



NAA Board-at-Large Meeting
Saturday, February 8, 2020
12:25 PM | Gunn Commons Building

I. Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the UNA National Alumni Association Executive Committee was held on Saturday, February 8, 2020, in the Gunn Commons Building. President Tosha-Paige Whitten presided and called the business meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present Board members: Susan Adams, Bishop Alexander, Derrick Chatman, Lisa Clayton, Mary Leigh Gillespie, Savannah Liles, Justin McGill, Christa Raney, Christy Waters, and Tosha-Paige Whitten

Absent Board members: Gale Satchel

Present Board-at-Large members: Gloria Aday, Jeremy Baham, Pat Burney, Gaye Choat, Mike Curtis, Jan Engle, Allison Hall, Cody Holder, Hannah Hopkins, Latasha Howell, Joshua Lambert, Tina Smith, and Denise Watts

Present Non-Board members: Sherry Wilkes and Chloe Brownell

III. Approval of Minutes:

Justin made a motion to approve the 1/14/2020 Executive Board minutes as emailed, and Mary Leigh seconded the motion. The minutes from the 1/14/2020 Executive Board meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was not formally approved.

V. Financial Report:

Justin did not present an updated financial report. The Nationwide deposit has been made. Justin asked for recommendations for new insurance carriers. Daniel Creel, Kenyatta Jones, and Mark Holley were suggested.

VI. Alumni Relations Report:

- a. Light the Fountain Update**—Bishop reported that EC has approved the Light the Fountain event, which will occur on March 12, 2020, from 6:30 – 9:00. The ceremony will be at 7:00. Carol Lyles will turn on the lights, and Tosha-Paige will award the AA book scholarship.

The goal is to complete the renovation of the fountain by the end of the summer.

- b. 2020 Homecoming Alumni Awards—Nominations**—Nominations were launched on February 3 and will close on May 4. Committees will meet this summer to make selections.
- c. UNA Student Alumni Association—1830 Society**—Bishop and Chole will relaunch the 1830 Society, which will function as a junior board under the umbrella of the Alumni Association. UNA student Charlie Gordon will spearhead the process and serve as president. The goal is to recruit approximately fifteen juniors or senior students and to have the board fully functioning by next fall.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

2020 Alumni Summit (April 17-18)—Tosha-Paige reported that the Alumni Summit will be on Saturday, April 18. The theme this year is Masterclass: Educate, Equip, and Empower. The agenda includes breakfast, breakout sessions, campus updates, and lunch. February 24 is launch date for the registration page. Susan added that the Mixer will be Friday, April 17 at the Swampers patio.

VIII. Old Business:

Tosha-Paige discussed the conflict of dates for Lions under the Lights. Bishop suggested October 2 or October 3. Susan noted that Shoals Fest will take place that weekend on October 3-4. Christy noted that October 2 is UNA's fall break.

IX. New Business:

- a. UNA Giving Day 2020—March 10th | Gift Match Challenge**—UNA Giving Day is March 10. In the past, the Alumni Association has matched individual donations. The Board discussed possible “gift match” opportunities.

Tosha-Paige made a motion that any donation to a UNA Club scholarship will be matched by the Alumni Association up to \$5,000 out of the Alumni Association operating account. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Discussion:

- a. Next Board-at-Large Meeting (July 21 at 5:00 pm)**—Tosha-Paige announced the next Board-at-Large meeting will be before the UNA Handy Event on Court Street on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars for both the meeting and the Handy event.
- b. Monthly E-Board Meetings (Open Conference Calls)**—The monthly E-Board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 am in Rogers Hall. Board members may attend the meeting via Zoom conference.

XI. President's Report:

TP encouraged retreat participants to take away what they learned today and to apply it to their lives.

Her vision for the board is to make more one on one connections with students. She has a passion for younger people—for filling their lives with things that are pertinent to making their lives great and for finding big and small ways to make connections and to engage.

The Board discussed ways to honor the memory of alumnus Jeff Eubanks and to support alumna Michelle Rupe Eubanks during her time of loss.

XII. Alumni News and Campus Announcements:

Tosha-Paige and Bishop reported on upcoming events and noted opportunities for Board members to participate:

UNA Basketball Doubleheader @ Flowers Hall – Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 – Women @ 1:30 pm & Men @ 3:30 pm

Step Sing 2020 – “A Night at the Movies” – February 7-8 – 7:00 pm – Muscle Shoals HS Auditorium

UNA Giving Day 2020 – March 10th – www.una.edu/givingday

UNA Light the Fountain 2020 – March 12th – 6:30-9:00 pm – Harrison Plaza – LTF Honoree – Caro Lyles Reeves '70

2020 Alumni E-Newsletter – March 23rd – 10:00 am

2020 Alumni Summit – “MasterClass” – April 17-18 – SAVE THE DATE – Online Registration starts Feb. 24th

Derby Day 2020 – May 2nd – Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club – Killen, AL – www.una.edu/derbyday/

UNA Spring 2020 Graduation – May 8-9 – Flowers Hall – www.una.edu/registrar/

XIII. Next Executive Board Meeting:

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 8:00 – 9:00 am in Rogers Hall | Dining Room.

2020 Alumni Board Meetings: 8:00 a.m. in Rogers Hall

April 7

May 5

June 2

July 7

August 4

September 1

October 6

November 3
December—Christmas Party

XIV. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Raney, Secretary