

NDSA CHAIRMAN REPORT

MONTH: AUGUST 2007

August 7, 2007

To: NDSA Board Members

NDSA Executive Committee

Tom Monaghan, Alumni Office

Jim Keegan, NDSA Senior Alumni Director

Bill Sexton, Advisor

Fr. Paul Doyle, Chaplain

From: Paul Scagliarini

The purpose this report is to communicate Executive Committee decisions and highlight activities. Please be advised of the following:

A. Current Month Activities –

1. Executive Committee –

- **Has been working on the 2007 – 2008 NDSA budget. (see budget section of this report)**
- **Has been working with the Alumni Office on the MSU football tickets**
- **Has started working on the September (fall) meeting with the Alumni Office. (see reminders section of this report)**
- **Has been preparing for a meeting with the Alumni Office, NDAA Board Chairman and Jim Keegan on August 30th. The topic is focusing on NDSA / NDAA organizational matters.**

2. NDSA Committees –

- **The Clubs committee continues to be working on a guide to assist clubs in starting an NDSA initiative.**

3. Alumni Office – Tom Monaghan provided the following:

- **We have several Affinity Group staff updates. First, Andrea Swanagan starts August 14 as our new Director of Clubs later this month. Meeghan Mousaw gave birth to a healthy baby girl last month (July 4). Finally, Melonie Rhodes is now working with us full time and will be spending more of her day supporting the NDSA.**

- **Most of our days are being spent supporting the new Irish Online. We've been holding dozens of training sessions for our club and class leaders so they can get into the system to manage their membership. Your board, for the first time ever, will be able to get direct access to your data using Irish Online. Finally!**

4. Initiatives –

- **This year at the fall meeting we will have a presentation on the PACE and Diocesan Support initiatives**

5. Budget –

- **Good news and not so good news. The good news is for the very first time in the history of the senior alumni board, we will have an official budget account within the Alumni Office which we can expend as we feel necessary. The not so good news is budget expense dollars are extremely tight for everyone and we received 59% of our submitted budget. In dollars we asked for \$43,000 and received \$25,500. This will be an agenda item in September. Your Executive Committee will make recommendations for the entire Board to consider. We do have the opportunity to increase our budget through the sale of ND football tickets through the Alumni Office auction process. There will be 2 MSU tickets donated by the Alumni Office to NDSA auctioned this year.**

6. NDSA web page: www.ndsenioralumni.org

- **Mike Squyres is our point person with the Alumni Office for Irish on Line. We have been informed that a two level approval process will be necessary in order for NDSA to communicate directly to all senior alumni. We can continue to communicate via email internally without any approvals.**

7. Other items –

- **Start with the premise, “nothing is as constant as change” regarding future NDSA meeting dates. The Executive Committee is required to provide you with a three year future calendar – Here is the best information I have for you as at August 2007:**

Calendar 2008: Winter meeting January 17 – 19th in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Spring meeting April 23 – 26 (part of senate) on campus. Fall meeting September 14 – 16th, Michigan game (this has not been announced as yet) on campus.

Calendar 2009: Winter meeting usually 3rd or 4th weekend in January. Spring meeting April 22 -25 (part of senate) on campus. Fall meeting (TBD) best guess is September 20-22, following the Michigan State game.

Calendar 2010 – Have no specifics other than we will follow the pattern of a winter meeting in January, spring as part of Alumni Senate, and Fall in September following a home football game.

8. Reminders:

- **The fall 2007 meeting is scheduled for September 23 – 25th on campus. According to the alumni office, we will be staying at the Jamison on the 23rd and 24th and holding our meetings in McKenna. Under separate cover I will be sending you a copy of the social and business agendas. If there is any specific topic you would like to have discussed at the fall meeting send it to me at goirish60@comcast.net**
- **A quick overview of our current plans is to have golf and a local South Bend tour**

Sunday (9/23) in the afternoon and a social dinner on campus Sunday night. The business meeting Monday (9/24) will run from Bill Sexton's business class to 3:45 pm. We are trying to line up a Fr. Hesburgh Mass late Monday afternoon. Dinner Monday night in South Bend on us. On Tuesday (9/25) we plan to conclude our meeting by 2:30pm.

- **Please make your travel arrangements as early as possible for the fall meeting and recommend you find the least expensive flight. If you use Anthony Travel, please be sure they find you the best fare. Do a little homework to verify. Remember this year you are spending NDSA dollars of which we have a fixed amount.**
- **If you are interested in playing golf on Sunday September 23rd, Jim Barry has two tee times around noon at the Warren. Contact Jim directly if interested at (314) 725-5000 or jbarry@thebarrylawfirm.com**

Yours in Our Lady's University

**Paul Scagliarini
NDSA Chairman**