



**BCC Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, February 25th, 2015
 GFU Board Room West Street Pittsfield, MA**

Time Began: 5:04 p.m. **Time Adjourned:** 6:15 p.m.

Attendance: Present (**P**), Absent (**A**), Excused Absence (**E**)

Name	07/09	08/13	09/10	12/24	01/28	02/25	03/25	04/22	05/27	06/24
Board Members										
Connors, Sharon	P	P	E	-	E	P				
Dellea, Dawn	P	P	P	-	P	P				
Dillon, Daniel	P	P	P	-	E	E				
Fennell-Ivas, Susan	P	E	E		P	P				
Gargan, Ray	-	-	-	-	-	p				
Gowdey, Kathy	P	P	P	-	E	E				
Hiltpold, Jeffrey	P	P	P	-	P	E				
O'Hara, Kevin	P	E	E	-	E	E				
Richards, Christopher	P	P	P	-	P	P				
Russo, Jessica	P	P	P	-	P	P				
Shogry-Raimer, Cindy	P	P	P	-	P	P				
Stowell, Bryan	P	A	A	-	A	A				
Walczyk, Stan	P	P	E	-	P	P				
Zanconato, Ashlee	P	P	E	-	E	P				
Ex Officio										
Kerwood, Jennifer	P	P	P		P	P				
Special Guests										
Smith, Craig			P							

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
<p>Meeting Opening</p> <p>Secretary's Report (Minutes from 02/25/2015)</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Chairwoman's Report</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report</p> <p>The New BCC Website, Facebook, Linked-In and other forms of communication</p>	<p>Cindy called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.</p> <p>Jessica reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Stan Motioned to accept the minutes and Dawn seconded the motion.</p> <p>The balance in the account is \$550 after spending \$100 for the Falcons Event.</p> <p>Cindy welcomed Ray Gargan to the board.</p> <p>Please see the attached report at the end of this document.</p> <p>Although Jeff was unable to attend the meeting, this will now be a regular agenda item.</p> <p>Linked-In –Linked-In is less active than Facebook.</p> <p>Facebook – Currently there are a few more likes but, the participation is still low. For the month there will be a Like challenge for a chance to win a prize.</p>	

Upcoming Events	<p>Hopefully this will increase the number of page likes and create more activity. In the future we may consider having a photo contest to help boost activity on the page.</p> <p>Spring Open House- The Spring Open house is Saturday, March 28th, 10- 12. Our role will be to greet the attendees and to mingle.</p> <p>High School Presentations- The high school presentation at McCann will be on May 15th. Life after college will be the theme. Many ideas were brought up. Currently the plan will be to have a few successful BCC Alumni tell their stories and to possibly pair that with some form of PowerPoint presentation or video.</p> <p>Spring Alumni Meeting- The Spring Meeting will have the same format as Fall Meeting. It will include some business and time to socialize. A few ideas for the event would be a President's Report from Cindy, a presentation on the renovation of Hawthorne and Melville by President Kennedy. Possibly some form of music and/or a preview from the upcoming BCC Musical, The Addams Family. The event will be held</p>	<p>Please contact Jenn if you would like to attend.</p>
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<p>New Business</p> <p>Old Business</p>	<p>at J'Allen's Jenn will create a Doodle Poll to pick a day in May.</p> <p>Nominating committee- Elections for the board are just around the corner. A new nominating committee will need to be formed. Please notify Jenn if you are interested in being a part of the community.</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunches- The idea of holding brown bag lunches featuring alumni is still being developed. BCC will provide the venue, someone will need to coordinate the program.</p> <p>Scholarship Applications – The online scholarship application has been opened for 2015. Please contact Ann Phillips if you are interested in helping read and rate scholarship essays.</p> <p>Falcons Reunion Event- The event was held on Sunday, February 1st, 2015 at 1 p.m. It was small, there was a display of alumni photos, trophies, etc. All in all the event went really well. Bringing club sports back to the college will give many students a chance to play sports in college that would not have a chance to at a four year school</p>	
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<p>Ad-hoc groups and Initiatives</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Spring Day of Caring-Please refer to the President's Report for an update on this event.</p> <p>There is nothing new to report regarding our ad-hoc groups and initiatives.</p> <p>Dawn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:09, Stan seconded the motion.</p>	
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Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Russo



Chairwoman's Report February 25, 2015

A warm welcome for Ray Gargan who officially joins the BCC Alumni Board of Directors. Ray was unanimously voted in by the board at our January meeting. Ray is a 1973 Graduate of BCC and served on the BCC Foundation Board for many years. Ray is the owner, president and jack of all trades at Gargan Communication and will be a wonderful addition to our Board.

With lots of snow still on the ground and temperatures often falling below zero, we New Englanders can still feel spring on the horizon and we are eager to start planning events that include outdoor activities.

Our BCC Alumni "Spring Day of Caring" project to assist the elderly in our community with the hard task of spring clean-up is shaping up. Vincent Marinaro, the Executive Director of the Ralph Froio Senior Center and I had a brain storming session which addressed true need Vs. having the financial means to accomplish this annual task. Based on our discussion, I was introduced to Lynn Penna, the Home and Community Based Supervisor at Elder Services. Lynn will be a guest at our March meeting and will offer some ideas on who could benefit from this service, while still preserving privacy in regards to economic need. Based on the information we gather from her,

this will help us to plan how we will approach this event as well as the number of volunteers that will be needed. This event will be open to all alumni as well as their friends and family. The tentative dates are both Saturdays - the 16th or 23rd of May.

Jeff Hiltbold was brainstorming some ideas on health and fitness targeted events that feature some alumni establishments in addition to our very own Paterson Field House. The beautiful grounds surrounding BCC are ideal to have events such as 5-Ks and 10-Ks which are open to every level of fitness. As alumni, we need to exercise our minds as well as our bodies and this wonderful campus can support both of those endeavors. So more to come on these topics.

Also on the horizon is our Alumni Board election. We have board terms of one, two and three years, so the planning of the election and solicitation of applicants will soon be upon us. The nominating committee that was established in 2014 will need to reconvene (or new members may want to come forward on the committee) so we can establish the key positions on the board for the next year.

So in summary, we have a lot of planning to do in order to shore up the numerous responsibilities, fun events, and assistance that we have committed to provide to our constituents and community. It is a lot of work but we have a very dedicated and talented board that enjoys the challenge.

Sincerely,

Cindy A Shogry-Raimer