



Board of Directors Special Session
Zoom Video Conference
Tuesday | September 15 | 8:00 AM

I. Call to Order:

The Board of Directors Special Session of the UNA National Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, via Zoom video conference. President Tosha-Paige Whitten presided and called the business meeting to order at 8:02 am.

A. Roll Call and Quorum Report:

- i. Present Executive Board members:** Susan Adams, Bishop Alexander, Derrick Chatman, Lisa Clayton, Mary Leigh Gillespie, Savannah Liles, Justin McGill, Christa Raney, Gale Satchel, and Christy Waters, and Tosha-Paige Whitten
- ii. Present Board of Directors members:** Gloria Aday, Gaye Choat, Clayton Grieder, John Haeger, Allison Hall, Will Hodges, Cody Holder, Latasha Howell, Eric Kirkman, Tina Smith, and Denise Watts
- iii. Present Club Presidents:** Jeanne Wells Cook and Joshua Lambert

B. Approval of Minutes—August 27, 2020:

- i.** Susan made a motion to approve the 8/27/2020 Fall Quarter Board minutes as emailed, and Justin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. Financial report:

- A. UNA Alumni Association Greatest Needs Fund**—The balance for this account is \$47,417.05, which reflects a \$62.35 due to interest payments.
- B. UNA Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund**—No new information was available.
- C. UNA Alumni Association Current-Use Scholarship Fund**—This fund currently has a zero balance.

III. Old Business:

Tosha-Paige reminded Board members of the JSU Football game on October 17, 2020, at 1:00 pm.

IV. New Business:

- A. **The Legacy Initiative, www.una.edu/legacy, (Vote Required)**—The rebuilding of Harrison Plaza and the fountain will be funded by this initiative. Tosha-Paige and the Association were approached by Mr. Haslam and the Foundation and asked to consider this current greatest need on campus. One option is to fund a bench for \$15,000.

The Board discussed its purchase options and its fulfillment options. Clayton proposed that the Board fund the donation using the pledge option, \$3,000 a year for the next five years, to fund a bench. This option would motivate the Association to fundraise, and it would allow other funds to more directly impact students.

Lisa made a motion that the Alumni Association donate \$15,000 to the Legacy Initiative to fund a bench for Harrison Plaza, spread out over five years. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Caring for the Pride**—Tosha-Paige highlighted UNA’s Caring for the Pride program (<https://www.una.edu/case/>), which was introduced to her by Dena Kitts, wife of the President. Caring for the Pride assists students facing barriers or difficult situations, promotes student success, and provides crisis prevention and intervention financial support. The Board discussed this program and its impact on students.

Tina made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Caring of the Pride. Mary Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Officer/Board Transition Date Proposal**—Our Constitution currently states that Executive Board members and Board-at-Large members assumed duties on November 1, which has been interpreted as Homecoming. Bishop suggested that the date formally be changed to October 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, which is the standard date for other on-campus boards to transition.

TP made a motion to move the Board transition to October 1. Mary Leigh and Gale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Savannah asked if we would still celebrate the transition “symbolically” at Homecoming, and Bishop confirmed this would be the case.

- D. **AA Constitution (Vote Required)**—Savannah presented the revised draft of the Constitution, which had been previously emailed to Board members.

Lisa made a motion to approve the revised Constitution. Justin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. **Board of Director Resolution (Vote Required)**—Bishop explained this resolution, which will honor retiring officers and directors. Savannah reviewed one of the resolutions.

Clayton made a motion to adopt this practice, and Susan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Resolutions honoring Gloria Aday, Derrick Chapman, Stephanie Coleman, Evan Oglesby, and Samuel Thigpen are attached.

V. Discussion:

There was no discussion.

VI. AA President's Report:

Tosha-Paige thanked Board members for their hard work and dedication. She encouraged the Board to keep working to be a stronger, louder lion pride.

VII. Alumni Director's Report:

Bishop thanked Tosha-Paige for her service, especially during a difficult year. Homecoming has been postponed to the spring; thus, the Homecoming Committee is on hold until a spring football schedule has been released. Bishop reviewed ticket prices and plans for the UNA vs JSU football game on October 17 at 1:00 pm.

The tentative date for the Light the Fountain event is March 11, 2020.

The Mane Benefits App, made possible via the Steele Center for Selling, is now available. Please download the app and encourage other alumni to download it, too. Susan added that the app is a student-driven project.

The UNA Alumni Newsletter will arrive in inboxes tonight at 5:30. Bishop plans to send the newsletter monthly.

VIII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Raney, Secretary