

**NDSA WINTER 2008 MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 17–19, 2008**  
**RIVERSIDE HOTEL**  
**FT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

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**PARTICIPANTS**

NDSA Board: Paul Scagliarini (Chair), Jim Barry, Bill Kreps, Vince Spohn, Dan Merritt, Phil Roehrig, Mike Pinter, Jim Gibbons, Emil Herkert Bob King, Lary Leach, John Hoffman, Dick Erlenbaugh, Marty Gleason, Kelly Macke, and Bob Drajem. Former NDSA Board: Joe Adler, Harry Durkin (part-time), Tom Loosbrock

NDA: Jim Keegan    UND Alumni Office: Melonie Rhodes.    UND Advisor: Lee Tavis

Unable to attend: George Koch, Mike Squyres, John Studebaker, Debby White, Frank Whitton.

**THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17**

Informal gatherings in the hotel and dinners.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

*Phil Roehrig* opened the meeting with a prayer. **Special welcomes** were given by Chairman *Paul Scagliarini* to our new Advisor, *Lee Tavis*, of the Mendoza College of Business at UND, to *Melonie Rhodes* of the UND Alumni Office, and to former NDSA Board members *Joe Adler*, *Harry Durkin*, and *Tom Loosbrock*. Paul advised that *Dan Buckenmeyer* of the Mendoza College of Business, scheduled guest speaker on Entrepreneurial Studies at UND, had to cancel at the last minute.

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

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL UPDATE – Paul Scagliarini, Chair**

From the 2007-2008 FY budget of \$25,500, \$10,497 has been spent to date. The Fall 2007 meeting expenses were \$985 over budget.

*Melonie Rhodes* handles all NDSA financial matters. On the "Travel and Expense Report", be sure to document the business purpose (left center of page) and to put your mailing address in the small space on the right center of the page. *Melonie* will send us all a form, via e-mail. *Jim Barry* suggested that an agenda item at the Spring Meeting should include "how to fill out the form". Receipts are needed for all expenses being reimbursed. If not available, then a written explanation is needed. If you drive, comparison to the air alternative is needed. To donate money for credit to NDSA, it must be done by December 15 to count for that year. Partial donations require a separate report.

Registration forms for Alumni Senate (and concurrent NDSA Spring Board Meeting) are going out on February 15. In the ensuing discussion about lodging, the Board unanimously agreed that our preference is the Ivy Court (formerly Jamison), rather than staying at the same hotel as all other Senate participants.

Action items for all Directors: 1) Provide Mike Squyres with updates on non-reimbursed expenses, including this meeting; Paul Scagliarini will ask Mike Squyres to re-send all Directors the form. 2) Make travel plans ASAP for Senate meeting in April, to minimize travel expense; 3) Have all expense reports to Melonie within 30 days after Senate meeting.

Melonie advised that UND business cards are available, at a cost of \$32 for 250 cards.

**NDSA BOARD REPLACEMENTS & PUTZ AWARD**

*John Hoffman* described the processes used, and presented the names of the **six new Directors** selected to take office on July 1, 2008. They are: Richard Riegel '58 (Region 2); Robert Johnston '59 (4); John Fremeau '71 (7); Peter Lombardo '79 PhD (8); Anthony Wallace '55 (11), and John Scully '64 (16). They are all expected to attend the Spring Meeting this April.

In the discussion about **when to notify successful candidates**, it was decided that they should not be advised until after the full Board has approved them, normally at the Winter Meeting. Action item for IAC: draft a change to the Bylaws reflecting this. *Jim Barry* moved that the six nominees be accepted; motion was seconded. All directors voted in favor, with one abstention, *Bob King*.

The names of Paul Hurley '56 and Jim O'Neill '57 were presented as the IAC's nominees for the **Putz Award**, with Hurley the close choice of the Executive Committee, both being very strong candidates. This has been passed on to the NDAA Board for approval.

## **NDAA BOARD ELECTIONS**

Ballots for the annual NDAA Board elections are now online and in print. Voting deadline is March 12. The candidates for the Senior Alumni seat are *Tom Loosbrock '52*, and *Paul Scagliarini '60*. Extensive discussion took place regarding the selection process, especially the rejection by the NDAA (either Board or Alumni Office; we don't know) of one of the NDSA nominees, *George Harvey*. Uncertainty exists about how George was notified of his exclusion, or if he was. The NDSA Board expressed its common regret at this outcome and the process. Action item: *Jim Keegan* will bring this issue to the NDAA Chair, *Dick Nussbaum*, and discuss the matter with *Chuck Lennon*. *Bob King* recommended that the Executive Committee prepare a set of criteria for the Senior Alumni position, and present it to the NDAA Board.

## **NDSA OPERATIONAL PLAN**

*Paul Scagliarini* presented an update of **progress toward goals** established at the beginning of this term. In overall goals, INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN INITIATIVES: the Clubs Committee report will provide an update at this meeting. DEVELOP DOCUMENTATION TO ASSIST CLUBS AND NDSA DIRECTORS: "How to Initiative Guides" are completed; to-do items are: "Operations Manual", by IA Committee, and "Guidelines for visiting clubs", by Clubs Committee.

DEVELOP LINK TO FORMER DIRECTORS: the "Support Volunteer" program now includes *Pete Campbell* and *George Harvey*. Paul is looking into a past Chairmen's support committee – connectivity. INCREASE COMMUNICATIONS: Each month, "Paul's Points" are posted on the NDSA web site, and passed to all NDSA and NDAA Directors. *Jim Keegan* made a presentation about NDSA to the NDAA Board at their Fall Meeting. We now have open and fluid communications with the Alumni Office. The Clubs Committee's NDSA Newsletter, edited by *Phil Roehrig*, gets rave reviews from many quarters.

ALUMNI NETWORK COMMITTEE: Making progress to establishing a toll-free number for the Hospital Support Program, on the agenda today. We are planning a PACE promotional piece, an ND promotional piece, and "Bat for the Cure" (Paul). CLUBS: Will report regional activities at this meeting. "How To" guides have been completed for all NDSA initiatives. Newsletters are published after each Board meeting. The Club Senate award process has begun; deadline is mid-February.

CLASSES COMMITTEE: Get one class to start an initiative: to-do. Have added a few more Class Coordinators. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Completed the Board replacement and Putz Award recommendations. A draft of the "New Director Orientation Manual" has been done. Operations/Procedure Manual: to-do. Ongoing activities include maintenance of the NDSA web page and the capture of financial data.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: The upgrade of the "NDSA Guide" has been postponed due to budget limitations. The Welcome Tent at all home games is fully operational and successful; a tent has been purchased. To-do: review current brochures for updates. GOD COUNTRY & ND COMMITTEE: The evaluation on the Peace Memorial has been completed, and the proposal is no longer under consideration. An evaluation of the potential for an NDSA Scholarship has begun (on this agenda later).

## **2008 NDSA ALUMNI SENATE WORKSHOP – Paul Scagliarini**

We begin our activities with dinner Wednesday evening, April 23. The NDSA Workshop is scheduled for 11 AM until noon on Friday. Its title: "**The Notre Dame Hospital Support Program has gone National in Scope in 2008**". Key topics will include the toll-free number operation, communications processes, and the role of clubs and classes.

Be sure to contact your NDAA counterpart to get 10-15 minutes on their **Regional Breakout Meeting** agenda at Senate. The IAC has developed an outline of material to cover in these meetings, for consistency. *John Hoffman* handed out this outline, and asked for comments following this meeting.

### **BISHOP JOHN NOONAN – PRESENTATION**

Bishop Noonan, who presides over the Diocese of Broward County, was introduced by *Harry Durkin*. He made a thought-provoking presentation, and engaged in meaningful discussion with the attendees. His main theme was a Christian perspective of the book: “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People”, by Stephen R. Covey. Bishop Noonan stressed the importance of being pro-active, responding to God’s call, sharing our gifts, and questioning our priorities. In response to the question: “In what areas can we, as ND alums, help you?”, he answered: 1) morale of priests; 2) education; and 3) business.

### **NDSA GOD COUNTRY & NOTRE DAME SCHOLARSHIP**

In the absence of *Frank Whitton*, *Dick Erlenbaugh* and *Paul Scagliarini* presented ideas regarding the establishment of an NDSA endowed scholarship. Criteria being considered focus on being, or having as a parent, a veteran of the armed forces. A minimum of \$100,000 would be required to launch this.

After discussion, a consensus was reached to allow the committee to pursue this further, with no Board commitment. Dick will discuss with Frank.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Each committee met over the lunch period.

### **HOSPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAM – *Bob King, Chair of Alumni Network Committee (aka “ANC”)***

This program is nearing readiness for promulgation to the entire ND alumni community. There are two basic elements: the **Administrative (or Operational) function**, which will be handled by the Alumni Office; and the **Marketing Plan**, which is being finalized by NDSA. Once this program becomes fully defined as to specific responsibilities of the Alumni Office and NDSA (hopefully in the next few months), responsibility will be transferred to the Alumni Office. The ANC, headed by *Bob King*, with members *Emil Herkert* and *Vince Spohn*, supported by the initiative’s creator, *Pete Campbell*, is coordinating the NDSA effort.

The Alumni Office has provided an **800 number** to serve this program. *Melonie Rhodes* recommended that ACCI (aka Absolute Communication Center, Inc.) provide answering services for this number. Contract terms: \$55/month, 50 free calls, 14 cents/min thereafter, 30-day evergreen term. The NDSA Board approved this recommendation subject to a review of the agreement by the NDSA Chairman. (*Following the meeting the Alumni Office notified NDSA of contractual differences with ACCI and they are pursuing alternative sources.*)

The Alumni Office will provide **weekly updates** of calls handled to appropriate Regional Directors and club program contacts (or Presidents if necessary), with copies to appropriate NDAA Regional Directors. The pros and cons of **BETA testing** before promulgation were discussed; ANC will pursue.

Bob presented a **summary of the ANC’s ideas**; these are shown below, with the current status, and action items, following Board discussion. Bob also distributed a copy of *Pete Campbell’s “Hospital Program Update”*, dated January 15, 2008.

**1. Logo approval:** the Board voted for the “blue on gold” logo. This will be used in materials as appropriate.

**2. Networking with other programs:**

- a) **“Pray@ND”** web site, by Kathy Sullivan. Cards are being sent to patients in the NDSA program. No further action needed.
- b) **Basilica TV Mass** on the Hallmark Channel. One element of the NDSA program is a follow-up to e-mails Fr. Rocco gets from shut-ins. This will be researched during the initial black-out period while the emergency and pre-planned care elements are activated.
- c) **Center for Social Concern Summer Service Program**, for students who get sick away from home. No action needed, since the local alumni clubs are already supporting them.

3. **Letters to Club Presidents** from *Chuck Lennon*, and a letter jointly signed by the chairs of both NDSA and NDAA. Action by ANC and Alumni Office.
4. **Provide info in publications**, including: ND Magazine, ND Today newsletter, ND Observer newspaper, and other electronic forms of communications. Action to be taken by Communications and PR Committee (aka "CPRC") (Mike Pinter et al), after receipt of a draft from ANC.
5. **Get clubs to sign up**, and follow up with volunteers through clubs and regions. ***THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT – CLUBS ARE THE HEART OF THIS PROGRAM.*** Action to be taken by all Regional Directors. Target date is February 15. Contact every club in their region to verify current information on registered clubs, and obtain registration forms for currently unregistered clubs. Clubs should appoint a program contact, with the Club President serving in this capacity only in default. The answering service should be provided with three contact phone numbers for each city listed.
- 5A. *John Hoffman* said that the **online registration form**, which is now in pdf (i.e., print-out) form, should be made fillable online. Action: *Melanie* will pursue this with the UND IT people.
6. Encourage participation through the **classes and their Secretaries**. Action to be taken by Classes Committee (*George Koch* et al).
7. **Include St. Mary's**. Action: *Bill Kreps*, with *Hannah Storen Kreps*, SMC '58, former member of SMC Alumni Board, will follow up with the SMC Alumni Director, and work through ANC.
8. Improved, corrected, and expanded info on the **NDSA web site**, as outlined in *Pete Campbell's* report. Action by Internal Activities Committee (aka "IAC"), with Pete.
9. Partner with **other universities and churches** who have asked to use our model. Action by Alumni Office.
10. **Reunion presentations**. Action by Executive Committee (aka "XC")
11. **Alumni Senate panels**, April Meeting. Action by XC.
12. Info to **ND Administration, Faculty, and Staff**. Action by Alumni Office.
13. Info to **colleges, Law, MBA, etc**. Action by Alumni Office.
14. Organizations like **Dooley Doctors**. Action by Alumni Office.
15. Send **hospital newsletter** to all club Senior Alumni Coordinators and Presidents. Action by CPRC.
16. **Materials for presentations**. Action by ANC and Pete.
17. **Flyers**. Action by Alumni Office.
18. Put in the **football program** (budget-dependent). Action by Alumni Office.
19. Evaluate the distribution of **wallet information cards** (budget-dependent). Action by Alumni Office and XC.

### **INTERNAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

*John Hoffman* distributed the committee report, which had already been reviewed for its topics of Board replacements and the Putz Award nominees. A list of current Directors who are eligible for the **position of Vice-Chair** for the term beginning July 1, 2008, was presented in the report. There are thirteen who meet the criteria of at least two years on the Board. This Board election will occur at the Spring Meeting this April.

John distributed a draft outline of presentation visuals for the **New Member Board Orientation**, which will occur at the Spring Meeting. He asked for the Board to review and offer corrections, improvements, et al.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

*Jim Barry* thanked *Harry Durkin* for all his efforts in making arrangements and welcoming us for this meeting, and especially for introducing us to Bishop Noonan.

*John Hoffman* expressed his gratitude to *Tom Monaghan* for his help in locating lists of Senior Alums, by Region and Club area.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

### CLASSES COMMITTEE REPORT

*Jim Gibbons* presented highlights of the Classes Committee Report (which, like all reports, can be found on the NDSA web site, under Board Resources). Welcoming letters have been sent to all **Senior Class Coordinators**; they now exist for all but five classes from '48 through '74. They have been provided materials encouraging attendance at reunion, NDSA seminars, the NDSA Welcome Tent on game days, and class participation in NDSA initiatives.

The committee is awaiting guidance from the Executive Committee on the **Classes Presentation at Senate**.

### CLUBS COMMITTEE REPORT

*Dan Merritt* reported that he had received **Regional Reports** from all but 2, 5, 14, 16, and 17. We now have a total of 118 **Senior Alumni Coordinators** (aka "SAC") in our clubs, which is 60% of all clubs. Among AA clubs, the percentage is 88%; the target is 100%. The letter written by *Phil Roehrig* to his clubs was distributed for information. Regarding the **Hospital Support Program**, 62 clubs have registered, and 20 have indicated willingness to do so.

A fresh edition of "**NDSA News Notes**", edited by *Phil Roehrig*, will be distributed to clubs and classes following this meeting. Regional Directors should be sure that this is received by their Club Presidents and SAC's. All are encouraged to send in **success stories** of senior alums' good works. Nominations for the "**Senior Participation Award**" are due by February 15 to the Clubs Committee Chair, *Dan Merritt*.

*Phil Roehrig* distributed a six-page document, with a single page succinctly describing each of the NDSA Initiatives. He also distributed "A Coming Attraction – Focus on the Six Cs".

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

*Mike Pinter* reported on the successful use of the **NDSA Tent**, which was manned on Fridays preceding all home football games this past season. 209 visitors signed in, and 187 e-mails were sent out afterward. This info is being shared with appropriate Club Presidents and Regional Directors. A tent was purchased by *John Studebaker* for ~\$800, using NDSA budgeted funds. The possibility of expanding to Saturday mornings is being considered; limiting factor is manpower.

Discussions with the **ND Book Store** management are in progress, regarding a monthly contest on the NDSA web site, with the prize being a gift certificate, probably \$50 each month the first year. The contest would call for written essays about senior alum activities or memories. The NDSA Board voted approval of this project.

### GOD COUNTRY & NOTRE DAME COMMITTEE REPORT

See the earlier summary of the **Scholarship** being considered. In addition, it was agreed that the "**Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Veterans with Disabilities**" (brochure distributed), sponsored by Syracuse University, was worthy of consideration by this committee for NDSA involvement. *Dan Buckenmeyer's* program in the Mendoza College of Business is compatible with this. He is a possible speaker for our Fall agenda.

### ALUMNI NETWORK COMMITTEE REPORT

The **Hospital Support Program** report, and ensuing discussion, on Friday, constitutes the bulk of this committee's report. *Bob King* will provide a more complete written summary.

## NDAА REPORT

*Jim Keegan*, the NDAA Senior Alumni Director, summarized matters involving both Boards, in his liaison role. He began by remarking on the **remarkable accomplishments of NDSA** over the past few years. The NDAA Board is “stunned” by this.

The search for **Chris Bellairs’ replacement** has been narrowed from sixty applicants to four finalists. Jim covered recent NDAA office personnel changes. He compared the NDAA and NDSA Board structures - similar but different.

Jim also highlighted new **academic and professional programs** of NDAA. Using the NDSA News Notes as a model, NDAA will soon publish a **Young Alum newsletter**.

On the topic of **Spirituality and Service**, Jim highlighted *Kathy Sullivan’s* “Pray@ND” web site, and the Hesburgh Month of Service, to be held each May.

Other topics: an update on Irish Online and football ticket operations. Paul reminded all of the prerequisites for getting two **senior game tickets** from the Alumni Office: must qualify to purchase, AND must enter lottery, AND be unsuccessful, AND let the Alumni Office know.

In Q & A, *Marty Gleason* raised the question about incidence of **breast cancer** in ND grads of both sexes. *Melanie Rhodes* summarized ongoing and historical UND programs addressing this issue.

An action item emerged: NDSA and NDAA Boards must coordinate their **meeting schedules**.

## 2009 WINTER MEETING

The participants agreed on reviewing the pros and cons of four **meeting sites**, with indicated members handling the reviews: Sedona, AZ (*Jim Barry*), San Diego (*Frank Whitton*), San Antonio (*Lary Leach*), Baja California (*Vince Spohn*). *Jim Barry & Bill Kreps* will develop a blank comparison sheet, covering such criteria as price, transportation, weather, meeting room, et al, for consistency. The results are to be presented for a decision at the Spring Meeting.

We will consider having the 2009 meeting on MLK weekend, possibly Saturday through Monday, to reduce cost and provide better transportation and hotel availability.

*Melanie Rhodes* advised that the NDAA Office could not afford to attend meetings at high-cost locations.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

### **NDSA Directors:**

1. All Regional Directors have their clubs name a Hospital Support Program contact person by Feb 15 (and see other items under Hospital Program below)
2. All outgoing Regional Directors should meet with their successors before the Spring Meeting.
3. Review John Hoffman’s Board Orientation visuals, and offer suggestions.
4. Provide Winter Meeting own-expense data to Mike Squyres.
5. The five Regional Directors who have yet to file their pre-meeting report should do so.
6. Regional Directors should present nominations for the annual Club Award by February 15.
7. Provide input on Clubs’ six “C” activities to Phil Roehrig for NDSA News Notes.
8. Make travel plans ASAP for Senate meeting in April, to minimize travel expense. Have all expense reports to Melanie within 30 days after Senate meeting.
9. Contact your NDAA counterpart to get on their Regional Breakout Meeting agendas at Senate.

### **Executive Committee:**

1. Notify each of the outgoing Regional Directors of their requirement to meet with the incoming Regional Director to facilitate a good transition. To do – Paul
2. Work on the Senate meeting Agenda. To do – Paul and Bill
3. Prepare the Senate meeting workshop presentation. To do – Paul and Bill
4. Develop a proposal worksheet for the 4 locations recommended for the 2009 winter meeting (San Antonio, (Leach) Sedona, (Barry), San Diego (Whitton), and Baja, (Spohn). Need to include room rates for a

Thursday / Friday night if we remain on current day schedule and Saturday /Sunday night if we decide to have the meeting around the MLK holiday. To do – Jim and Bill

5. Provide guidance to Classes committee as to their role for the reunion. – To do – Jim and Paul.
6. Confirm cost and availability of the Ivy Court for Senate meeting in April. To Do – Jim Keegan
7. Make contact with Tom Harvey at ND, possible assistance to NDSA. To do – Paul
8. Send in approval on Hospital program logo to ND. To do – Paul
9. Approve the ACCI toll free number agreement. To do – ALL
10. Follow up with the Regional Directors on contacting each club by 2/15/08 on the Hospital Program. See other relevant items under Hospital Program (below). To do – Jim Barry, Paul and Bill.
11. Review NDSA bylaws, and draft revisions as appropriate.
12. Coordinate meeting schedules with NDAA. To do: Paul

#### **Hospital Program / NDSA Marketing Plan:**

1. Follow up to Fr. Rocco's letters and emails from the Basilica mass. To do – Tom Monaghan
2. Prepare a letter to club and class presidents from Chuck Lennon and chairs of both the NDAA and NDSA Boards. To Do – Bob King and Tom Monaghan
3. Provide information to ND Publications (ND Magazine, Notre Dame Today Newsletter, ND Observer newspaper, and electronic communication with alumni. To Do – Mike Pinter (NDSA Communications Committee)
4. Get clubs to sign up for program. To do – Each NDSA Regional Director is to contact every club in Region, preferably in person or by phone to verify the club contact person(s) and get them to complete a registration form if necessary. Due date by February 15, 2008. To do – all NDSA Regional Directors.
5. Update ND Senior Alumni web page based on Pete Campbell's input. To do – Mike Squyres
6. Look into 2008 Reunion workshop. To do - Paul
7. Prepare senate workshop presentation (in Executive Committee list)
8. Encourage participation through Classes and their Secretaries – To do - Classes Committee
9. Research an on line club registration form – To Do - Melonie
10. Encourage participation with St. Mary's. To do – Bill Kreps
11. Provide Information to ND administration, faculty, and staff, Colleges of Law, MBA, etc, and organizations like Dooley doctors. To Do - Tom Monaghan
12. Send Hospital Newsletter to all club Presidents and NDSA Directors. To do – NDSA Communications Committee and Tom Monaghan
13. Have NDSA brochures available as needed. To do – Melonie Rhodes
14. Look into wallet cards. To do – Melonie Rhodes
15. Evaluate the putting of information in football program. To Do – Ex. Committee

#### **NDAA Board:**

1. Jim Keegan will have a conversation with Dick Nussbaum and Chuck Lennon on the 2008 NDAA ballot process. - To do - Jim Keegan

#### **NDAA Alumni Office:**

1. See relevant items under Hospital Program (above).
2. Melonie Rhodes will send all Board members appropriate expense forms.
3. See Irish Online item (below).

#### **Alumni Network Committee:**

1. See relevant items under Hospital Program (above).

#### **Classes Committee:**

1. See Hospital Program (above).
2. Prepare presentation for Alumni Senate after receiving guidance from Executive Committee.

#### **Clubs Committee:**

1. Add reports received from Regions 2, 5, 14, 16, and 17 when received.
2. Process annual award nominations received from Regional Directors.
3. Publish NDSA News Notes, using input received from Directors.

#### **Communications and Public Relations Committee:**

1. Provide information to ND Publications - see Hospital Program (above).
2. Send Hospital Newsletter to all club Presidents and NDSA Directors. - see Hospital Program (above).

**God Country & Notre Dame Committee:**

1. Tell Frank Whitton to proceed with obtaining information on the endowed scholarship for NDSA and be prepared to present at the senate meeting. To do – Dick Erlenbaugh

**Internal Activities Committee:**

1. Update John Hoffman's NDSA Orientation Manual based on input from Directors.
2. Integrate input received from Directors on the Senate Regional meeting information form.
3. Draft a change to the Bylaws re advising Board candidates of election results.
4. See Irish Online item (below).
5. Send Directors the form for non-reimbursed expenses.

**Irish on Line:**

1. Provide additional training for NDSA Directors in obtaining senior alumni regional and club listings via hands-on conference call. To do – Tom Monaghan and Mike Squyres.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Bob King** said that the "King Dynasty" will soon be ending its era on the NDSA Board (Bob and Ellen). He finds his Alumni Network Committee maturing well; the Hospital Support Program is progressing, working with the Alumni Office. Bob asked the Board to consider, in coming months, "**What Next?**" He offered **Church Renewal** as a topic, with the Institute for Church Life as a key element.

**Lee Tavis** offered his comments about his first NDSA Board meeting. He said that his colleague, Tom Harvey, could be a great resource for NDSA, being in tune with our initiatives. Lee expressed surprise at the dynamism of NDSA. Fr. Jenkins is a big asset to our mission, and a Catholic university like UND has unique outreach responsibilities. UND has a lot of "entrepreneurial stuff" going on, and the university and NDSA can help each other.

**FUTURE NDSA DATES – 2008 & 2009**

**2008**

Spring Board Meeting and Alumni Senate: April 23 – 26

Reunion: May 29 – June 1

Fall Board Meeting: September 7 – 9 (following San Diego State game September 6)

**2009**

Winter Board Meeting – TBD

Spring Board Meeting and Alumni Senate: April 22 – 25

Reunion: June 4 - 7

Fall Board Meeting: *possibly* September 20 - 22 (following MSU game September 19) – TBD

**WRAP-UP**

Chair Paul Scagliarini thanked all participants for all their efforts on behalf of Notre Dame. He wished safe travel, and a closing "**GO IRISH!**"

*Submitted by Bill Kreps, Vice Chair*