

Engineering Alumni Association (EAA) Board Meeting – 24 May 2023

Attendees: Travis College, Jessica Smith, David Merrill, Tony Curtis, Craig Pessetto, Jeff Brown, Dana Tangren, Kristian Blomquist, Cameron Kergaye, Hoss Forrest, Greg Garcia, Matt Kitterer, Brett Matumura, Larry Milner, and Scott Pessetto

Discussion/Action Items

- Discussed desire to review and confirm EAA objectives and mission statement. **Action – Scott by 15 Aug 2023**
- Computer Science Entertainment & Arts are getting screened out of technical positions during resume reviews. Seeking input to improve. Kristian checked out options to add additional # tags to improve recognition but no breakthrough.
- Discussed setting up EAA table and helping with registration at USPE event on May 20. Larry Milner and Jessica Smith offered help at the event, but they seemed well staffed. Cameron suggested that the Utah Transportation Conference in October 2023 may be a good event to advertise EAA opportunities and needs to Utah Alumni. Cameron to check out the cost of a booth. **Action – Cameron by 15 Aug 2023**
- Tony, Greg, Brad and Dana will be leaving the board at the conclusion of their six-year terms (May 2023). Their service has been greatly appreciated and many students have benefitted from their efforts. Thanks!
- Scott was confirmed as the new board President beginning May 2023. Plan to find a new Vice President. **Action – Scott by 15 Sep 2023**
- Plan to chat informally with board members each year to confirm their desire to continue serving on the board. **Action – Scott continually**
- Discussed the continual need of finding new Engineering Alumni Association (EAA) board members. The following ideas were suggested to find new board members:
 - Ask current board members to check their personal and work contacts.
 - Ask former board members to check their personal and work contacts.
 - Ask past EAA and boot camp presenters.
 - Setting up EAA information table at events.
 - Send note to larger EAA community.
- Agreed that potential new board members should participate in one EAA board activity and attend one board meeting prior to formal board confirmation. Discussed that there is not a hard requirement for board members to leave after six years. Board members may serve longer if the University representative and the executive board agree. Scott confirmed this was acceptable with Josh Grant and Matt Kitterer.

Education Committee

- Discover Engineering needs continual support from EAA board members. School is out for summer and Larry will update upcoming needs in the fall.

Scholarship Committee

The EAA scholarship committee selected two students. Scott to send a congratulations note and request their participation on the Engineering Board. Dana to send names and emails of recipients. **Action – Dana by 15 June 2023**

Networking Committee

- Scheduled to work at Utah Food Bank on June 27 from 6-7:30 pm. Plan go to the Pie pizzeria after for those available. Jessica to send further details on the food bank event. Exploring other options to attract alumni: Mentoring, Women in Engineering, etc. **Action – Jessica by 27 June 2023**

Academic Committee

- The STEM career fair will be 26 Sep 2023. The Academic committee plans to host the Fall Boot camp Sep 19 & 20. Development of topics and potential presenters will begin later in the summer. Jeff to prepare a Value Proposition. **Action – Jeff by 15 Sep 2023**

Potential Board Members

- Lance Hobbs – has attended a board meeting and participated in Dinner with an Engineer. The Board voted unanimously to invite Lance to the EAA Board.
- Erin Blessing – Erin plans to attend the Aug board meeting.
- Brett Matsumura – attended the May board meeting and plans to participate in the Food Bank event. Welcome back!

Thanks for your participation and please let me know if you have corrections or additions to these minutes.

Regards,

Scott