

NDSA SPRING 2008 MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23 - 26, 2008
NOTRE DAME CAMPUS

PARTICIPANTS

NDSA Board: Paul Scagliarini (Chair), Jim Barry, Bill Kreps, Vince Spohn, John Studebaker, Frank Whitton, Dan Merritt, Phil Roehrig, George Koch, Mike Pinter, Jim Gibbons, Emil Herkert Bob King, Lary Leach, John Hoffman, Dick Erlenbaugh, Marty Gleason, and Bob Drajem. Incoming NDSA Board (July 1, 2008): Tom Loosbrock, Dick Riegel, Bob Johnston, Jack Fremeau, Tony Vallace, John Scully.

NDAA: Jim Keegan UND Advisor: Lee Tavis

Unable to attend: Mike Squyres, Debby White, Kelley Macke, Peter Lombardo (incoming)

Note: Attachments supplement various topics below, and the NDSA web site contains committee reports et al.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23

Dinner at the Ivy Court.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
8:15 AM - Noon

Phil Roehrig opened the meeting with a prayer. Brief presentations/welcomes were given by *Chuck Lennon, Dick Nussbaum, and Ceyl Prinster*. *Dolly Duffy, '84*, soon to be Associate Executive Director of NDAA, was welcomed and gave some introductory remarks.

Kathy Sullivan, Sr. Director, Spirituality and Service, covered the following topics: 1) **Hospital Program**: Kathy thanked *Bob King* and *Pete Campbell* for their cooperation in the ongoing transition of the program to an operation to be handled by NDAA, scheduled to be effective soon after the arrival of a new staff member sometime this summer. 2) Description of a **memory chip clock** for a wake-up with prayer, created by Hub Schafly, '41. A packet was distributed describing this clock and BETA testing opportunities. 3) Update on the "**Pray at ND**" web site, which has had 127K hits to date. Kathy encouraged NDSA Directors to promote this site by picking a group they have contact with and passing it on. *Jim Barry* suggested that NDSA take this on as a Board project. 4) **Clothing Donation Program** for Haiti (flyer in Senate packet), culminating in donations at the November 1st ND/Pitt game.

Incoming NDSA Directors (effective July 1): Dick Riegel '58 (Region 2), Bob Johnston '69 (Region 4), Jack Fremeau '71 (Region 7), Tony Vallace '55 (Region 11), and John Scully '64 (Region 16) were welcomed to the Board. Peter Lombardo '79 (Region 8) was unable to attend. Tom Loosbrock, '52, former NDSA Chair and newly elected Senior Alumni Director on the NDAA Board, and also an incoming member of this Board and Executive Committee, was welcomed back.

BYLAWS REVISIONS – Paul Scagliarini, Chair

In the absence of Mike Squyres (due to family priorities), Paul presented revisions to **Article IV of the NDSA Bylaws**, concerning the selection of Directors. See Attachment A. *Jim Barry* moved that the Board accept these revisions into its bylaws. Motion was seconded. In discussion, *Phil Roehrig* suggested that certain detailed items are better left out of the bylaws and covered in a procedures manual. It was also noted that a few typos existed, and should be corrected. Motion passed unanimously. *Mike Squyres* will be asked to implement the necessary revisions.

NDSA 2008 AWARDS

Dan Merritt announced the winning clubs of this year's "**Senior Alumni Participation Awards**": Detroit, Dallas, E. North Carolina, DuPage County, and Rockford.

Paul Scagliarini announced that this year's **Putz Award** winner is Paul Hurley, '56, of New Orleans, for his untiring work in prison ministry

These awards will be presented at Alumni Senate events over the next two days.

HOSPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Paul Scagliarini and Bob King showed and discussed, with group participation, the twelve slides implementing the “soft launch” of this program throughout the alumni community. Club registration forms and newly printed wallet cards were distributed. In addition, a document entitled: “NDSA Presentation at Regional Meetings during 2008 Alumni Senate – Talking Points” was distributed and discussed. (See feedback from these presentations later in these minutes.)

In the discussion, *Jim Barry* suggested a link between this program and the “Pray at ND” web sites. *Emil Herkert* stated concern from a liability aspect on homebound visits.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS . . . held individually before lunch. Simultaneously, *John Hoffman* conducted a **NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION**. The slides used are available on the NDSA web site. A **group photo** was taken by the NDAA photographer, and individual photos for each Director will be made available.

Thursday afternoon was devoted to the Alumni Senate agenda, including the opening session and Regional Meetings, which each respective NDSA Regional Director participated in, focusing on the Hospital Support Program.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 8:00 AM

The Directors and *Lee Tavis* met at the **Fr. Putz bench** for prayer and reflection on the life and works of Fr. Louis Putz.

8:15 – 10:30 AM

The meeting was opened with a **Prayer** by *Chairman Paul Scagliarini*.

REVIEW OF GOALS

Paul Scagliarini reviewed the Board’s goals for this fiscal year, and progress made, with primary focus on budget and the hospital support program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports from standing committees can be found on the NDSA web site.

Paul Scagliarini gave an update on “Bat for the Cure”, a synergistic effort between our PACE initiative and minor league baseball teams in support of prostate cancer awareness.

REGIONAL MEETINGS RECAP

Discussion centered on the experiences of Regional Directors at their respective regional meetings Thursday afternoon, regarding the **Hospital Support Program**. The consensus was very positive. Many Directors reported additional club sign-ups; we will be interested to see the updated list of clubs from the Alumni Office. Reaction to the wallet cards, which were distributed, was encouraging.

Some **Senior Alumni Coordinators** were recruited at these meetings. Directors should get these names to the Clubs Committee Chair.

Off-the-agenda interruptions from members of the **Alumni Schools Committee** were reported by many Directors at their regional meetings. The consensus was that these were very disruptive to the meetings and should be nipped in the bud.

Another consensus was that these Regional Meetings should be accorded more time on the **Senate Agenda**. It is important for NDSA Directors to plan ahead with their NDAA counterparts, and get agenda time, preferably at the beginning of the meeting.

Paul Scagliarini complimented the Regional Directors for a **splendid job** in working with their clubs in these matters.

CLUBS & NDSA

Dan Merritt gave an update on numbers of **Senior Alumni Coordinators (“SAC”)** in the clubs. There are currently 121, excluding Club Presidents who list themselves and are not seniors. Eighteen clubs have multiple SAC's. Each class between 1952 and 1974 has at least two SAC's in place. Actual percentages vs goals by club size: AA & A: 85% vs 100% goal, B: 77% vs 75% goal; C – F: 55% vs 50% goal.

BUDGET AND EXPENSES

Each Director was asked to get his **expense report** in to *Melonie Rhodes* ASAP, by no later than May 15. This is important for management of our budget, because expenses reported too late will not be recorded this fiscal year, and there is no carry-over provision. Hence, NDSA will be shorted. Expense forms were passed out, and *Melonie* described how to fill them out properly.

Paul Scagliarini distributed and led discussion on the **NDSA Budget Analysis** as of the Winter Meeting.

WINTER 2009 BOARD MEETING

Bill Kreps, with the help of the listed evaluators, summarized the results of the **evaluations made of four sites** selected at the Winter 2008 meeting for consideration, to wit: Sedona, AZ, is unsuitable due to logistics and cost (evaluated by *Jim Barry*); Baja, CA, is unsuitable due to lack of emergency medical facilities (*Vince Spohn* evaluated); San Antonio, TX, is unsuitable due to unavailability of suitable accommodations on the river, but is a possibility for 2010 if pursued early enough (*Lary Leach* evaluated); **San Diego, CA**, is a good choice for a number of reasons (*Frank Whitton* evaluated).

Frank advised that the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego appears to meet our requirements. It is located downtown, near the waterfront. Features include: room cost of \$139 per night for our group, (normally \$419), plus taxes of about 13%; short taxi ride from airport; free conference room. Parking is \$20/day, but there is little reason to have a car. Golf can be arranged; *Jim Barry* will handle.

Bill Kreps moved that the Winter 2009 NDSA Board Meeting be held in San Diego in late January, with *Frank Whitton* coordinating, and that all Board members and former Board members, and NDAA staff as appropriate, be asked to commit to rooms when requested. Motion was seconded, and was passed unanimously. *Lary Leach* agreed to do an **early evaluation of San Antonio** for the 2009 Winter Meeting, and report his findings to the Board at the Fall 2008 Meeting..

NDSA FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

A schedule of future meeting dates through 2010, prepared by *Paul Scagliarini*, was distributed. The next meeting is September 7-9, 2008, following the San Diego State game (the Senior Alumni game). The Alumni Association plans to restore the Blue-Gold Football Game to the concluding Saturday of the Spring Alumni Senate Meeting, possibly as early as next year.

NDAA UPDATE

Jim Keegan covered significant items from the NDAA Board. He felt the addition of *Dolly Duffy* to the staff as Assistant to *Chuck Lennon* will be positive. The committees of the Board have a number of initiatives underway. The Professional Committee is responsible for “Board Connect” – focused on improving the performance of ND alums on profit and non-profit boards; “Alumnae Networks” – underway in Chicago, D.C., Denver, Detroit and New York. “Etiquette dinners (on campus)” – one held in December – next scheduled for October.

The format for Reunion – 2009 is being evaluated, with focus on the Saturday evening dinner. Both NDSA and NDAA agree that the regional meeting at the senate is of high value. Consideration should be given to additional time on the senate agenda and elimination of any non-scheduled appearances by groups or individuals. *Jim* and *Tom Loosbrock* will address with the NDAA Board.

Overall, *Jim* feels the alignment between the two Boards is the best he has seen in the seven years he has been involved. He thanked the Board for all of their fine work.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

1:45 – 3:15 PM

SENATE WORKSHOP RECAP – HOSPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAM PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Paul Scagliarini reviewed the results of the subject presentation and discussion. The turnout was very good; SRO, albeit a small room. Although negative comments from some attendees came out at the beginning, the prevailing mood at the end of the session was very positive. The dominant feeling about the program was optimistic, it was felt by NDSA people present, providing impetus for enthusiastic promotion among the entire alumni body.

SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL – GOD, COUNTRY & ND COMMITTEE

Frank Whitton introduced *Joe Russo*, Director of Financial Aid, who participated with Frank in this presentation. Frank distributed a draft of a document titled: "NDSA Scholarship for Military Personnel and Veterans of the Armed Services and Dependents". In the ensuing discussion, Joe Russo agreed that this program is workable, once the minimum funding of \$100,000 is in hand. Fund-raising would be coordinated by the NDSA GC&ND Committee and the ND Development Office.

Frank advised that he had discussed fund-raising efforts for the scholarship with Michael Brach, Executive Director, Sorin Society, and Dave Morrissey in the University's Development Office to insure there would be no conflict with UND's fund-raising campaigns or programs. He was advised that there were no such conflicts. The Sorin Society agreed to print and mail all letters at no cost to us, as well as to provide guidance in our fund-raising efforts.

Frank Whitton moved that the scholarship concept presented in the above referenced document be approved by the Board and then be given to Joe Russo for placement into the official University format for such documents. The "official draft document" would then be returned to us for final review and approval. Subsequent to our approval of the draft document it would be "staffed" through the University's legal offices and other appropriate offices before taking effect. Frank Whitton, as Chairman of the God, Country and ND Committee, would continue to coordinate all efforts with the Executive Committee, the Alumni Association, the Sorin Society, and other appropriate Administrative Offices. Motion was seconded and then approved by majority vote, with Lary Leach voting Nay.

BOARD TRANSITIONS

As called for in the NDSA Bylaws, Section 4.02C, the **election for Vice Chair** for the term beginning July 1, 2008, was held. Of the eleven Directors eligible, Phil Roehrig and Frank Whitton chose to run. A vote was held by secret written ballot; Phil Roehrig received a majority of the votes cast, and was congratulated as our next Vice Chair and Chairman-Elect.

Certificates of appreciation were then presented to the outgoing Regional Directors: John Studebaker '62 (Region 2), Dan Merritt '69 (Region 4), George Koch, '54 (Region 7), Mike Pinter (Region 8), Bob King (Region 11), and Marty Gleason '55 (Region 16).

A **plaque** was then given to the outgoing Immediate Past Chair, Jim Barry '60, with thanks for his years of service to NDSA and its predecessor organizations. Jim encouraged the Board members to be advocates for Notre Dame and the NDSA mission.

MASS WITH FATHER HESBURGH

Fr. Ted Hesburgh celebrated the Eucharist for the NDSA contingent, including spouses and guests, in his chapel in the Hesburgh Library. As usual, it was the highlight of our time on campus.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:45 AM

Although no NDSA meetings were on the Saturday agenda, NDSA Directors were invited to the closing portion of the NDAA Board meeting in McKenna Hall at 9:45 AM. At that session, our Region 11 Director, and Alumni Network Committee Chair, **Bob King**, was the recipient of a special presentation by the Chair of the NDAA Board, Dick Nussbaum. Bob was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in bringing the Hospital Support Program to fruition . . . and, Bob was also presented with an Honorary Degree from the University.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Kreps, Vice Chair