

## ALUMNI NETWORK PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

### REPORT TO NDSA BOARD JANUARY 2006

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Since the October NDSA meeting, we have had progress on several initiatives – establishing new initiative procedures, the Hospital Ministry Program, the Step Program, the Corporate Volunteer Program, and the Club Mentoring Program.

The following is a recap of each initiative:

- The Committee felt it was beneficial to establish some criteria and a process for Directors regarding submission of initiatives. The new initiative procedures are attached to this report.
- **The Hospital Ministry Program.** At the October 2005 meeting Director Pete Campbell (Region 15) presented this program to the Board. In December 2005 the details of the initiative was sent to all Directors for distribution to their clubs. Pete Campbell is seeking input from the Directors on club acceptance of the program and welcomes your input and recommendations.

The committee will evaluate the potential of combining the **Hospital Ministry Program** and the God, Country, Notre Dame **VA Hospital Visit Program** into a single initiative which will include the benefits of both programs. A report will be prepared for the April 2006 meeting.

- **The Step (Satellite Theological Education Program).** Committee member Director Bob King reported Notre Dame is joining an open program called the Open University. Through this program Universities like MIT and Stanford put courses and class notes and bibliography up on the web free for anyone to use. This will provide a way for ND Alums to stay up on their field. It will also suggest ideas for senior alumni on how they can give back to the University by offering examples and ideas to faculty teaching in their discipline. This program is headed up at Notre Dame by the Kaneb center which focuses on excellence in teaching.
- **The Corporate Volunteer Program.** The Committee finalized and is distributing details of this program at the winter meeting. The initial groups of corporations identified as offering volunteer awards for service to non profits are: State Farm Insurance, Wachovia Bank, and IBM. Directors are asked too communicate this initiative to their clubs.

- **The Club Mentoring Program.** In December 2005 the NDSA Executive Committee distributed information to Directors on this program. Chairman Dick Griffin is seeking input on the program from Directors. A final version should be ready by early spring 2006.

. The following is the current status of other existing NDSA initiatives:

1. **GIVE BACK PROGRAM** – October 2005 report - Dick Griffin and Paul Geary made a presentation at Reunion 2005, which was very well received. The role of this committee will be to assist the NDSA Executive Committee in this initiative. At this time this initiative which is in the Alumni Association's strategic plan will in the near future become more defined as to how exactly the process will work and what our role will be. We will get our guidance from the NDSA Executive Committee.

**January 2006 – No change from October 2005**

2. **WELCOME HOME CEMETERY PROGRAM** – October 2005 report -In July 2005 Dick Griffin wrote to Fr. Seetch to confirm the NDSA is ready, willing, and able to help him with this initiative. To date the committee has not had a request from Fr. Seetch for assistance, and no further action has been taken on this initiative.

**January 2006 – No change from October 2005**

3. **A RETIREMENT SEMINAR PROGRAM** – October 2005 report -The committee has developed a working draft that will be sent to Kathy Sullivan in the Alumni Association for review and input. Here are the committee thoughts:
  1. Presenters should be ND alumni.
  2. Seminar done on campus in the summer over 2 or 3 days.
  3. Each year a single financial planning firm should do the presentation.
  4. It should be both a retirement and estate planning seminar, therefore also needed would be an estate attorney.
  5. The price of the seminar should only cover the cost (not for profit).
  6. Attendees can stay in the newer dorms (like the reunions).

The benefits to Notre Dame are: 1. connectivity to get alumni back on campus. 2. Giveback, the ND financial planners and attorneys donate time and talent. 3. Potential for additional contributions to ND in the form of charitable remainder trusts and the Badin Guild.

On September 15, 2005 the committee spoke with Kathy Sullivan and told her the NDSA had this type of seminar on its "radar screen" and that we as a committee were going to discuss it at the October meeting. Kathy said she would be happy to join us when we discuss this initiative.

**January 2006 – No change from October 2005**

4. **IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NOTRE DAME AND ITS ALUMNI** October 2005 report - At this time the committee has not developed any recommendations. (if we do develop any thoughts in October, we can add them to the report)

**January 2006 – No change from October 2005.**

5. **PACE Club Cancer Support** – The committee has identified on occasions locations where the National Prostate Coalition was holding prostate cancer screenings and notified the appropriate NDSA Regional Director. Both a Club (Jan. 2005) and Class (May 2005) PACE information package was sent to all directors.

**January 2006 – This initiative continues to be an important one for both the NDAA and the NDSA. Directors are encouraged to follow up with their clubs on this initiative.**

Respectfully Submitted

Yours in our Lady's University,

The NDSA Alumni Network Programming Committee