



# POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2020

### Meeting Minutes

On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10 AM, the PMAAA Board of Directors convened. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the meeting was conducted via video conference. The following members of the Board participated:

Andrew Pisani	John Begley	Stephen Lazarus
Michael Kelly	Sean Crowley	Rick Martin
Kevin Bollbach	Joseph DeFazio	Kevin McGeary
Brian McCann	Norm Jardine	Dennis Mooney
	Steve Kallas	John Torres
		Thomas Tuffey*
Excused: Carl Hall		
*Not a Board Member		

- The PMAAA Board of Directors meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of Aug1, 2020 meetings were previously distributed to all Board members. Brian McCann motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick Martin. The August 1, 2020 meeting minutes was unanimously accepted.
- Treasurer Kevin Bollbach previously distributed the financial report via email. The financials as of September 19, 2020 are summarized below:

As of:	MAY 15, 2020	JUNE 27, 2020	AUG. 1, 2020	SEP. 19, 2020
Checking	\$ 11,887.73	\$ 15,001.79	\$ 15,412.79	\$15,280.07
Savings	65,759.42	65,761.59	65,762.56	65,764.99
<b>Total Cash &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$ 77,647.15</b>	<b>\$ 80,763.38</b>	<b>\$ 81,175.35</b>	<b>\$ 81,045.05</b>
PayPal (in transit)	77.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total w/PayPal</b>	<b>\$ 77,725.09</b>	<b>\$ 80,763.38</b>	<b>\$ 81,175.35</b>	<b>\$ 81,045.05</b>
Amazon Smile	\$ 70.13	\$ 99.98	\$ 99.98	\$ 125.35

- Board member Rick Martin reported that there has been no progress on the PMAAA Webpage Improvement Project since the committee was unable to access the Association's *Go Daddy* account. John Torres will provide the requisite pass codes immediately after the meeting.



- With the absence of Carl Hall, there were no updates from the Fund Raising committee.
- Steve Lazarus shared with the Board his experience with the *Student Sponsor Partners*. Steve is willing to discuss how some of the strategies that were used at SSP might support the PMAAA scholarship efforts.
- Chick Pisani will meet with Rich Carter of the Christian Brother Foundation next week to discuss the PMAAA Annual Appeal.
- The annual Hall of Fame event and Mass of Remembrance will remain tentatively scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. However, as the pandemic lingers, the chances of this event taking place on that date dwindles. This topic will be revisited at the November Board meeting.

Mike Kelly provided an update on the St. Patrick Day's Parade. After speaking with the parade committee, Mike was unable to obtain a firm commitment on the status of 2020 Parade being cancelled. However, they did mention that the 2021 parade will have the same Grand Marshal. Hence, it appears that the 2020 parade has been scrubbed.

Dennis Mooney commented that he has heard that some alumni have been making plans to attend the previously cancelled November HOF event. Obviously, not all alumni are aware of the change of plans. Therefore, it was the consensus of the Board to send a notice to all alumni advising them of the cancellation. In order to avoid mailing each alumni a notice, Joe DeFazio will research to see if the alumni mailing database can be segregated to allow the mailing to only those alumni who do not have an email address on file. The alumni who have provided an email address will be notified via email. Rick Martin will place a notice on the PMAAA Facebook page advising the alumni of the cancellation. In addition, the October PMAAA Newsletter will contain an article on the cancellation.

- Given the uncertainty of the HOF event taking place on the March 7<sup>th</sup> date, Steve Kallas would like to add one new HOF candidate from the Class of '71 to the 2021 HOF event. This will coincide with the Class of '71 fiftieth anniversary.
- Since Kevin McGeary is stepping down as the HOF Candidate Selection lead, Steve Lazarus and Tom Tuffey have been designated to take the lead. Kevin will continue to support this endeavor.
- Joe DeFazio will be working with Rich Carter of the CBF to update the alumni database.



- Steve Kallas motioned to clarify the long existing policy that prohibits any Board member from being elected to the Hall of Fame (this excludes Hall of Fame members who have been inducted before they became Board members). The motion put forth by Mr. Kallas would only allow HOF entrance if the nominated Board member resigns from the Board with no guarantee that said member will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. As with any other nominee, a vote would be taken by the Board after nomination and discussion about the nominee former Board member. The motion was seconded by Rick Martin. A lengthy discussion ensued. President Pisani reminded the group that the policy was put in place to avoid the appearance of a “boys club” only seeking to care for the interests of Board members and not the Alumni at large. Vice President Mike Kelly commented that there should be enough confidence in the Board to make a prudent decision irrespective of who the nominee may be. Norm Jardine stated that his interpretation of the policy was that only a Board member could not nominate a fellow Board member to the Hall of Fame. Norm's belief is that the policy, which has been in effect since about 2011 or 2012, according to President Pisani, is that any Power alum who is NOT a Board member could nominate any Board member to be in the Hall of Fame. Kevin Bollbach, President Pisani and others stated that this misinterpretation was never the policy and that the policy meant that no Board member could be inducted into the Hall of Fame while they were a member of the Board. So, any nomination of a Board member who is not in the Hall of Fame will not be considered and voted on until after that Board member has resigned from the Board.

After approximately 40 minutes of debate, Norm Jardine motioned to table the discussion to next meeting. The motion was seconded by Chick Pisani and subsequently passed unanimously.

- Due to time constraints, the matter of the future of the PMAAA will be taken up at the next meeting.
- Dennis Mooney brought up that there should be more transparency with respect to the process of scholarships distributions.
- There will be a push to sell the remaining PMA merchandise on PMAAA social media sites. Chick will let Rick Martin know what stock is remaining so that it may be posted. The order form will be amended to include the apartment number of the purchaser.
- Board member John Begley announced his resignation from the Board of Directors. John's decision to resign was prompted by his move to South Carolina. John has graciously volunteered to assist with the transition of the new Board member and stay on after his replacement is installed to assist with the website and other Association matters. The Board collectively thanked John for his long service to the Association and wished him much success in his relocation to South Carolina.

Chick Pisani subsequently nominated Thomas Tuffey to replace John on the Board. Thomas will send his resume to Joe DeFazio. Joe will subsequently submit Thomas' resume to the Nominating Committee for vetting.



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**The next meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10 AM. The meeting will be conducted via video teleconferencing. The sign-in link will be provided prior to the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Brian McCann

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