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# CAA Board Meeting

09-11-2022  
7:10 PM Central Time

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## Attendees

### 7 CAA Board Members

*Brandon Barronetti (President), Ezekiel Jackson (Secretary), Nathan Huxtable (Historian), Dan Brunk, Ed Ribar, Norman Dziedzic, and Kevin Sender*

The Cavalier Alumni Association (CAA) Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Brandon Barronetti at 7:10pm on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

## Meeting Agenda

### I. Old Business

- A. Don W. Warren Community Service Scholarship Process (Brandon)
- B. New Alumni Onboarding Process (Kevin)

### II. New Business

- A. 75th Anniversary - Alumni Engagement (Dan)
- B. White Gear Project (Brandon)

### III. On Going Projects

- A. Alumni Corps (Dan)
- B. New Alumni Onboarding (Kevin/Brandon/Norm)



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# Minutes

## I. CAA President/CAPE Board Report

- Music Design team announced, Visual Design announcement imminent, caption leadership pretty complete and those should be coming soon.
- Bourbon Raffle
  - Drawing Sunday, Sept. 18
  - Need the help of the CAA board also pushing the importance of this. EVERY ticket sold goes straight to the bottom line of our programs so can't stress enough how important it is to get the CAA Board engaged in highlighting the program. Would appreciate it if these videos can get pinned on the CAA site as they come out this week.
- Organization Retreat Weekend - Sept. 17 & 18
- Focus on Operational Excellence & Strategic Planning
- This will take place in Rosemont at the Stephens Convention Center
- Zeke will be attending in place of Brandon as the CAA representative

## II. Old Business

1. DWW Scholarship Process (Brandon)
  - a. Looking to expand number of scholarships
    - a) One to any DCI member & one to a Cavalier
    - b) Increase scholarship amount to \$1500
    - c) The fund is doing exceptionally well being funded by the alumni deck and pre-finals along with separate individual donations

Motion to open discussion about expanding the number of scholarship recipients. Motion passes. Discussion commences.

- Concerns about why in year 3 of the DWW Scholarship, why only 1 Cavalier has applied. Suggestion brought up to tell members prior to them moving in for Pre-Tour.
- Concerns on view from wider activity is 1 of 2 recipients is always a Cavalier
- Could there just be a 2nd scholarship?

Motion to open discussion about increasing the scholarship amount from \$1000 to \$1500. Motion passes. Further discussion has been tabled until we've gathered enough financial information.

2. New Alumni - Onboarding (Kevin)
  - a. Present an initial plan for CAA connection to new alumni



- b. Norm still working on updating Alumni Handbook - could use help with updating names
- c. Aim is to start with 2021 and 2022 age-outs. Once the process is finalized 2020 plus potentially those who have marched but didn't finish with The Cavaliers will be next.

### III. New Business

1. 75th Anniversary - Alumni Engagement (Dan)
  - a. A gala is in the works
  - b. Performance at the Lisle Show, Rosemont Picnic, and maybe another
  - c. Mardi Gras Committee was brought back together to start planning
  - d. Chicago Pride Parade? The weekend prior to next Summer's Lisle
  - e. Figuring out ways to involve the other CAPE ensembles (Chromium Winds, King Cobras Drumline)
2. White Gear Project (Brandon)
  - a. Allow any member who only marched one year to go through a process in order to earn their white gear.
    - a) 1 - Knowing your history
    - b) 2 - Knowing the people you marched with
      - (1) Re-connect or connect with 10 guys from that time
    - c) 3 - How are you connected with the Corps now?

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Elections for New Board Members TBD-December.

#### ON-GOING PROJECTS

Alumni Corps (Dan)

New Alumni Onboarding (Kevin/Brandon/Norm)

#### ACTION ITEMS

- Review Alumni Handbook and give notes to Norm (Handbook can be found in the Board Google Drive)
- Review Alumni Engagement Process and give notes to Kevin (Process was emailed by Kevin)

#### UPCOMING MEETING DATES

October, 16, 2022

November 13, 2022

December 18, 2022



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*Motion to close the meeting. Motion passes . The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm Central.*

The next Board meeting for the Cavalier Alumni Association will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022 via Zoom at 7:00pm Central / 8:00pm Eastern.

*(Minutes were completed by CAA Board Secretary Ezekiel Jackson '15-'16)*

