

Lincoln Lynx Alumni Association Board Meeting

October 20, 2018 – University House – 12:30PM

Pending Approval

Members attending (17): *President Jack McKay '57, Vice President Terri Lindeke '71, Financial Secretary Steve LaVergne '60, Treasurer and Class Rep Lynne Emmons '72, Recording Secretary Judy Roe '64, Database Chair and All Class Luncheon Liaison Linda Strock '62, Merchandising Chair Bev Washburn '57, Class Rep Mary Johnson '40, Totem II Co-Editor Sandy Smith '57, Nominating Committee Chair Gretchen Mork '57, Class Rep Don Ford '49, Class Rep Ron Jostol '51, Jerry Ramey '51, Class Rep and Co-rep Monika Lirio and Jeff Taylor '79, Lisamarie Mandapat daughter of Monika Lirio and new LHS teacher, Margaret Kennedy '57. In accordance with the by-laws, there was a quorum of at least 10 members.*

- A. Welcome and Roll Call – Jack McKay** Printed signup forms and brochures about the paver project are available for all class reps on request.
- B. Roll call of Officers and Chairs**
- C. Approval of September 8, 2018 Executive Committee Notes**
Motion by Judy Roe seconded by Terri Lindeke, to approve the LLAA Executive Committee Notes for the September 8, 2018 meeting. Passed.
- D. Approval of Regular September 15, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Judy Roe seconded by Terri Lindeke to approve the LLAA minutes for the September 15, 2018 Board meeting. Passed.
- E. Approval of September Financial Reports – Lynne Emmons** (to see the complete report, [click here](#))
In comparison to the same time period last year, membership dues are up whereas the amount of scholarship donations is slightly lower. A notable donation was the \$2000 contributed by an alumni from the class of '43 in memory of her brother who was in the class of '41. The Treasurer pointed out that some money was recently moved from the checking account into savings and thereby the money in savings will earn interest for LLAA.
Motion by Lynne Emmons seconded by Gretchen Mork, to approve the LLAA financial reports for September 2018. Passed.
- F. Consent Agenda: Reports by Chairs** (for the complete reports please review the pre-meeting packet: [click here](#))
____ **Renovation of LHS - Jerry Bacon** met with Steve Moore. Though a construction worker strike occurred, the remodel of LHS is on schedule. During October 2019, there will be an open-house for alumni at the new LHS.
____ **Membership report** - Steve LaVergne and Jack McKay estimated there are at least 100 orders for pavers as of 10/20/2018.
____ **Emailing to all alumni engagement – Jack McKay** reviewed the statistics for the mass email that was sent to about 4,600 alumni. The open rate, which was 53%, is above industry average. Another email is planned for the 102 alumni who opened the membership signup form.
____ **Nominations list of officer and chair positions – Gretchen Mork** reported the nominations for the elected positions remain Vice President: Suzanne Santwire Lundquist '63 and Treasurer: Lynne Emmons '73
____ **LLAA Image-Branding project – Barbara Curtis's** discussion is tabled for a future meeting. Barbara was unable to attend this meeting. The team includes Linda Strock, Barbara Curtis, Don Ford, Steve LaVergne, Jack McKay.
____ **Paver engraving --- Jack McKay** indicated the paver project has raised over \$4250 profit toward the scholarship fund.

G. Discussion Items

1. Should the LLAA continue to plan the LHS Hall of Fame in the new LHS? – Jack McKay

Many questions need to be answered: where does the money come from, how far to go back in history, what will be the selection criteria? The new LHS principal (Ruth Medsker) is supportive and she has designated an area for the Hall of Fame within the new LHS. Several alumni volunteered to be on the committee: Terri Lindeke, Ron Jostol, Jerry Ramey, and Steve LaVergne. The chair person is Terri Lindeke until the committee has a chance to work this out.

By Consensus, those present agreed to move forward on the Hall of Fame Project.

2. Should the LLAA consider a special publication celebration of Lincoln High School? – Jack McKay

The publication could be in the form of a collage, book, pamphlet, and/or web pages. One of the new LHS teachers, Lisamarie Mandapat, has heard from the potential new students, and explained these 9th graders feel they don't know the LHS traditions.

By consensus, those present agreed to move forward with the special publications.

Expressing interest in helping with the special project are Lisamarie Mandapat and Beverly Washburn.

3. Should the LLAA Board consider updating the Articles of Incorporations (AOI)? - Don Ford

Currently, the by-laws (since being changed in 2016) and AOI are inconsistent

The AOI are fundamental rules like the US Constitution: the by-laws derive power from the AOI, and indicate the things that are permissible under the AOI. Ideally, the AOI items should not even be in the by-laws. Two amendments of the LLAA AOI are filed with the state: Name and Members.

To move towards this goal of making the AOI and by-laws consistent, three articles of the AOI were discussed today. The votes reported here for the LLAA AOI Articles are recommendations from the Board. Any motion to amend the LLAA AOI which is **approved by the Board** must be submitted by the Board to the Membership at an Annual or Special meeting for final consideration by members in good standing (i.e., eligible to vote), and complying with the amending protocol set forth in the LLAA's AOI.

AOI Article I (Name)

The original language of the AOI (word "organization") was retained. The 2016 By-Laws contain the word "corporation".

Moved by Don Ford, seconded by Margaret Kennedy, to approve using the word corporation in Article I of the AOI. "The name of this corporation shall be Lincoln Lynx Alumni Association."
Failed.

AOI Article III (Purpose)

The original language of the AOI, which does not contain the words "attendees or staff", was retained. The Board did not want to address amending the AOI to include "graduating seniors" for scholarships at this time. There was some concern about the words "graduating seniors" since it could be interpreted as overlooking the fact that high school attendees can finish high school before their senior year.

Moved by Don Ford, seconded by Terri Lindeke, to approve adding the words "attendees or staff" into Article III of the AOI. "provide for scholarships for higher education to those lineal descendants of graduates, attendees or staff of Lincoln High School, Seattle". **Failed.**

AOI Article IV (Members)

The 2016 By-Laws amendment that added the words “sex”, “or their descendants”, and “teacher” were not accepted.

Moved by Steve LaVergne, seconded by Sandy Smith, to approve this wording for AOI Article IV “any person who attended Lincoln High School of Seattle, Washington, as a student, or was employed as a staff or faculty member, is eligible to be a member of this Association upon...”.

Amended motion: Passed.

The original motion was amended by adding the words “or was employed as”. The other change to the AOI Article IV: the verbiage “regardless of age, creed, color, or religion” was removed.

For the future, Don Ford (along with Jackie King) plans to complete ALL the work and recommendations and submit as a total package. Due diligence far outweighs any sense of urgency. There is nothing that can’t wait until the 2019 Annual Meeting. In the meantime, those changes made to the 2016 by-laws and in conflict with the LLAA’s AOI are illegal and unenforceable.

RCW 24.03 requirements for the voting on AOI and by-laws: According to RCW 24.03.165, AOI revisions require 2/3 approval vote and approval must “be submitted to a vote at a meeting of members having voting rights, which may be either an annual or a special meeting” (for instance the LLAA All Class Meeting) however by-laws, RCW 24.03.070, can be approved at a Regular Board Meeting by vote.

By-laws: RCW 24.03.070 <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=24.03.070>

AOI: RCW 24.03.165 <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=24.03.165>

4. **Should the LLAA Board consider the proposed changes in the LLAA by-laws – Don Ford/Jackie King?** Tabled: to be addressed during the 2019 Board meeting(s).
5. **Should the appointment of the Chair of the Historical Committee be approved? – Jack McKay**
Moved by Sandy Smith, seconded by Don Ford, to approve the appointment of Verna Rossevelt as Chair of the Historical Committee. Passed
6. **Should the All-Class Luncheon Chair for 2019 be approved?**
The motion was tabled for later consideration.
7. **Should there be an agenda for the All-Class Meeting on November 17, 2018 (12:30 at University House) ? – Jack McKay?**
Some of the suggested topics for the All-Class Meeting: election of Vice President and Treasurer, All-Class Luncheon (request for help), pavers project, membership, special publication celebrating LHS history and traditions, Hall of Fame including photos from other high schools (audience should be asked for suggestions), update on LHS remodel by Jerry Bacon. The desserts by alumni/caterer Barb Repanich were recommended. Bev Washburn plans to contact Barb Repanich to request desserts. Bev will also talk with the alumni Mary Johnson who lives at University House about having University House do at least the coffee service for the event.

H. Closure

1. Evaluation of the October 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
2. Adjournment time 2:12

Link to detailed reports and additional information
[October 20, 2018 Pre-Meeting Information Packet](#)

Next meeting

All Class Meeting: November 17 - 12:30 pm University House

Across Interlake from Lincoln High

Free parking underneath the University House building

The All Class Meeting will include **refreshments** and election of Vice President and Treasurer.

In accordance with the procedure used for at least the past three years, the Minutes will also be posted to LLAA web page within the "Latest News" tab ([click here](#)).

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Armstrong Roe, Recording Secretary '64