

**ND SENIOR ALUMNI SPRING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOTRE DAME, INDIANA**  
**OCTOBER 1 – 3, 2006**

Present:

Jim Barry, Chairman  
Paul Scagliarini, Vice Chairman  
Dick Griffin, Immediate Past Chairman  
Jim Keegan, Senior Alumni NDAA Director  
Vincent Spohn, Region 1  
John Studebaker, Region 2  
Frank Whitton, Region 3  
Daniel Merritt, Region 4  
Debbie White, Region 5  
Phil Roehrig, Region 6  
George Koch, Region 7  
Mike Pinter, Region 8  
Jim Slattery, Region 10  
Bob King, Region 11  
Mike Squyres, Region 12  
Bill Kreps, Region 13  
George Harvey, Region 14  
Jo Ann Harvey, Region 14  
Pete Campbell, Region 15  
Marty Gleason, Region 16  
Kelley Macke, Region 17  
Mike Neumeister, Region 18

On Sunday morning, October 1, a group of the Directors enjoyed golf at the Warren Golf Course. Joining the Directors were Chris Bellairs, Tom Monaghan, and Mark Burdell from the Alumni Association along with Bill Sexton, NDSA Advisor and two Director spouses.

At 5pm the Directors and their spouses gathered for Mass with Father Paul Doyle, NDSA Chaplin at Dillon Hall and then had dinner outside at the Morris Inn.

At 8:00am on October 2, 2006, the Directors met at the Fr. Louie Putz C.S.C. bench for prayer. Director George Harvey led the prayer session. A copy of the soon to be released paperback book on the life and times of Fr. Putz entitled "You Are Church" was distributed to the Directors.

The opening NDSA general session was held from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Monday October 2, 2006 in the Eck Center auditorium . Fr. Paul Doyle C.S.C.opened the meeting with a prayer. Chairman Barry welcomed all

members of the Board, especially the four new Directors – Vincent Spohn, Debbie White, James Gibbons, and Kelley Macke who introduced themselves. Chairman Barry noted the theme for NDSA in the coming year is – Energy + Efficiency = Excellence. He also welcomed our new Chaplain Fr. Paul Doyle C.S.C. and new advisor Bill Sexton to the NDSA

The Director received comments from the following individuals:

Jim Keegan, NDSA representative on NDAA Board, Fr. Paul Doyle C.S.C. Chaplain, Chuck Lennon, Alumni Association, Chris Bellairs, Alumni Association, Tom Monaghan, Alumni Association, and Bill Sexton, NDSA Advisor.

The highlights of the comments were as follows:

**Jim Keegan** – Both NDSA and NDAA have to deliver on objectives. A contract has been signed with a software company for a new Alumni Association operating system.

**Fr. Paul Doyle C.S.C.** – Rector at Dillon Hall. Notre Dame is about the undergraduates.

**Chuck Lennon** – Provided highlights on the recently announced 5,000 new season football tickets program.

**Chris Bellairs** – Updated the progress with the re-organization of the Alumni Association. He expanded the view of the Giveback program from specific service to the University to service done in the name of Notre Dame. He felt the strength of NDSA was the initiatives that work for people.

**Tom Monaghan** – Discussed the replacement status of the NDAA / NDSA liaison. Working on a new set of tools to improve communications. Working on new club evaluation criteria for awards, and thanked NDSA for its welcoming tent at football home games.

**Bill Sexton** – He recommended NDSA take action rather than waiting. Mentioned a book called “Half Time”. Take a “we can do it attitude” in the second half of life.

Chairman Barry presented Dean Jack Keane, prior NDSA Advisor with a recognition plaque for his assistance to NDSA. Dean Keane spoke on his priority to learn about clubs and how he personally visited thirty five. He thanked NDSA for the opportunity to be its Advisor and the recognition.

Chairman Barry also had a recognition plaque for Fr. Tom Burrell C.S.C. for his past service as Chaplain, but Fr. Burrell was unable to attend the meeting. The plaque will be given to him at a later time.

Chairman Barry led an open question and answer session discussing the following:

- A. NDSA challenges and improving communications.
- B. Initiatives, do we have the proper ones and do they have an impact?
- C. The giveback program, no activity from NDAA.
- D. Do we have any minutes from the Classes meeting at Senate?
- E. The new NDSA web page and how it was created.

From 11:00 am to 12 noon – the NDSA Committees had their committee meetings.

From 11:00am to 11:30am - The Executive Board held a new Director orientation. In attendance were Directors, Spoon, Macke, White, and Gibbons. Immediate past President Dick Griffin chaired the orientation. Each new Director was provided with the NDSA Regional Board of Directors Information literature, a copy of the NDSA bylaws, and a copy of key NDSA initiatives. Points covered from the Director Information handout were: terms, Board meeting attendance, expenses, responsibilities of a Regional Director and communications. It was recommended 80% of their time be spent on their clubs and 20% on their committee work. A question and answer period followed the review of Regional Director Information.

From 11:30am to 12 noon – The Executive Committee had its meeting.

The afternoon general session in the Eck Center auditorium was from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. The session began with the following committee reports:

- **Classes** – Chairman George Koch. The committee report is attached to the minutes. A recommendation was made for NDSA to have a hospitality table at the annual classes' reunion. Director Studebaker and Chairman Barry agreed to assist at the reunion. It was also recommended where possible to have communications to class Secretaries come from a classmate.
- **Clubs Committee** – Dan Merritt Chairman. A copy of the committee report is attached. Discussion was held on the Senior Alumni Coordinator in clubs. In particular, the percentages by club size of Senior Alumni Coordinators and providing them assistance. Based on the regional reports received, activity by Notre Dame Clubs in NDSA initiatives is not acceptable. Discussion was held regarding a national NDSA communications newsletter being generated by the Clubs Committee three times a year.

- **God, Country, Notre Dame** – JoAnn Harvey Chairperson. A copy of the committee report is attached to the minutes. The committee continues to research the memorializing of ND graduates. Advisor, Dennis Dunleavy plans on making a God, Country, Notre Dame presentation at the 2007 Senate.

Mirella Riley from the Alumni Association made a presentation on the Alumni Association Academic Programs. Of particular note to senior alumni were Hesburgh lectures, Excellence in Teaching Conference, and Reunions. She shared some of the items her Department wants to explore in the future to enhance current programs and offer additional ones

At 4:00pm the Directors and their spouses attended mass at Fr. Ted Hesburgh's office in the library.

At 6:00pm the Directors and their spouses were joined by Tom Monaghan and Chuck Lennon of the Alumni Association for a group dinner at Legends on campus.

On Tuesday October 3, 2006 mass was held at 7:15am in the chapel of Dillon Hall with Fr. Doyle as celebrant.

The general session on 10/3/06 was from 8:30 to noon.

The following committees presented their reports:

- **Internal Activities** – Mike Squyres Chairman. A copy of the committee report is attached to the minutes. Following discussion the Board agreed to continue the lighting of a daily candle at the Grotto for Notre Dame which began at the April 2006 meeting. Each Director donated \$10.00 and Director Mike Pinter agreed to continue the candle lighting on behalf of NDSA.
- **Communications** – George Harvey, Chairman. A copy of the committee report is attached to the minutes. The Board complemented Chairman Harvey and his committee on the NDSA Brochure, and the full page advertisement in the Purdue game day program. Of note was the successful report on the football game day senior alumni tent behind the Eck center. Based on the success of the Purdue game, it was agreed NDSA would have this tent for all home games and directors were encouraged to volunteer their time if attending the game.
- **Alumni Network Committee** – Bob King, Chairman. A copy of the committee report is attached to the minutes. Presented a recommended copy of the Diocesan support initiative to the Executive Board for review. Recommended seven action steps

for the implementing the Diocesan initiative. Reviewed the OCW (open course initiative). Director Campbell provided the Directors with an update on the Hospital Support initiative.

- **Balcony Committee** – Mike Squyres, Chairman. Director Squyres presented the Board with a demonstration of the new NDSA web page. The entire Board congratulated the Balcony committee on the web page. The NDSA web page is linked into the Alumni Association. It contains a wealth of information on all aspects of NDSA and is user friendly.

Kathy Sullivan and Heather Tonk of the Alumni Association made a presentation on the Spirituality and Service of the Alumni Association. Discussed were plans for special club events throughout 2007 to honor Fr. Ted Hesburgh C.S.C. on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in May.

2007 Winter Meeting – Vice Chairman Scagliarini distributed information on the winter 2007 meeting to be held in St. Augustine Florida from January 18- 20<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended Directors planning to attend make their room reservations as soon as possible. The golfers present voted to play the Slammer and Squire course on Thursday 1/17/07. All former NDSA Directors will be invited via a list serv prepared by Melonie Rhodes of the Alumni Association.

Chairman Jim Barry discussed the following items with the Board:

- Thanked the committee chairmen for submitting their 2006 – 2007 goals.
- Reviewed how the committees were divided between the Executive Committee.
- Requested Regional goals and objectives for the remainder of 2006 and for 2007 be prepared and sent to Dick Griffin.
- Commented on how fortunate NDSA is to have the assistance of Fr. Doyle and Bill Sexton.
- Following discussion, the Board agreed it wanted outside speakers to participate in the meetings. Speakers can come from the Alumni Association, faculty, or a current student.
- Reported on the current status of the Alumni Association replacement of the NDSA liaison.

An open discussion followed. Director Mike Squyres recommended the Board have input into future meeting agendas and in particular outside speakers. Director Mike Pinter asked for volunteers to assist with the Senior Alumni welcoming tent for home football games and also to assist the Alumni Association on game day in the ACC. NDAA Senior

Alumni representative Jim Keegan provided the Board with information on the recent NDAA meeting.

At 1:00pm a closing luncheon was held at the University Club with Tom Monaghan of the Alumni Association in attendance and he provided information on the new season football ticket initiative.

The fall meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barry at 2:00pm.

Submitted on October 20, 2006 by:

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NDSA Vice Chairman