



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, October 13th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

On Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at 11 AM, the PMAAA Board of Directors met at the St. Joseph's Residence located in New Rochelle, N.Y. The following members of the Board participated:

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| Andrew Pisani                                   | Carl Hall              | Kevin McGeary |
| Mike Kelly                                      | Norm Jardine           | John Torres   |
| Kevin Bollbach (Call-in)                        | Steve Kallas (Call-in) |               |
| Brian McCann                                    | Joseph DeFazio         |               |
| Excused: John Begley, Sean Crowley, Rick Martin |                        |               |

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of September 8, 2018 meeting was distributed to all Board members on September 15, 2018. Chick Pisani motioned to accept the minutes. The motioned was seconded by John Torres. The meeting minutes were subsequently accepted.
- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach provided the following update on the financial status of the organization as of October 13, 2018:

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| Checking | \$12,528.66 |
| Savings  | \$70,710.76 |
| Total    | \$83,239.42 |

- Board member Norm Jardine provided an update on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion. The deposit was sent to the Immaculate Heart Center. The caterer was given a preliminary number of 125 attendees. Norm will update the caterer once a final number is known. (Last year the Association paid for 164 members.)

The Board agreed to keep the menu for the dinner the same as last year, since the feedback from the alumni that attended last year was positive.

It was agreed that a survey form will be given to all HOF Dinner attendees asking for their opinion on moving the HOF dinner earlier in the day. This form will be distributed at the registration desk.

Kevin Bollbach stated that, as of this date, 48 tickets have been sold. He will check the post office box next week to see if additional tickets have been requested.

The PMAAA Q3 Newsletter will be emailed to the alumni this weekend. This will serve as another email blast advertising the HOF Dinner.



Kevin McGeary provided an update on the HOF inductees. Julio Alonso and Mario Elie will not be attending the event. Instead, they will have representatives accept their awards. A video of the presentation will be sent to them at a later date. Both Alonso and Elie will have the option to video their presentation of the award from their representatives and return to the Association. Br. Loftus' HOF award will be received by Br. Murphy. The families of Tom Gorman and John Mulligan will accept their respective awards posthumously. Andy Altenberg and Rich Lombardi will accept their awards in person.

An update on the PMAAA HOF Journal ads was presented to the Board by Joe DeFazio. Both inside covers and back cover have been sold. Sales of ads are slower than last year's pace. Vinny Bonami, our new PMA merchandise supplier, will be contacted to see if he is interested in taking an ad.

Two *Certificates of Recognition* have been produced by Chick Pisani for presentation to Robert Shearn and the legal firm who assists the PMAAA with legal advice.

- Steve Kallas reported that he has nothing new to report on the *Concerned Alumni* issue.
- The Nominating Committee had a kickoff conference call earlier this month. Joe DeFazio presented the results of the conference which he and committee members Jack Haren and Michael Martin participated in. The committee recommended, in an effort to recruit younger alumni to be Board members, contacting the same alumni who were contacted for the PMAAA Mixer this past June. In seeking new members, a description of job duties will be established. Call Hall suggested that we ask alumni for any help that they can add without necessarily being full-fledged Board members.

Also, the committee recommended to emphasize the importance of fund raising for the scholarship fund utilizing various means, such as annual appeals, sale of memorials of deceased alumni etc. Carl Hall added that we should increase our fund raising efforts at all PMAAA events. To this end, Joe DeFazio will work on sending a mailer to the alumni requesting contribution towards the scholarship fund.

Notes of the Nominating Committee conference call will be distributed to the Board by Joe DeFazio.

- Joe DeFazio has updated the mailing database by deleting the names of alumni whose mailings were returned. John Torres to continue to work on updating the PMAAA database that is currently in *MS Access*.

**The date of the next meeting will be determined at the Hall of Fame Dinner.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann

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## **PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, September 8th, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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| Andrew Pisani  | Carl Hall                | Kevin McGeary |
| Mike Kelly   | Norm Jardine             |               |
| Kevin Bollbach (Call-in)                                     | Steve Kallas (Call-in)   |               |
| Brian McCann (Call-in)                                       | Joseph DeFazio (Call-in) |               |
| Excused: John Begley, Sean Crowley, Rick Martin, John Torres |                          |               |

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- Vice President Mike Kelly read the minutes of the July 14, 2018 meeting. Chick Pisani motioned to accept the minutes. The motioned was seconded by Carl Hall. The meeting minutes were subsequently accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach provided an update on the financial status of the organization.

The Board agreed to publish the Annual Financial Report on the PMAAA website as well as the PMAAA Newsletter.

A debate took place relative to the appropriations of the Scholarship Funds to worthy institutions other than All Hallows Institute. Mike Kelly suggested contributing to inner-city Catholic elementary schools. Board member Steve Kallas suggested small contributions to multiple institutions. Carl Hall maintained that we continue the path of contributing to AHI since that has become the “home” of the PMA heritage. A final decision has been tabled to a later date.

- Board member Norm Jardine provided an update on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion. He met with Jim Austin of the Immaculate Conception Center to confirm the arrangements of the event. At that meeting, a discussion took place as to the time slot of future reunions. Jim Austin reported that an opening may occur for an earlier time slot for the first Saturday in November in 2020. The Board agreed that an earlier start time for HOF dinner may be more accommodating for the aging population of the alumni. The Board will form an informal committee to explore the viability of moving this event to an earlier time frame.



Norm Jardine also reported that he has already received contributions towards the HOF Dinner Journal ad from the members of Class of '65.

Chick Pisani mentioned the attorney who has been providing pro bono legal assistance to the organization has been invited to attend the HOF dinner. As a symbol of appreciation, C. Pisani suggested that she be given a plaque from the Board of Directors acknowledging our appreciation for her hard work.

Chick Pisani will contact John Torres to distribute the Hall of Fame Dinner details to the Alumni via an email blast announcement. Additional emails will be sent to the Alumni as the date of the event nears.

- Board member Steve Kallas motioned to adopt the proposed amendment to PMAAA Bylaws which amends Article III, Section 2(b) that will divide the Board of Directors into two classes of equal numbers (if possible). The two classes will consist of **Class "A"** members whose term will expire effective May, 2019 and **Class "B"** members whose term will expire in May 2020. Board members whose term expires in the their respective years may be reelected to a two year term by a majority of the entire Board from either a slate of nominees submitted to the Board by the Nominating Committee, or by any member of the Board for a two year term. (A copy of the entire amendment can be found herewith.) The motion was seconded by Kevin Bollbach and adopted unanimously by the Board.

In accordance with the foregoing amendment, the Board adopted a resolution to divide the members as follows:

| <b><u>CLASS "A" MEMBERS</u></b> | <b><u>CLASS "B" MEMBERS</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| John Begley                     | Kevin Bollbach                  |
| Carl Hall                       | Sean Crowley                    |
| Norm Jardine                    | Joseph DeFazio                  |
| Steven Kallas                   | Michael Kelly                   |
| Rick Martin                     | Kevin McGeary                   |
| Brian McCann                    | Andrew Pisani                   |
|                                 | John Torres                     |

- The status of the Nominating Committee was provided by Kevin McGeary. As of this date, this committee has not met. It was agreed that the meeting need not take place in person and could be done via conference call. The committee will consist of Board members Joe DeFazio and Kevin McGeary and non-Board members Jack Harren and Michael Martin. Carl Hall will also participate. As part of the committee's protocol, guidelines for the nominating committee outlining their responsibilities should be established. In addition, qualifications for new Board members should be created.



- Kevin McGeary provided an update on the HOF inductions for the upcoming dinner. At this time, Julio Alonso's attendance cannot be confirmed. He has been ill and he is not sure that he will be able to attend. Kevin has been in contact with the families of Tom Gorman and Mr. Mulligan. Rich Lombardi has also been contacted. Carl Hall will handle Mario Elie. Brother Arthur Loftus and the 1937 and 1939 Baseball City Champs will be honored. Sean Crowley to pursue Andy Altenberg's family for further information.

Chick Pisani proposed to provide special recognition to Robert Shearn, PMA '35 being the oldest living alumni at the HOF dinner. All were in agreement with this recognition.

- Chick Pisani and Joe DeFazio will meet with Vinny Bonomi to discuss the terms for the PMA merchandise. The ability to deliver the merchandise and provide internet sales will be discussed.
- With the absence of Rick Martin, there is no update on the "Tech" Committee.
- Joe DeFazio and John Torres to continue to work on updating the PMAAA database.

A discussion took place relative to contributing to the database project that is currently being undertaken by Rich Carter of the Christian Brother's Foundation. Rich is willing to guide PMAAA in setting up an annual appeal mailing should we decide to do so as a fundraising program

Kevin McGeary is working on updating the class captain list.

- The next PMAAA newsletter is scheduled to be issued for mid-October 2018.

**Next meeting has been scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The meeting will be held at the St. Joseph's Residence, 30 Montgomery Circle, New Rochelle, NY.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann