

Minutes of the 2009 NDSA Spring/Senate Meeting
April 22---25, 2009
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Participants:

NDSA Board

Executive Committee:

Bill Kreps, (Chairman), Jim Gibbons, (Vice Chair), Paul Scagliarini, (Immediate Past Chair), Tom Loosbrock, (NDAA Liaison)

Regional Directors: (Attending)

Vince Spohn, Dick Riegel, Frank Whitton, Bob Johnston, Jim Crowe, Jack Fremeau, Ron Zlotnik, Jim Donnelly, Bob Meuleman, Mike Squyres, Lary Leach, Dick Erlenbaugh, Kelley Macke, John Hoffman, John Scully, Bob Drajem

Regional Directors: (Unable to Attend)

Emil Herkert, Pete Lombardo

Future Regional Directors: (Terms effective 7/1/09)

Tom Gordon, Vince Boyen, Ed Lynch, Chuck Bennett

UND Alumni Office:

Melonie Rhodes

Wednesday April 22, 2009

- Prayer and Reflection at Fr. Louis Putz Memorial Bench at the Eck Center. Chuck Lennon and Tom Monaghan joined the NDSA Board
- Mass at Dillon Hall...Fr. Paul Doyle, Celebrant.
- Dinner in Trustee/Council Room of the Morris Inn...Welcome from Chuck Lennon, Dolly Duffy, Ceyl Prinster, and Holly Colman.

Thursday April 23, 2009

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Kreps at 8:45 am.

The Board was led in prayer by Board Member John Scully.

In his opening remarks, Bill Kreps introduced and welcomed new board members Jim Donnelly, Region 11, and Ron Zlotnik, Region 9. Also welcomed were four new members with terms beginning July 1, 2009. (Tom Gordon, Region 1, Vince Boyen, Region 3, Ed Lynch, Region 12, and Chuck Bennett, Region 17).

Bill Kreps led a discussion of the progress toward meeting each of the NDSA 2008/2009 Goals established at the beginning of the fiscal year. Each responsible party summarized progress to date and plans for completion. **Bill asked that a list of accomplishments from each director and Committee Chair be submitted to him by June 1, 2009.**

The following represents many of the important items of discussion and requested action of the Board:

- The appointment of a coordinator from the Board for each significant Initiative.
- One of the NDSA Board's missions is to create meaningful Initiatives
- It is not necessary for NDSA Initiatives to be adopted by the Alumni Office to be successful.
- Participation in the NDSA Initiatives is not limited to just Senior Alumni
- The Pace Initiative is a grand success and has extended itself through "Bat for the Cure" with twenty five participations last year at minor league baseball games with booths staffed by the local ND clubs. The goal for this year is 45 to 50 games. Immediate past Chair, Paul Scagliarini, is responsible for the success of the PACE Initiative and has agreed to continue his good work through 2009.
- Ideas and interest in certain Initiatives seem to fade away after a particular Board member completes the three years Board Term. ACTION ITEM: (Executive committee needs to work on a solution.)
- NDSA Board members should have a good working relationship with their AA Regional Board Member.
- Each Alumni Club should have a Senior Alumni Representative
- Continue working with the Alumni Association to assure a smooth transfer of the operating responsibilities for the Hospital Initiative and the continuing operation of the "800#".
- God, Country, Notre Dame Scholarship program is approved and the "fund raising" phase has begun. \$50,000 in "seed money" is being solicited from potentially substantial contributors who have been identified, working with the Sorin Society. After completion of (Phase I) a broader solicitation (Phase II) will begin with a goal to reach at least \$100,000. Only after completion of (Phase II) will Scholarships be offered. Frank Whitton will continue working with UND on the solicitation of the necessary funds. Key UND contacts are Mike Brach, Director of the Sorin Society, Joseph Russo, Director Student Financial Strategies, and Tom Monaghan, NDAA Director Affinity Services.
- A letter of appreciation was read, thanking the Board for visiting and providing lunch to patients and staff at the Navy Hospital in San Diego during our Winter meeting in January.
- Mike Squyres discussed reporting requirements and will consult with Tom Monaghan to avoid duplication of efforts in Board reporting for the Fall and future meetings.
- Lary Leach continued the discussion on simplifying NDSA reporting by reviewing and utilizing the reports Clubs prepare for the Alumni Association.

- Club Senior Alumni Coordinators should be identified at each club, and a letter outlining their responsibilities should be distributed to them. **“Bill Kreps will put this forward as an action item for the Executive Committee to pursue, working through the Clubs Committee”.**
- Bob Drajem indicated former Board members, Mike Pinter and John Studebaker, would continue again this year to manage the Tent during home football weekends. The rug raffle will continue this year as a NDSA fund raising project.
- Bill Kreps led the discussion on future meeting dates. The fall meeting will be September 2nd the 5th, 2009 which is prior to the Nevada game. The Winter meeting will be held on campus January 31—February 3, 2010 (Tentative).

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Committee Meetings: Each of the 6 committees held their individual Committee Meetings.

New Director Orientation with Executive Committee: John Hoffman led the session with a visual presentation he prepared.

The NDSA Board followed the Senate Agenda for the balance of the afternoon and evening

The NDSA Board members participated in the joint Senate Meeting:

- An NDSA presentation to all Senate attendees was made by NDSA Chairman Bill Kreps.
- NDSA Board members attended and participated in their respective Regional Club and Class Officer meetings.

The Board attended the Clubs and Classes Awards Dinner where the individual Alumni Clubs were honored for their excellence and outstanding performance and service

Friday April 24, 2009

Joint Session with all Senate Attendees:...Round Table Discussions at designated Tables. NDSA tables lead the discussion of the Hospital Initiative Topic.

NDSA Spring Board Meeting Continues:

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Bob Meuleman

Update on **Catholic Community Professional Assistance** Program by Vince Spohn.

Note: Name change indicating the Initiatives intention to reach out to a broad spectrum of Catholic organizations including, but not limited to schools, seminaries,

catholic charities and parishes, etc. The Board felt a letter, to prospective beneficiaries of the Initiative, should be developed by NDSA for the Clubs to use in approaching the various organizations...offering the professional services of club members on the "team". Vince Spohn indicated he would stay involved in the CC PA Initiative.

Committee Reports:

The reports of the six committees will appear on the NDSA web site.

During the presentation of the Committee reports, several comments were made that should be noted in the minutes:

- The Board expressed some concern about the sustainability of certain Initiatives after the responsible Board Member's three year term on the Board expires. The Executive committee will review this item and expressed appreciation for the several past Board Members who have agreed to stay involved in the various Initiatives.
- Mike Squyres agreed to continue to manage the NDSA's outstanding web-site.
- The possibility of using conference calls, video conferencing or an Internet related process to communicate with the Board and Alumni office between meetings.
- Lary Leach will work on reporting to eliminate duplication prior to the Fall Meeting
- Classes committee completed its directory of class correspondents and this is now on the NDSA web site

Presentation of the "Coming Home" Ministry:

Leon Glon, Karmin Meade, and David Harr gave a visual presentation on the burial opportunities for Domers and their families desiring to be interred at Notre Dame's Cedar Grove Cemetery. The new mausoleum complex was displayed and the details and costs presented.

The NDSA Board attended the NDSA Senate Workshop and General Meetings.

The NDSA workshop was attended by approximately 25 to 30 Senate attendees. The session was chaired by Bill Kreps and presentations were made by Paul Scagliarini (Pace/Bat for the Cure) and Bob Johnston (Hospital Initiative & Diocesan Initiative) There were many favorable comments from the attendees. It should be noted that the size of the meeting room limited the number of attendees.

NDSA Board Meeting reconvened after lunch with the election of the new Vice Chair. "**Mike Squyres**" was elected, and his official term as Vice Chairman begins July 1, 2009
Congratulations Mike!!!

The San Antonio Texas Game with Washington State and the activities were reviewed by Lary Leach. The game will be an off site home game for Notre Dame on October 31, 2009. Game time is 6:30pm Central Time and the ND Band will attend!

Lee Tavis, (our faculty advisor) addressed the NDSA Board with many pertinent comments on our Initiatives. Lee's words of wisdom were well received by the Board. One particular comment of note was his thought that our God, Country, Notre Dame Initiative should be aware of returning veterans and their re-entry problems...including their families hardships.

The Board expressed appreciation to Lee for his guidance and support of NDSA.

Future Meetings: It was announced that the Spring/Senate Meeting for the next three years will be held in conjunction with the Blue and Gold Football Game on the third weekend of April.

New Business:

Comment was made that there are other programs outside the ND Initiatives that NDSA may be able to work with and the Alumni Network Programming committee should look into this subject.

Outgoing Board Member Recognition:

Presentation of recognition and appreciation certificates was made to the following Board Members whose three year term expires June 30, 2009.

- Kelley Macke, Region 17
- Vince Spohn, Region 1
- Frank Whitton, Region 3
- **Mike Squyres**, Region 12 (Mike will not be leaving the NDSA Board, as he begins a new term as Vice Chair July 1, 2009)

Immediate Past Chair, **Paul Scagliarini** was honored with a plaque expressing appreciation and commemorating his service to NDSA and Notre Dame. After Paul's comments to the Board, a photo session followed.

The formal Spring NDSA Board Meeting being completed, the meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee Meeting followed...see the Executive Committee Minutes on the Senior web-site.

Alumni Awards Dinner:

Each year an outstanding Notre Dame employee is honored by Alumni Association with the James E. Armstrong Award. This year's recipient, honored for her distinguished service to the University, was Missy Conboy '82. Missy serves as Deputy Director of Athletics at ND, and has multiple NCAA and Big East responsibilities. At ND, she also is responsible for overseeing the legal affairs of athletics department as well as the master plans for facilities, human resources, and legal contracts. The NDSA Board joins in sending its congratulations to Missy.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Senate Meeting...General Session:

Father Louis Putz, C.S.C. Award

This year's award was presented by NDSA Chairman, Bill Kreps to **Arthur C Frericks, Class of 1950**. Bill Kreps in his remarks noted that Art is honored for his exemplary dedication to improving the lives of others. Art was a student of Fr. Putz who was the founder of NDSA and serves as our model and inspiration. Among his many accomplishments, Art led the Young Christian Students group while a student at ND. Art recently made a significant donation to ND's Basilica of a bronze statue of St. Peter that was used as a model to create the St. Peter statue in the Vatican. Art was responsible for the Pray.nd.edu---now a focal point for alumni to connect to a life of prayer from Notre Dame.

In his private life, Art funded many charitable causes through Catholic Charities and Catholic Nursing Homes. Art also started the first finance committee in the country to establish a Social Security System for Priests. NDSA is proud and honored to have Art as this year's Putz Award Winner. (Read the complete award presentation comments and view the presentation pictures on the NDSA Senior web-site.

After the concluding General Session, the Senate Meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, **Paul Scagliarini** attended the South Bend Silverhawks baseball game to activate **NDSA's Pace Initiative's "Bat for the Cure" program for Minor League Baseball**. This was the first of approximately 45 to 50 games ND clubs around the country will be attending to distribute literature regarding the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer. The game was well attended, and many of the fans now know the dangers and early warning signs of this dread disease. Assisting Paul at the game were his wife Mary, John and Susan Hoffman, Melonie Rhodes from the Alumni office, and Rita and Jim Gibbons

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Gibbons

Jim Gibbons, Vice Chair