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**Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association
Minutes of the Alumni Council
and
Executive Board Meeting
October 3, 2008**

Board members present: Andrea Ambrosia '09, Brian Beam '91, Ray Berger '70, Josh Butts '01, Todd French '93, Tracy Garrett '81, Guy Gebhardt '69, Marsha Guenzler-Stevens '78, Deon Hornsby '97, Scott Huch '86, Dean Jukovich '93, Brian Lewis, Richard Marvel '98, Jim Mullins '03, Gary Ohler '87, Justine Robinson '06, Fran Rouzee '66, Larry Stimpert '80, Tracy Wych '77

Board members unable to attend: Muneerah Maalik '00, Sundeep Mullangi '97, Marilyn Neis '71, Tom Neis '70,

IWU Administration/Staff present: Jane Baines, April Bridges '90, Emmalyn Dickinson, Celeste Flachsbart, Jennifer Krause, Ann Harding, Jeff Mavros '98, Chris Murray '91, Steve Seibring '81, Jennifer Shaughnessy '98, Trevor Sierra '05, Marty Smith, Lora Wey '88, Richard Wilson

University Update:

President Wilson reported the following:

- Dedication of the Minor Myers, jr. Welcome Center will be held Saturday morning, October 4.
- Sheehan will be razed next summer assuming that all the financing is worked out; i.e., the financial commitments from individuals are realized. A new classroom building will be built on the site. The University has solicited proposals from architects to determine their interest, qualifications and experience for this type of project. Next fall, a user committee will be convened to advise on the nature of classrooms, technology, etc. that is needed for this building. The committee will be comprised of faculty, students and staff who will occupy the building.
- The University has established a Writing Center to enhance the writing skills of students. Mary Ann Bushman is the Program Director. In the past, IWU has had a requirement of three writing-intensive courses for graduation—one offered to first year students as part of the Gateway program, and the other two courses available to students any time during their next three years. Wilson noted that many students delay taking the final two writing class requirements until their final year in college—defeating the purpose of the requirement. The faculty has proposed that the second writing course be required during the student's sophomore year. In addition, the University is looking at establishing a program of "writing across the curriculum". The Mellon Foundation has provided transition funding for this program. The debate now revolves around just how much of the writing program can be done within a student's major and how much should be

part of the general education requirement for students. Determining this breakdown depends on whether the University can successfully make “writing” part of the IWU culture in which all faculty shares responsibility, and if the University can develop a program that prepares all faculty members to incorporate “writing” into their course curriculum.

- The University has established the Advising Center to address student academic needs more effectively. Historically, student surveys have ranked “quality of advising” at the low end of what they liked about IWU. Wilson feels that this low ranking is due to the number of multi-talented students attending IWU who want to combine their many, and often disparate, interests into a four-year degree program. In order to address the special needs of these students, a greater amount of one-on-one advising time is needed to develop their class schedule. The Advising Center will be better able to address these students’ needs. The Registrar has been assigned to oversee the activities of the Advising Center. And, IWU has received a grant from the A.V. Davis Foundation to enhance the advising program on campus.
- Starting this fall, Chinese language instruction is being offered at IWU. Currently, this program is being offered on a two-year trial basis with the assumption that Chinese will become a more prominent course offering in secondary education and Iowa’s program will evolve in response to the changes occurring at the secondary level.
- With regard to the financial markets, Wilson noted that there are downstream consequences for everyone whenever major financial problems occur—sometimes, in very unexpected ways. For example, the problems within the sub-prime loan market at first glance would appear to have very little impact on the financial condition of IWU. However, this problem turned out to have a dramatic impact on the University requiring a major refinancing of a \$30 million bond issue due to the failure of other companies that were part of the deal. In order to refinance the bond issue, the University had to go out and find new partners.
- Also, in the last 30 days, a lot of attention has been focused on Wachovia Bank which manages the *Common Fund* that many private liberal arts colleges use to invest short-term money. In the past, IWU was heavily invested in the *Common Fund*, but over the past few years, IWU’s investment committee has been divesting the University from the *Common Fund*. Therefore, when Wachovia’s problems began, IWU was able to get 100% of its remaining investment out of Wachovia.
- Although the University’s endowment has suffered due to the current financial situation, at the end of August, IWU’s portfolio was off by 4% for the year while the market, overall, was off by 12% - 13%. Wilson attributes this to the good work of the University’s asset allocation system that protects IWU from significant downside market risks and the fact that a significant portion of our endowment is invested in farmland.
- Wilson reported that he remains positive about the capital campaign.
- The capital campaign is currently in its silent phase. The public announcement will begin with two major events--a kickoff on campus May 13, followed by a

kickoff in Chicago on May 14 (at the Peninsula Hotel). All Executive Board Members are invited to either, or both, of these events.

- Wilson reported that pledges are well ahead of expectations for the silent phase of the campaign.
- IWU exceeded enrollment targets for the entering (first-year) class.
- The University's overall enrollment target for this year was 2,100 students; and, total enrollment for the 2008-2009 academic year is 2,118.
- The University continues to increase its enrollment of international students. This year 34 international students enrolled at IWU—14 from China compared to six last year, and one the year before. Wilson's short-term goal is to have at least 100 international students on campus—right now IWU has close to 90 international students.
- Marsha Guenzler-Stevens reported on a very positive experience she had this year with the IWU Admission Office in helping to find a spot for an international student that she had met on one of her travels.
- President Wilson concluded his remarks by complimenting the Alumni Office on its innovative programming for this year's homecoming celebration.
- In response to a question about the progress the University has made in increasing student diversity since its last accreditation, Wilson noted the following:
 - The University's African-American population has increased from 67 four years ago to 120 this year.
 - The same type of increase has occurred with Asian-Americans.
 - The University has not seen the same kind of increase in the Latino/Hispanic population. To address this issue, the University has hired an admissions counselor with knowledge and experience in recruiting Latino/Hispanic students.
- The University has established a peer group of 13 universities to which IWU will compare itself over the next several years. At this time, IWU ranks 12th out of 13 universities with regard to its endowment and it ranks 6th with regard to campus diversity.

Welcome and Introductions:

Todd French welcomed the Alumni Executive Board and members of Alumni Council to the meeting. He asked the Executive Board members to introduce themselves to the other members and to the members of the Alumni Council in attendance.

Todd particularly welcomed new members, Brian Beam '91, Tracy Garrett '81, Rich Marvel '98 and Larry Stimpert '80, to their first Alumni Executive Board Meeting.

Approval of the Minutes from the April 11, 2008 Executive Board Meeting:

Todd French called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2008 Executive Board meeting. Marsha Guenzler-Stevens made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ray Berger. The minutes were approved by the Executive Board.

Revisions to the Alumni Association Bylaws:

Scott Huch thanked Guy Gebhardt, Tracy Wych and Sundee Mullangi for their service on the Bylaw Revision Committee. The committee met on July 17 and August 20 by telephone with follow-ups via e-mail to discuss revisions to the bylaws. The Committee also took into account discussion over the past year from the Executive Board and the Executive Committee. A copy of the bylaws with the recommended changes was distributed by Scott Huch. (This document is included with the minutes as Attachment 1.)

Scott summarized the five key elements that were revised/clarified as follows:

- Clarify the membership and role(s) of the Alumni Council. The Alumni Council is the ultimate governing authority of the Alumni Association and, yet, there has not been a meeting of the Alumni Council for several years. The bylaws have been revised to clarify the Alumni Council responsibilities, organization and meetings.
- Clarify the relationship between the Alumni Council and the Executive Board. What authority does the Executive Board have by virtue of the bylaws and what authority does it have by virtue of what the Alumni Council delegates to it?
- Clarifying the roles and duties of the Alumni Association Executive Board officers; in particular, the role of vice president regions.
- Clarify the role and the authority of the Executive Committee. It has been meeting by conference call and is essentially the four officers of the Executive Board.
- Clarify the frequency of meetings, details of timing, who calls the meetings, who presides at the meetings, how they take place, etc., for all the meetings of the Alumni Association.
- Revise Article VIII -- Class Organization. This section has been shortened significantly, to give more latitude to the individual classes and to the Office of Alumni Relations in order to ensure that strong class organizations exist.

Discussion followed Scott's presentation and two additional changes were made to ensure consistency in the use of the name Regional Chapter rather than Regional Club and to correct a numbering error in the document. (These changes are noted in red in Attachment 1).

Scott noted that today the Alumni Association Executive Board and the Alumni Council meetings were taking place concurrently—with Todd French chairing both meetings. Scott instructed members of both groups on how the voting should proceed with the Executive Board approving the revised bylaws by a 2/3 majority of those present, and, then, the Alumni Council approving the bylaws by a 2/3 majority of those present.

Todd French called for a motion from the Executive Board to approve the revisions to the bylaws. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the revisions.

Todd French called for a motion from the Alumni Council to approve the revisions to the bylaws as approved by the Executive Board. The Alumni Council voted unanimously to approve the revisions.

State of the Board Update:

Marty Smith reported on the last Board of Trustees meeting as follows:

- The Trustees approved a balanced budget for 2008-2009.
- As previously mentioned by President Wilson, a \$30 million bond issue was refinanced.
- The Student Affairs Committee reported on improvements to campus safety including improved lighting, late night van transport of students, security cameras, increased emergency lights, card security for access to residence halls.
- Two new board members were introduced—John Esch '79 and Dale Spiess '66.
- University Advancement reported on the Capital Campaign. The initial phase soliciting Trustees has been very successful. The goal for Trustee giving is targeted to be approximately 30% of the overall campaign goal. As for the communications piece of the campaign, a video is currently in production with a number of alumni taking part.

Homecoming Report:

Ann Harding reported the following:

- 1,069 have pre-registered for at least one event at homecoming this year (compared to a total 775 on campus last year)
- The McLean County Alumni Regional Chapter has helped immensely with many of this year's homecoming events.
- The 5K Run/Fun Walk raises money for the Ryan Beaupre scholarship. Last year approximately 30 runners participated. This year, 77 runners have registered. This year's run also features a children's run with 28 children registered as of today. Brian Beam, Jim Mullins and Melissa and Matt Beaver have all helped with this event. Brian Beam also designed the run t-shirts.
- This year's golf out at Bloomington Country Club has 111 participants compared to 29 participants last year. (The event was held at a different golf course last year.)
- Two of the University's award winners are presenting Back-to-College classes.
- This year the Alumni Office organized a Homecoming Committee that included representatives from various departments of the University as well as student representatives. One major event resulting from the committee's efforts is the Friday night *Titanium*.
- The Greek Alumni Network has also been working with the Alumni Office on special events.
- Another new highlight this year is the placement of green bows and signs around campus that explain the history and traditions of the University.
- Saturday's events will begin with a pancake breakfast on the quad for approximately 700 alumni and friends.

- A juried art show will be on the quad tomorrow all day.

Following Ann's report, Trevor Sierra discussed the University's plan to survey alumni following homecoming to determine what kind of programming they would like in the future. He distributed a draft of the survey and asked for comments. Issues that he wants the survey to address are as follows:

- Programming
- Communication—How do alumni hear about homecoming? Is the brochure an effective form of communication?
- What is the main reason an alum comes back for homecoming?
- Why are alums not interested in attending their reunion dinner?
- Should class reunions be held separately from homecoming weekend (probably in the spring)?

When the survey is finalized, Trevor will send it out via e-mail.

Scott Huch suggested that Trevor include some options for alums to choose from when answering the question on what brought them back to campus for homecoming.

A question was raised regarding the online registration program. Trevor was asked to see if the names of those registering for homecoming could be listed by class, and listed by the events they plan on attending. Trevor said he would see if the system allows for those options.

Committee Reports:

- Regional Chapters: Scott Huch reported that the first international alumni event will be held October 12 in London at the historic pub, *The Lamb*. Professor Scott Sheridan who is heading up the London program this semester will be representing the faculty and administration there. In mid-November there will be an event in Chicago—*Saturday in the City*. Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas and the Chicago Region are hosting that event. Marianne was motivated to establish this day for international students after attending last year's back-to college class, *Walk a Kilometer*, put on by the international students. With Chicago's 23 ethnic neighborhoods and thousands of alumni living in the area, she thought it would be a great idea to have the international students come to Chicago for a day and pair them with an alum to show them the city. The *First Saturday in the City* took place Feb. 23rd with 23 international students participating. The next one will be November 15th – alums can register on Titanpride. After the first event, many of the alums and students who participated wrote to President Wilson praising the program. Scott remarked that there have been so many great contributions made by the Chicago Region. He also noted the great contributions that Ray Berger, Jennifer Frahm Jones, and Guy Gebhardt have made to their respective regions.

Scott also reported that Jennifer Frahm Jones has taken on some new responsibilities with her church so she is stepping down as head of the New York

Chapter. Jennifer has already recruited her successors. Guy Gebhardt has agreed to step in and replace Jennifer as Chairman of the Regional Presidents' Committee.

Scott reported that the number of events and attendance at events continues to increase. He noted that a direct relationship can be drawn between attendance at alumni events and giving to the annual fund.

Young Alumni Committee: Justine Robinson reported that the five YAC groups are working very self sufficiently—San Francisco, New York, Washington DC, Chicago, and McLean County. The McLean County committee hosted an event at an Extreme game which sparked a number of new ideas and interests. The Chicago committee hosted a Cub baseball game, and Washington, D.C. hosted a Nationals game this past summer. Some of the groups are starting Welcome Committees to welcome young alums who have recently moved to the city, informing them of networking opportunities, etc. As far as recruitment of new groups—Justine report that this is a big challenge for her, because young alums are really busy with a new job, new place, etc. She has found recruiting works much better when she can find a pair of alums who are willing to work on starting a YAC group. Justine is trying to speak to IWU seniors as much as possible. She noted that there is a great article in the Argus this weekend regarding the Alumni Association, and that the Argus plans to include information about alumni on a regular basis. The committee is interested in having a site on *Facebook*, *MySpace*, and *LinkedIn*.

Jeff Mavros reported that the Office of Advancement and Student Affairs are doing much more with traditions and history during first-year student orientation and articles featuring alumni will appear in every other issue of the Argus.

- Regional Admissions: Jennifer Shaughnessy reported the following:
 - Current alumni admission activities are focused around phoning accepted students. This is the third year for this activity which goes on between January and July with each alum being asked to contact five admitted students. At the end of the summer, Jen sent an e-mail to the alums who had contacted admitted students letting them know the names of those students who had accepted and would be attending IWU. She also included in her e-mail the IWU e-mail address for the students and encouraged the alums to contact them.
 - Another activity she has asked alumni to assist with is college fairs.
 - Jen is hoping to increase the number of alumni volunteers. There are currently 186 alums helping with the admissions program.
 - Jen also plans to invite prospective students and their families to alumni events being held in their regions.
- Council for IWU Women: Marsha Guenzler-Stevens reported the following:
 - The Council for IWU Women is starting its third year.

- 12 new members have joined the Council this year. These women have made a commitment to helping young women on campus, to helping cultivate a network of alumnae, and to giving their time, talent and financial resources to IWU.
- The Council had a surplus of \$9,000 after its large two-day event last February.
- One of the newest members of the Council, Kelly Petrowski, has joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Malawi. She will be blogging to the Women's Council about her experiences.
- Members of the Council will be meeting this afternoon to discuss new ways to get women interested in joining the Council.
- The Council has a program of outreach to all women students. It includes an outreach to first-year women welcoming them to the University.
- The next Council for IWU Women's Summit is scheduled for February 27 and 28. Friday's activities will include a reception for all women faculty and staff, pairing of a Council member with a student of like interest for lunch and networking/mentoring opportunities, and concluding with a dinner/social time for all Council members. Saturday's activities will include seminars on various topics pertinent to women's issues, followed by a luncheon with a guest speaker and the presentation of cash awards to four students (one from each class) in recognition of their contribution to IWU, their community, the Council, etc.
- The Council continues to attempt to diversify its membership via age, ethnicity, geography, and race.
- Pride Community: Josh Butts and Ray Berger reported the following:
 - A reception is scheduled for this afternoon for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender) alumni and students.
 - Josh attended his graduate school's (Harvard) LGBT 25th Reunion weekend which was well-attended and extremely successful. He noted that alums came back for this event that had not felt comfortable coming back to campus before and had not felt comfortable bringing their partner back to their alma mater...
 - The IWU group's biggest challenge is to determine who needs to be invited to this group. There needs to be more marketing of this group to alumni as well as students. Josh asked that names of any prospective members should be sent to him.
 - Students are organizing around this type of affinity group more than in the past.
 - Other universities have LGBT student advisers and classes on LGBT issues.
 - As diversity at IWU increases, support for LGBT students will need to be increased as well.
 - Ray noted that he would like to see the alumni program expanded and offer more social opportunities; particularly at homecoming. Last year the group hosted a cocktail reception on Friday evening of homecoming and Ray would like to do something like that again.

- Alumni Annual Fund Board: Jeff Mavros reported the following:
 - The Annual Fund raised just over \$2.7 million during the past fiscal year--just shy of the University goal.
 - Donors = 4400 (25% alumni participation)
 - The Annual Fund Board is trying to increase participation. It is putting more emphasis on younger alumni to get them in the routine of making an annual gift.
 - Instead of having seniors make a gift the last semester of their senior year, Jeff is looking to start the gift process with first-year students, having them make a contribution annually to the senior gift fund. The total four-year gift will amount to their senior gift.
 - A fundraiser was held in Chicago this past summer for young alums.
 - Phonathons were held in the Chicago area.
 - For this fiscal year, the annual fund has \$144,000 (\$30,000 more than this time last year).
 - To date, donors = 516 (60 less than this time last year).
 - The Argus plans to include articles about alums in order to enhance awareness of what alumni are doing to enhance the education of undergraduates at IWU.
- Parent Board: Brian Lewis distributed a document outlining the mission, origin and activities of the Parent Board. His report included the following :
 - He thanked Jeff Mavros and Jennifer Krause for all their help. He also introduced Craig Johnson who is a member of the Parent Board.
 - There are 23 Parent Board members this year—an all-time high.
 - The Board meets regularly with President Wilson.
 - The Parent Board participates in Parent Orientation, Family Weekend, Admissions Open Houses, Scholar Days, Homecoming, Career Center activities, Illinois Wesleyan Parent Basketball Night and Parent\Alumni Receptions.
 - The Board sends out an electronic newsletter monthly to IWU parents.
 - Last year the Board provided financial assistance to eight students—an all-time high.
 - Brian presented Parent Fund financial results since 2005. Last year the Parent Fund had 1,695 donors and raised \$136,255. This year's goal is to raise \$150,000.
 - The long-term goal for the Parent Fund is to have it endowed.

Following Brian's remarks, Jeff Mavros noted the terrific work Brian has done for the Parent Board and the University since he became an IWU parent.

- Minority Alumni Network: Deon Hornsby reported the following:
 - The homecoming program for MAN is similar to last year's program—Friday night's activities are focused more on alumni focused and Saturday's activities are focused on students.

- Deon and Muneerah are starting their fifth year as chairs of the Minority Alumni Network. They plan to stay on the Board until they can find new leadership, but that has been proving difficult. They are finding it a challenge to attract new volunteers for the MAN Board.
- Deon reported that Ohio University has requested a copy of IWU's Minority Alumni Network Mission Statement. Deon feels that this is quite a compliment to MAN's efforts and validates the type of activities MAN has undertaken at IWU.
- Todd French noted that the MAN model is also the model we have used in organizing Regional Chapters.

Greek Alumni Network: Scott Huch distributed minutes from the initial Greek Alumni Network meeting held April 12, 2008. Scott also saluted Dean Jukovich for his fine work in establishing the Greek Alumni Network. And, he thanked Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas who established the first GAN event for IWU sorority women, *Tea at the Drake*. As a result of the *Tea*, the Network now has a modest treasury.

Scott also provided the following information:

- The April 12th meeting provided a very clear picture of the status of Greek life on campus today.
- The Greek system has changed over the past few years and recruitment is down, particularly for men.
- Scholarship is a problem for fraternities. All sororities are above the campus GPA; all fraternities are below.
- Housing is also a serious problem for fraternities—all the fraternity houses are owned by the University and the shortage of members and the related empty beds is costing the University about \$100,000 per year.
- There are a lot of challenges facing the Greek undergraduates.
- Chapter advising and alumni involvement is very important to the success of the Greek system and to the University
- It is important that the Greek Alumni Network have an effective communication strategy. There has been a great amount of interest in using the alumni website, Titanpride. The website can be used to promote both Greek Alumni Network activities and individual chapter activities, offer interested alumni a way to register for these events, and, in so doing, provide GAN with current contact information for these alums.
- The first GAN homecoming activity will be the rope pull and chariot race tonight at *Titanium*.
- Blake Bradley, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, will be meeting with GAN members this afternoon.
- The GAN will continue its outreach to the alumni leadership of each chapter and to the leaders of the undergraduate chapters.
- Right now the organization is in its fledgling stages, but the interest that has been shown from the Administration, alumni and undergraduates ensures GAN an excellent foundation on which to move forward.

- Newsletters: Fran Rouzee reported the following:
 - The newsletter program is currently in a transition phase. Carla Fritz has resigned from IWU and the newsletter program is now under the supervision of Emmalyn Dickinson and her student worker(s).
 - As of fall 2008, 60 classes have newsletter editors.
 - In September, 33 classes were sent newsletters totaling 8,000 newsletters, and accounting for 60% participation.
 - Newsletter editors are actively being recruited.
 - The next class newsletter packets will be mailed to editors in January with newsletters scheduled to be mailed out in February 2009.
- Executive Committee: Tracy Wych reported the following:
 - The Executive Committee (the officers of the Executive Board) meets with Alumni staff via telephone periodically to discuss suggestions regarding what alums would like the Alumni Association to be doing; i.e., new affinity groups, etc.
 - The Committee also discusses proposed new members for the Executive Board and nominees for alumni awards that are presented each year at homecoming.
 - A roster of potential Executive Board members is being developed. As the list is developed, the Committee is considering diversity (age, gender, race, location, affinity, etc.) Tracy asked the alums attending this meeting to send suggestions for membership and awards to the Alumni Office or to one of the officers of the Alumni Association.

At 12:00 noon, with the business of the Executive Board and the Alumni Council concluded, the meetings of both were adjourned.

ATTACHMENT I

Proposed Changes to the

**BYLAWS
OF THE
ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Article I. Name and Address

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association.
- Section 2. The business address of the Alumni Association shall be Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois 61702.

Article II. Mission

- Section 1. The mission of the Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association is to strengthen the relationship between alumni and the University, to enhance the relationships among alumni, to develop the culture of stewardship of alumni toward Illinois Wesleyan University, and generally to offer alumni greater opportunities to participate in the University community and to contribute in a wide variety of ways toward the accomplishment of the mission of Illinois Wesleyan University, the education of undergraduates.

Article III. Membership

- Section 1. All graduates, and all current and former students who have successfully completed one semester of coursework at Illinois Wesleyan University, shall become members of the Alumni Association. Graduates and non-graduates shall be entitled to the same rights and shall have the same duties of membership. Trustees of the University, recipients of honorary degrees from IWU, and parents of current and former students shall become honorary members (unless they are already members). Honorary members shall have all the rights of active members, except the right to vote or to hold office.
- Section 2. Only members for whom the university has a valid mailing address shall be considered active and therefore accorded voting privileges.

Article IV. Alumni Council

Section 1. The Alumni Council shall be the primary governing body of the Alumni Association. It shall act upon matters brought to it by the Executive Board of the Association or other University bodies and help make policy decisions governing alumni affairs. Alumni Council members shall serve as liaisons with their respective constituencies about matters discussed at Council meetings.

Section 2. The Alumni Council shall be composed of:

- (a) Regional Alumni ~~Club~~ Chapter Presidents and volunteers;
- (b) Alumni Annual Fund volunteers;
- (c) Minority Alumni Network Board members;
- ~~(e) Admissions volunteers;~~
- ~~(d) Career Networking volunteers;~~
- ~~(e) Parent Board;~~
- ~~(f) Reunion Committees;~~
- ~~(g) Academic Advisory Committees;~~ (d) Regional Admissions Committee volunteers;
- ~~(e) Parent Board members;~~
- ~~(f) Reunion Committee members;~~
- ~~(g) — (h) — Class Newsletter Editors;~~
- ~~(h) Council for IWU Women members;~~
- ~~(i) Pride Alumni Community members;~~
- ~~(j) Greek Alumni Network members;~~
- ~~(h)(k) — (i) — Student National Young Alumni Council Board;~~
- ~~and members;~~
- (l) Class Organization Chairs and volunteers; and
- ~~(i)(m) — (j) — Any additional alumni volunteers providing service to the university or as selected by the Executive Board.~~

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Section 3. The Alumni Council shall meet at least once annually. It may be asked to meet at other times if called by the Executive Board.

Section 4. All meetings of the Alumni Council shall be open to any member of the Alumni Association; and those members in attendance at any such meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article V. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board of the Alumni Association shall conduct the business of the Association between the meetings of the Alumni Council, consult with the administration of the University and its Board of Trustees, and make recommendations to the Alumni Council.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of a representative from each of the following groups, to be selected by the respective groups in a manner of each group's choosing unless a specific representative of that group is named in this Section:

- (a) Regional Alumni ~~Clubs; Chapters;~~
- (b) ~~(b)~~ Annual Fund Chairperson;
- ~~(c) Regional Admissions Committee;~~
- ~~(d)(c)~~ Minority Alumni Network President;
- ~~(e) Career Networking Committee;~~
- ~~(f) Parent Board President;~~
- ~~(g) Reunion Committees;~~
- ~~(h) Academic Advisory Committees;~~
- ~~(i) Class Newsletter Editors; and~~

~~Student Alumni Council President~~(d)Regional Admissions Committee Chairperson;

- ~~(e) Parent Board President;~~
- ~~(f) Class Newsletter Editors;~~
- ~~(g) Council for IWU Women;~~
- ~~(h) Pride Alumni Community;~~
- ~~(i) Greek Alumni Network;~~
- ~~(j) National Young Alumni Council; and~~
- ~~(k) The President of the IWU Student Senate.~~

Each of these Representatives ~~will be chosen by their respective constituent groups and will~~shall serve a three-year term.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall also include ~~ten (10)~~not less than six (6) nor more than fourteen (14) at-large members, appointed by the Executive Board, to provide diversity of class year, gender, race and geographic representation. At-large members ~~will~~shall serve three-year terms, with one-third of the at-large members' terms expiring each year.

Section 4. The Director of Alumni Relations of Illinois Wesleyan University shall be *ex officio* a member of the Executive Board.

Section 5. If an Executive Board Member is unable to complete his or her term, the Executive Board may appoint a new member to complete the term.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall meet on campus at least twice annually, to coincide with the John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference during the spring semester, and to coincide with Homecoming during the fall semester, unless the Executive Board shall designate other times and places to meet. The Executive Board may also meet at other times, subject to the call of the President or by any five members of the Executive Board, by means of a telephonic conference whereby all persons participating in the meeting may simultaneously hear each other. One-third of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Officers

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- Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Vice-President for Auxiliary Groups, and a Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.
- Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Alumni Council and the Executive Board. The President shall be a member *ex-officio* of all Alumni Association committees. The President shall represent the Alumni Association to the Board of Trustees. The President shall have such ~~power and other~~ duties and authority over the business and activities of the Alumni Association as may be approved by the Alumni Council or the Executive Board.
- Section 3. The First Vice-President shall have all the duties and powers of the president in his or her absence, and the ~~Vice-President~~First Vice-President shall become President if that office becomes vacant.
- Section 4. The Vice-President for Auxiliary Groups shall work to develop, help to coordinate, and generally supervise the activities of the various alumni auxiliary groups and Regional Alumni Chapters as may from time to time be authorized by the Executive Board, with the objective of creating and maintaining a large, diverse, and active base of alumni volunteers.
- Section 5. ~~The~~ Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings for both the Alumni Council and the Executive ~~Board.~~Board, with the assistance of the Office of Alumni Relations. The Secretary shall give notice of all alumni meetings, maintain the records of the Association, and help coordinate all the activities of the Association.
- Section ~~5-6.~~ The President, First Vice-President, Vice-President for Auxiliary Groups, and Secretary shall~~be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by a majority vote of the Alumni Council. They shall~~ each serve a term of three years.
- Section 7. The President, First Vice-President, Vice-President for Auxiliary Groups, and Secretary shall comprise the Executive Committee, which shall meet at the call of the President or of any two members of the Executive Committee, and which shall possess full power and authority to conduct the business of the Alumni Association during the intervals between meetings of the Executive Board and the Alumni Council, except as may be limited by action of the Executive Board or the Alumni Council. The Executive Committee may meet in person or by means of a telephonic conference whereby all persons participating in the meeting may simultaneously hear each other.

Article VII. Nominating Committee

- Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be convened to make nominations for the

following positions:

- (a) President of the Alumni Association;
- (b) First Vice-President of the Alumni Association;
- ~~(c) Vice-President for Auxiliary Groups of the Alumni Association;~~
- ~~(d)~~ Secretary of the Alumni Association; and
- ~~(d)(e)~~ Three (3) Alumni Trustees.

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Nominees for these offices shall be elected by a majority vote of the Executive Board of the Alumni Association and ratified by the Alumni Council. Candidates elected as Alumni Trustees ~~will~~shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Wesleyan University.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall oversee the nomination process of all alumni award winners: Distinguished Alumni Award, Loyalty Award, and Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Article VIII. Class Organization

Section 1. ~~Each class shall recognize the following positions for service to the Alumni Association:~~

- ~~(a) Class Chair Responsible for the volunteer organization of their class. Will recruit a class newsletter editor, class agents, leadership agents, etc.~~
- ~~(b) Newsletter Editor Write biannual letters to classmates to keep the class informed about matters affecting members of the class and the University.~~
- ~~(c) Class Agents To help preserve the long tradition of academic excellence at IWU through alumni support, the agent will solicit classmates for a gift to the class Alumni Annual Fund. The emphasis shall be on class participation.~~
- ~~(d) Leadership Agent With the same goal as the Class Agent, the Leadership Agent shall work on a personal level with those classmates who have shown the greatest ability to increase class giving by soliciting their support.~~

~~Section 2.~~ Class volunteers from the classes of 2000 and ~~before~~earlier shall be named by either the Class Chair or, if there is no election of a Class Chair or volunteers by the class, selected by the University administration. Classes from 2001 and ~~after~~later shall elect their Class Chair and Newsletter Editor during their senior year. Those persons ~~will~~shall serve in their elected roles ~~s~~ at least until their ~~5th~~class's fifth reunion. At that time new class officers may be elected or assigned by the University Administration. If at any time, the elected class officials are unable to fulfill their responsibilities, they may be ~~replaced.~~ replaced by the University Administration.

Article IX. Regional ~~Club~~ Alumni Chapter Organization

- Section 1. Regional ~~organizations~~Chapters shall be organized in geographical regions where large concentrations of alumni ~~live. Each region~~reside. Each Regional Chapter shall be governed by a ~~regional president and a committee~~Regional President and a Regional Board consisting of volunteers who ~~shall help to~~organize periodic events and carry out other activities consistent with the events. Most regional ~~clubs~~submission of the Alumni Association. Most Regional Chapters shall meet at least once per year. Smaller ~~chapters~~ shall meet once every other year.
- Section 2. All ~~regional presidents~~Regional Chapter Presidents and other regional volunteers shall be members of the IWU Alumni Council.

Article X. Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Article XI. Amendment of Bylaws

- Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Alumni Council by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that ~~the~~any such amendment has been approved by a two-thirds majority vote at the preceding regular meeting of the Executive Board.