

The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the IU Alumni Association
Board Meeting
March 11, 2008
Mackey's Public House, Arlington, Va.

Attendees: Jeffrey Blake, Christina Burnett, Ellen Duke, Beth Fuson, Jen Goins, Ryan Guthrie, Patrick Hayden, Larry Hsia, Jonathan Kohl, Annie Leonetti, Joel Riethmiller, Brian Russell, Rich Leopold, Jim Trilling, Aaron Udler, Nikki White, Nathan Winstead

President's Report

- Nikki asked that all attendees introduce themselves.
- Elections held at the end of board meeting. Nikki reminded the board members that they had voted to expand the size of the board to 15 members.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from the Jan. 23, 2008 meeting.
 - ✓ Motion to approve minutes was made by Rich. The minutes were approved.
- Christina noted that the bylaws need to be updated to reflect the voting amendments.
- Minutes will be delivered to the board electronically in the future in order to cut down on paper usage. One paper copy will be available at future board meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances and Transactions

- Currently have ~\$1,500.
- Raffle item donations and CAN payments helped fund the chapter.
- Rich submitted payment for the New Year's Eve bowl watch.
- Chapter received funds from IUAA in February.
 - > Nikki noted that the chapter may be receiving an increased disbursement of \$4,500.

Old Business

IU Virginia License Plates – Rich Leopold

- 150 out of the needed 350 applications have been received by IU.
- Running out of time to collect applications. Board must decide if they want to cut off the effort and have IU refund the license plate payments already collected or if they should extend the application period.
 - > If the board votes to extend the application period, alumni that have already submitted applications must be notified of the extension.
- Chapter will do phone trees to reach the 6,900 Virginia alumni. Volunteers are needed for placing phone calls. Rich has a script.
- Plates need to be promoted at alumni events.
 - ✓ Motion to extend the IU Virginia License Plate application period to Dec. 31, 2008 was made by Jim. Motion seconded by Jonathan. Motion was approved unanimously.

Spa Night

- Nikki and Christina attended an IU Ladies Spa Night at Erwin Gomez Spa in February.
- Manager of spa was former Indiana resident. He contacted the chapter and offered special deals and gift bags to the spa night attendees.

Penn State Road Trip

- Game was Sunday, March 9. Event was fun even though IU lost.
 - > Saturday night Happy Hour at the Quaker State and Lube organized by Barry Geller. Between 150 to 200 people attended.
 - > Pre-game reception at the Nittney Lion Inn. Two hundred people attended. Free raffle which included the grand prize of an Insight Bowl football signed by the coach.
- Philadelphia, N.Y., and D.C. Chapters attended the game. Seats were in the upper bowl of the arena. Hope to have better seats next year.

Head to the Hall

- IU aimed to break the record for attendance at a women's basketball game.
- Men's basketball game watch was held at Assembly Hall prior to the women's game.
- The D.C. Chapter bought 150 tickets (\$1 each) for the game and donated the tickets to the Boy and Girl Scouts in the Bloomington region.
- 9,000 people attended the game, which broke the attendance record.

New Business

Jen Goins Visits D.C. IUAA Chapter

- Jen has been the IUAA support for the D.C. Chapter for events like the President's Reception. Recently she has been promoted, but she will continue to support the chapter in a limited capacity.
- Jen commended the chapter on its hard work.
- The board was invited to visit Jen at the DeVault Center during any trips back to IU.

McRobbie Visit – Jen Goins

- President Michael A. McRobbie is tentatively scheduled to visit Capitol Hill on June 17 or 24.
- Free event to IU alumni.
- Reception has been previously held at Jones Day and at the Chamber of Commerce.
- As many as 300 to 400 people have attended in the past. The closer the event is to the Hill, the better.
- Ryan and Joel will check with Congressman Barron Hill about getting a room on the Hill.
- Will check into using the Australian embassy as a gesture of recognizing McRobbie's nationality.
- IUAA pays for the bulk of the reception, the chapter helps with some of the cost. The reception is budgeted at \$10,000 with \$2,000 of the total going towards the room rental and acoustics.
- Invitations to the event need to go out in April/May.

Wizards' Game – Rich Leopold

- Chapter Day at the Wizards' game is March 15, 2008, vs. the L.A. Clippers.
- The chapter purchased 25 tickets at \$24 a ticket, 24 have been sold.
- Last year 49 alumni attended the game.
- \$120 raised for the chapter's scholarship fund.

IU CAN Sports

- Rumor that IU has won an award for outstanding performance by CAN. Chapter will contact Jason Gray for more information. If rumor is true, the Web site will be updated to reflect the chapter's latest achievement.

- Basketball
 - > Championship game will be held at the Verizon Center following the Wizards vs. Celtics game on April 9.
 - > IU team is expected to play in the championship game. Team is undefeated.
- Soccer
 - > Season will start in early April after the Cherry Blossom Festival.
 - > Team plays seven on seven at Haines Point.
 - > Interested players should contact Nathan Winstead.
- Volleyball
 - > Team has only lost one game so far this season.

Hands on D.C. – Annie Leonetti

- The Hands on D.C. Work-a-Thon is scheduled for April 26, 2008.
- The organization works to provide better schools and brighter students for kids in D.C.
- Money is raised for fixing up schools and for College Bound scholarships.
- The D.C. Chapter adopts a school by donating money, 30 to 40 alumni volunteer each year.
- Caroline Brachman is the team leader this year.

Wine Tasting Event – Christina Burnett

- Fall event on the Hill was a great success.
- Plan on hosting another wine tasting at the Capitol towards the first half of May.
- Ryan will check on getting a room for the event, Christina will coordinate with Curious Grape.

Golf Tournament

- First tournament was held at the Pleasant Valley golf course two years ago. \$1,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters was raised.
- Next tournament is planned for Saturday, June 21, 2008, at South Riding golf course with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Chapter will be co-hosting tournament with Ohio University.

Kennedy Center Event

- Glenn S. is working on group tickets for the *Lion King* production.

Phillips Collection Tour

- Beth volunteered to help spearhead a private tour with a small wine reception afterward.

Euchre Tournament

- IU plays late in the Big Ten Tournament on Friday, March 14.
- Tournament to start one hour before tip-time.

Happy Hour – Jim Trilling

- May date for a proposed happy hour targeted to recent IU grads in the D.C. area.
- Happy Hour will offer half priced IUAA membership renewals.

Cherry Blossom Festival

- Ideas welcomed to host an event centered around this year's festival.

Running Events

- Chapter may sponsor teams for charity runs such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Day Trips

- Board members discussed possible day trips outside of the city for alumni events on weekends. Destination include: Marine Museum in Quantico, Annapolis, Gettysburg, and Harper's Ferry.
- Also discussed Screen on the Green events, cultural events at embassies in the district, and a night at the D.C. Improv.

Flip Cup Tournaments – Joel Riethmiller and Ryan Guthrie

- Event planning to target younger alumni/recent graduates.

College Fairs – Jim Trilling

- Volunteers are needed to attend several college fairs in the D.C. region during the month of April. Volunteers just need to relate experience at IU and not worry about fielding admissions/application questions.

Scholarship – Jim Trilling

- The board approved the new application process at the last meeting.
- Scholarship application is open to rising sophomores to seniors at IU.
- Applications must be mailed to applicants.
- Awards are \$500 and \$1,000.
- Chapter will look into adding a “Give Now” button for donations to the scholarship fund.
- Chapters are viewed as donors and cannot have the final say as to the winners of the scholarships due to IRS regulations. The chapter can select three nominees. The IU Foundation makes the final selection.

Elections

- Elections were held over the course of the meeting. Nikki and Jen Goins tallied the ballots.
- New board members are: Brian Russell, Joel Riethmiller, Beth Fuson, Ryan Guthrie, Rob Jentgens, and Annie Leonetti.
- Re-elected board members are: John Kendrick, Rich Leopold, Jim Trilling, and Nathan Winstead.
- Treasurer election:
 - > Nathan stepped down as treasurer.
 - > Nikki nominated Rob Jentgens to the treasurer position. Rob was elected unanimously.
- Vice President election:
 - > Ryan nominated Rich Leopold for re-election. Rich was elected unanimously.

✓ Meeting adjourned unanimously.