



POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PMAAA Board of Directors Meeting **Saturday, May 15, 2021** **Meeting Minutes**

On Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 9:30 AM, the PMAAA Board of Directors convened. Due to continuing pandemic concerns, the meeting was conducted via video conference. The following members of the Board participated:

Andrew Pisani	Sean Crowley	Steven Lazarus
Michael Kelly	Joseph DeFazio	Rick Martin
Brian McCann	Carl Hall	Kevin McGeary
	Norm Jardine	Thomas Tuffey
	Steve Kallas	

Excused: Kevin Bollbach, Dennis Mooney, John Torres, John Begley

- The PMAAA Board of Directors meeting was opened with a prayer by President Chick Pisani.
- The minutes of the February 20, 2021 meeting were previously distributed to all Board members. Brian McCann motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe DeFazio. The minutes were subsequently accepted unanimously.
- Since Treasurer Kevin Bollbach was dealing with a last minute personal issue he was unable to attend. Therefore, no financial report was available for this meeting. Financials will be updated at the next PMAAA Board meeting.
- Carl Hall mentioned that we received permission from All Hallows to hold the Annual PMAAA Mixer on June 26th. The function will be held in the gymnasium and the "North Yard" so that social distancing can be accommodated. Carl will provide further details as they become available.
- Carl Hall also submitted a proposal relative to the Challenge Coin project that is being spearheaded by Maurice Zuniga. (Please find this proposal attached)
- The PMAAA Webpage Improvement Project is on hold.
- PMAAA Annual Appeal is on hold at this time. However, Chick Pisani reports that over \$700 was raised for the PMAAA Scholarship Fund as part of his Facebook Birthday drive. He encouraged all Board members to do the same and to spread the word to other alumni of this feature that Facebook makes available.

Norm Jardine also added that he was able to raise approximately \$1,300 for the PMAAA fund by asking his classmates for contributions. Traditionally, Norm used the HOF Journal as a means of raising money inviting his fellow classmates to contribute \$19.65 each in order to take a full page ad in the *PMAAA HOF Journal*. Since the HOF Diner was cancelled for 2020, he asked for donations in lieu of the Journal ad.



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Sean Crowley stated that he knows someone involved in organizing the Tour d 'Force event that raises money for the police officers that were killed during the 9/11 attacks. He will speak with this person to see if this organization can collaborate with the PMAAA in raising money.

- Norm Jardine indicated that we have two options with respect to the Hall of Fame dinner. Either hold the event during the day on October 30th and having the Mass of Remembrance prior to the luncheon; or hold the event, as in the past, on the first Saturday of November at 6 PM and hold the Mass of Remembrance in March. The Board determined that it would be best to continue the tradition of holding the dinner in the evening on the first Saturday (November 6, 2021) and have the Mass on March 12th, 2022.
- Kevin McGeary reviewed the draft of the Hall of Fame Guidelines that was issued prior to the meeting. There was lengthy discussion on whether to allow the 2020 inductees to make their acceptance speeches via video which will be subsequently posted on the PMAAA website, or have the inductees deliver their speeches live at the November 6th event. The concern was having the 2020 and 2021 inductees giving their speeches at the one HOF Dinner. This would prolong the event. Steve Kallas opined that not having the 2020 inductees do their acceptances live would be disrespectful. Steve Lazarus suggested that this discussion be tabled to another meeting since there are multiple issue that need to be resolved.
- Kevin McGeary presented three options with respect to the HOF voting committee. He asked the Board which would be the best approach with respect to members of the voting committee: (A). All Board Members; (B) All Board members except for the HOF committee; or, (C). All Board members and select HOF members. The consensus of the group was to adopt option "C." The approval of a HOF nominee would require a majority vote of the group for induction.

Sean Crowley suggested to have new members of the HOF attend a cocktail party at All Hallows H.S. to meet the administration and students at the school. Sean will discuss further with Kevin McGeary.

- There was no update on the Scholarship Committee formation since Dennis Mooney was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Sean Crowley provided an update to the Board relative to the activities at All Hallows HS:
 - Both Ron Schutte and Joseph Murphy were very impressed with the response received from the PMA alumni with regard to the *PAR Challenge*. Both were very appreciative of PMAAA's generosity.
 - Sean is friendly with a person who has been successful in the financial industry and would like to mentor AHHS students. Sean's friend met with Ron Schutte last week to establish a format for this program. Sean will check with Dennis Mooney to determine if any Power alum has signed on to be a mentor.



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- Sean affirmed that there is no deadline currently on the PAR Challenge and we should still encourage the PMA alumni to contribute. To date, Sean is estimating PMAAA's contribution to be close to \$75K.
- Steve Lazarus wanted to recognize the efforts of Maurice Zuniga for providing the prototype challenge coin so that Steve could present that coin to Al Faraday – PMA '75 who was in hospice care.
- A request was made by Norm Jardine to have Board members join his regular Class of '65 Zoom meetings. This appeal was in response to multiple requests from his classmates to hear from Board members on the various activities that each Board member is working on. Sean Crowley and Kevin McGearry volunteered to participate. Sean was also confident that Carl Hall and Dennis Mooney would also feel comfortable participating.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 9:30 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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