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Caltech Alumni Association
2021 State of the Association Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 17, 2021
6:00 pm via Zoom

Participants:

CAA Board: Satoshi Ohtake, Christie Canaria, Keith Karasek, Jeanne Hartshorn

Caltech Staff: Ralph Amos, President and CEO, CAA and AVP, Alumni Relations, Mark Davis, Director, Alumni Content & Value Delivery, Margot Clifford, Manager of Student and Recent Alumni, Susan Blaisdell, Executive Assistant to the AVP Alumni Relations, Ann Moore, Director of Events

Attendees:

108 attendees were present, which included CAA Board of Directors, Alumni, Past Honorary members and CAA Staff.

Call to order at 6:01 pm

President Satoshi Ohtake stated we will follow the published agenda in the 30 minutes allocated and adjourn the meeting to a later date no later than July 31st to address the remaining business which includes Board nominations, Honorary Member of the Alumni Association and any additional comments/questions.

Satoshi reported that the action to revise the bylaws did not receive the necessary 2/3 majority for adoption so that portion of the bylaws remain unchanged.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes: Christie Canaria, Secretary

Christie motioned to approve the June 13, 2020 minutes as posted; Keith Karasek seconded the motion.

The motion passed all in favor with 41 votes yes, 4 opposed, and 18 abstained.

Executive Committee: Satoshi Ohtake, President

Three years ago, the Caltech Alumni Association Board embarked on a multi-year process to enhance the alumni experience toward a best-in-class alumni association that is more professionally managed with improved governance. First step in process was to eliminate the dues paying structure as the CAA Board wanted to be more inclusive in an attempt to engage a broader group of Alumni. The Board is continuing its process by review of the current bylaws which were drafted 50 years ago. Becoming

a world class organization of 25,000 alumni is not a luxury it is imperative – we have to change.

Mission – To ensure the success and well-being of every member of the Caltech alumni community

Vision – Everyone a global citizen and champion of education, science and technology

Values – Purpose, Social, Financial, Community, Physical Well-Being

Introduction of current Board of Directors and the CAA staff who support the CAA and Ralph.

CEO Report: Ralph Amos, President and CEO

It is an honor to serve in this role for Caltech and our 25,000 alumni. Ralph reviewed Living Alumni by Decade, Alumni by Division and Degree, and Alumni by Gender and Ethnicity.

Strategic Direction – we need to engage alumni, deliver the Caltech Alumni Brand, build community and strategic partnerships, effectively recruit, retain, and help people to advance mission, position as the industry leader in engagement and leverage financial resources to invest in CAA's/AR's operational growth.

What has come from the last 15 months?

Revised Techer magazine, Oral History Project, Alumni networks, Volunteer Leadership, and Contemporary Alumni Engagement (BAC, LAC, Int'l Women's council, Asian Alumni Council, Int'l network in Asia and Europe), and new website and online community.

Finance Committee: Jeanne Hartshorn, Treasurer

FY20 – 20% less than FY19

Programmatic expenses – Due to the impact of COVID-19, 33% less than FY19, the reduction in expenditures due to delivering alumni programming through online mechanisms rather than person

FY21 – CAA has approved a budget to include a \$600K increase to expand the operational scope against the new mission, critical and strategic initiatives. With the current trend, we will likely not utilize the approved funding due to staffing resources and operational restrictions associated with COVID-19.

Audit committee – Fall 2020 Finance Committee established the organizations first independent audit committee.

Leadership and Development: Keith Karasek, Vice President

CAA Honorary Member Award will be announced at the next meeting.

Other awards we want to highlight and available on website:
Distinguished Alumni Award
Milton and Rosalind Chang Career Exploration Prize

We want to actively solicit interested alumni over the next few months.

Governance and Nominations: Christie Canaria, Secretary

Christie reported the work of the Governance and Nominations Committee. Governance Committee is focused on the Board, strategic recruitment, effective engagement across Board of Directors and intentional revitalization of the Board itself. Nominations Committee was charged to evaluate candidates that will fill Executive Officer seats. A slate of nominees was published in the Spring.

Slate of Nominations:

Officers:

Satoshi Ohtake, President
Keith Karasek, Vice President
Christie Canaria, Secretary
Jennifer Lee, Treasurer

Director Nominees:

Frederic Caldwell, Miral E-Kim, Jessica Mao, Gerard O'Reilly, Elizabeth Stameshkin

5 Additional Petitions for Nominees:

Betsy Barton, Linda Maepa, Alexander Mouschovias, Jasmine Sears, Dr. Martin Tangora

The receipt of petitions opens up an election to Director seats. The logistics that we require to send out materials such as ballots and instructions will require additional times and resources. We anticipate another 45 days will provide the time to complete our process

Satoshi concludes the first portion of the meeting and will reconvene by July 31 – Satoshi motioned to approve move to adjourn, Keith Karasek seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor – 55 votes yes, 18 opposed, 8 abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.