

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY – PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER
March 26, 2020 VIRTUAL General Body Meeting

MINUTES

On the Zoom Call:

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| - Greg Bennett | - Vernon Davis |
| - Alisa Davis | - Darren Davis |
| - Chris Holland | - Audrey Fields |
| - Wanda Sabb | - Robin Torrence |
| - Minnetta Metz | - Michael Hancock |
| - Joe Williams | - Eric Becoats |
| - Cassandra Poe Johnson | - Sonya Howard |
| - Patricia King | - Carla Claud |
| - Alice Hollingshed Copeland | - Michael Benson |
| - Derek Manison | - Richardean Smalls |
| - Lori West | - Edwina Coverson |
| - Frances Paul | - Tammy Grimes |
| - George McGriff | - Wes Norton |

Meeting was opened in Prayer by Chris Holland, Chaplain.

The minutes from the February 2020 meeting were reviewed. Alisa put up copies of minutes on the screen for review. Motion to accept given by Vernon Davis. Second by Darren Davis. All in favor and approved.

Financial Report was given by Vernon Davis, Treasurer.

- Report was shown on screen and included February's activity for Operating, Archie Goodwin, and Paypal.
- Motion to accept the report as read by Wes Norton, seconded by Sonya Howard. All were in favor.

Call handed over to Candidates, Joe Williams and Michael Hancock to speak to the group as they prepare for the National Alumni Trustee Election.

- **Joe Williams** spoke first about his background and work at Lincoln.
- Q&A:
 - Alice Hollingshed Copeland '84
 - What are your strategies/plan to get more funding from the state?
 - lowest in the state getting funds, working with Alum to increase chapter giving, Stevens on faculty working with gov't relations,
 - Michael Benson '05
 - Have you been to any Alumni meetings at 3020 Market Street?

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- No, but I have attended several Tick Coleman Luncheons
- Darren Davis '14
 - Do you have any suggestions of ways to increase alumni giving? A true plan?
 - Dr. Vanjohnny spoke at a seminar about a gentleman that was working with the University.
- Robin Torrence '89
 - You have been in office for 4 years. Why should we re-elect you? National AALU has not informed us about what you have been doing ore shared with Philadelphia Alum
 - Not sure why they have not, I have the experience to continue the task, just call me with any questions
- Bonnie Bowser
 - How would you grade yourself? Do you feel that the Board has been supportive of President Allen?
 - I am on 5 committees and do a lot on campus regularly - speak to students and staff. I believe President Allen is making LU better and working with the Chair of the Trustees.
- Michael Benson '05
 - Feels it would have been beneficial to attend a Philadelphia Alumni meeting
 - Never been invited by Philadelphia Alum leadership
 - Greg Bennett - we will open lines of communications and engagement and add to our calendars.
- Call for any other questions for Joe Williams. No more presented.
- Michael Hancock spoke about the need for change and new ideas on the Board of Trustees.
- Q & A:
 - Robin Torrence '89
 - How will you keep the lines of communication open?
 - Traveling to meetings when possible, reaching out to those not possible to attend. Asking Alum what they need?
 - Creating a metric for reporting to show success and then provide data/reports to the alum- quarterly or twice a year.
 - Chris Holland '85
 - What is something you developed and can hang your hat on?

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- National AALU - Financial Committee and completed the audit for the DC alumni chapter, developed all checks and balances
- Mentoring high school students - getting to LU and then working with them after graduation - resumes, interview skills, etc.

Call for anymore questions for Michael Hancock - none presented.

Greg thanked both candidates for attending and sharing.

Call handed over to the Nomination Committee for the Election Process. Derek Manison is the Chair.

- Election will take place at May meeting (5/26)
- Taking nominations from the floor today.
- Receiving nominations until April 26th via email
- We will use Survey Monkey to complete elections.
- All offices are open for election:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Chaplain
 - Parliamentarian
- Questions for Nomination Committees
 - When is the vote?
 - May

Vernon Davis spoke about the National Elections

- National dues need to be paid by March 31st
- In the process of getting ballots together to go out
 - April 1 - mail
 - April 2 - electronic

* There is a meeting on Monday to request a two week extension and put some contingencies in place; not sure if the school will be open to have walk up voting and counting on campus

* \$35 (National dues) can be paid through Cash App, no fee (AALUPHILLYOP) to include local dues. The total is \$60 (\$10) comes back to the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter.

Minnetta Metz suggested Audrey Fields for Secretary again. Doing a great job.

Lori West mentioned that previously the current officers were contacted to see if they were interested in running again. Was that done this year? Greg stated that information was being taken now.

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Richardean Smalls nominated Greg Bennett for President, he respectfully declined.
Robin Torrence nominated Alisa Davis for President, Vernon Davis 2nd - Alisa accepted.
Robin Torrence nominated Lori West for Vice President, she declined.
Alisa Davis nominated George mcGriff for 1st Vice President, no response given.
Derek Manison nominated Darren Davis for Vice President, he declined.
Alisa Davis nominated Vernon Davis for Treasurer, Wes Norton 2nd, accepted
Alisa Davis nominated Chris Holland for Chaplain, Darren Davis 2nd, accepted

There will be ballots with nominees sent out.

Bonnie Bowser asked where we can get the job description for officers? On the website on the left side.

Contact the Chair Manison with any questions.

Luncheon postponed from April - no new date at this time. Some Fall dates have been suggested. All nominees have been spoken to and they clearly understand. Chris Holland asked about any loss of money - not cancelled, just postponed so money lost - \$\$ will be used at the new date. Minnetta Mentz - \$ for tickets returned or held? Greg said it will be deferred to the Committee to determine at the Monday meeting. Gift Baskets and Giveaways - hold on to those things and keep collecting things.

Correspondence - Sonya Howard sent a card saying thank you for condolences.

Old Business - No

New Business - No

Anything for the Good of the Group - No

Darren Davis gave a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bonnie seconded, all in favor.
Thank you all. Check on everyone.

Prayer - Chris Holland

Alma Mater sung.

There will be a meeting in April instead of the Luncheon.

Motion to adjourn, seconded Ended in prayer and Alma Mater sung.