made remotely, however the individual doing the nominating cannot vote if they are not at the meeting.
- The Vice President will be responsible for bringing up any remote nominations at the next EZAA meeting.
- A secret ballot will be held, and a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority will be required, with a minimum of 8 positive votes, in order to give the alumni DSK to a member.

Future Meetings

- Spring 2010: It was decided not to have our meeting during Freakout as turnout tends to be very low. We decided to do another EZAA Day, as this one was very successful. It will take place tentatively in late April / early May.
- Fall 2010: We will have our EZAA meeting the same weekend as EZ's sectionals conference in order to have the maximum turnout of actives and alumni.

Future Events

- A cheese and crackers type mixer will be held the evening of the Big Red Freakout on February 20th. This will probably take place in the Union, with scrapbooks and other interesting things out for alumni to take a look at. It will be a nice place for APO alumni to meet and mingle with actives before watching the hockey game.

Vice President (Ed Pollack)

- No Business

Secretary/Treasurer (Chris Calebrese)

Donations

- We recently donated 2000\$ to the East Campus Athletic Village for a plaque. It is in section 104, and a picture can be found in the latest newsletter.
- We also donated 3000\$ to the RPI Union for a TV, which will have a plaque.
- This money (the 5000\$) was money we raised for our 60th anniversary in 2007.

Current Finances

- We have 3200\$ in our account

Future Donations

- Should we donate our money? If so, where?
- The idea of an endowment which would fund voting delegates was raised. Chris will explore the idea, however a full endowment for an amount of money as little as 200\$ every 2 years may not be necessary.
- EZ's Scholarship Fund is running low on excess interest, and the chapter is currently looking into how much interest it generates yearly. However, it could use a lot more money on the principle.
- 500\$ was donated to the EZ Scholarship Fund.

Extension Member (JJ Rivera)

- No Business

Member-at-Large (Charlie Dreisbach)

- No Business

Region X Director Franklin Brodsky gave a brief overview of APO National office goals.

EZ chapter president Jess Sitzer gave a brief overview of recent chapter activities

- MMOC raised 3000\$ this past year, which is far and away more money than was raised in many recent years
- The chapter is looking into hosting St. Baldrick's on campus, which is a cancer research fundraiser where participants raise money by shaving their heads
- The chapter won a bid and will be hosting the Fall 2010 Sectionals
- Initiations will be held on December 5th, with the brotherhood party on December 4th
- The chapter currently has 45 brothers and 12 pledges

Saied suggested that retired and older alumni may be interesting in contributing to the chapter, and are interested in telling their stories as well as networking with younger alumni. He stressed that this is an important thing we can think about working on in the future, as well as something that the National office can help work on.

Elections, all votes by acclamation

- President – Alyssa Pasquale
- Vice President – Michael Doo
- Secretary/Treasurer – Chris Calebrese
- Extension Member – JJ Rivera
- Member-at-Large – Charlie Dreisbach

The meeting was followed up by alumni vs. active/pledge volleyball. The alumni won two rounds with a score of 21-11. Then E & F trees beat H tree 21-14 in the '87 gym.