

Engineering Alumni Association (EAA) Board Meeting – 28 Feb 2024

Attendees: David Merrill, Craig Pessetto, Kristian Blomquist, Cameron Kergaye, Matt Kitterer, Brett Matsumura, Jessica Smith, Larry Milner, Russell Merrill, Lance Hobbs, Jacob Abrahams, Mario Costanzo, Tony Niven, David Bean, Chad Hogan, Travis Colledge, Holly Tang, Rich Nordlund, Kim Clark, Brooke Wilkinson, and Scott Pessetto

Discussion/Action Items

- Reviewed and approved meeting minutes from 15 Nov 2023 board meeting.
- Thanks to Kristi and Matt for providing dinner!
- Confirmed the following board members and their committee assignments:
 - Kim Clark - Academic
 - Brooke Wilkinson - Education
- Committee growth: currently 23 members with space for one more (24 total).
 - Increased from one to four female board members.
 - All engineering and computer science disciplines are represented.
 - Potential new member – Kevin Whipp from Texas Instrument. Plan to meet with Kevin to discuss opportunity – **Action: Matt & Scott by 15 May 2024**
- Out of State board (OSB) members:
 - Abby Campbell – reviewed two resumes from Winter Boot Camp. Thanks!
 - Jessica to gauge Kate Ryan’s interest – **Action: Jessica by 15 May 2024**
- How to better utilize OSB members – brainstormed the following ideas:
 - If OSB members are visiting Salt Lake – organize time to meet (lunch, coffee, etc.).
 - Ask OSB members to help with scholarship evaluation and selection.
 - Ask OSB members to participate in video presentations at Boot Camp or other.
 - Ask OSB members to help with electronic questionnaires for Boot Camp.
- Engineering Ambassador Banquet 13 Mar 2024 at 6 pm – Need 5-6 volunteers. Lance Hobbs, Kim Clark, Travis Colledge and Hoss Forrest have volunteered.
- USPE May 2024 Conference: EAA Volunteers
 - Event Liaisons: Hoss Forrest and Taylor Thorpe
 - Potential Speakers: Cameron Kergaye – UDOT, Chad Hogan – HAFB, Larry Milner – EWOB and Mario Costanzo – Sustainability/Resources (Water/Power, etc.)
- Kristian and David are working on updating the EAA website. They requested board members to send them desired upgrades. **Action – David and Kristian by 20 Nov 2024**

Networking Committee

- Exploring potential offsite board meeting venues: Center for Medical Innovation, Air flight Museum, Utah Stadium, Eccles Theater, etc. **Action: Jessica by 15 Aug 2024**

- Forever Utah Alumni Network (FUN): Allow Karen Ashton 15 minutes during May 15, 2024 board meeting for FUN presentation and sign-up. **Action: Matt by 15 May 2024**
- Consider having EAA booth at Sep 2024 career fair.
- Volunteer at the Utah Food Bank and go for pizza after.

Scholarship Committee

- Considering a third scholarship for \$ 1,500/student. Received over \$ 16,000 in Dec 2023 from EAA board members. Thanks!
- Consider ways to solicit donations from industry alumni.
- Please use the link below for donations to the EAA Engineering Board Scholarship.

<https://ugive.app.utah.edu/designation/21?specialInstructions=EAA%20Scholarship%20Fund:%20EN14931-40165>

Education Committee – Discover Engineering Dates

Dates

High School

March 2024

Wed; March 27

Green Canyon High: 2960 Wolf Pack Way North; N Logan

April 2024

Tue; April 9

North Sevier High: 350 West 400 North, Salina

Thu/Fri; Apr 18-19

Lone Peak: 10189 N 4800 W, Highland

Tue; April 23

Uintah River: 988 E 7500 S, Fort Duchesne

The presentations typically run from 7:30am to 2:30pm. Please stay as long as your schedule allow (1-2 hr is great). Please contact Morgan Boyack or Larry Milner to sign up or for further details at morgan.boyack@utah.edu.

- Kristian and Brooke will work together to set up EAA accounts with Forever Utah and LinkedIn. **Action: Kristian and Brooke by 28 Aug 2024**

Academic Committee:

- The Winter 2024 boot camp was held Jan 29 with 107 students attending. The student feedback was very positive with a few suggestions for improvement. Holly Tang attended and gave the following input from the student's perspective:
 - The main draw is the student's interaction with EAA board members and presenters.
 - Suggest adding tables so 4-5 students and a board member can sit together, discuss questions, and eat pizza.
- Continue to have EAA members introduce themselves at the end of the boot camp presentations. Ask EAA members to provide one slide (elevator pitch).
- Allow Karen Ashton three minutes at the end of boot camp to introduce Forever Utah.
- Planning for 2024 Fall Boot Camp to begin early summer.
- Great work to Jeff and his committee for Winter Boot Camp 2024.

Next EAA Board Meetings: 15 May 2024, 28 Aug 2024, and 20 Nov 2024