

**NASSON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Saturday, FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

President Connie Witherby welcomed all the attending Board members and then turned the meeting over to Libby Rountree, our financial advisor. Libby retraced the market trends over the last year. She described it as a “wild ride” with January 2012 being the best on record since 1997. The economy is still weak but appears to be recovering. Generally in an election year the market goes up. Libby feels that this year the market will probably go up and down because of the volatility of the political situation. The Association pays a fee of 1.25% annual for the management of its account.

The Secretary’s report was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary’s report. The motion carried.

President Witherby reported that our Treasurer Richard Ford has officially resigned as Treasurer but will continue to serve on the Board. The Board extended their thanks to Richard for his dedicated service.

President Witherby also reported that Helen Dostie is experiencing health issues and is no longer serving as Financial Secretary. President Witherby, Janice Longfellow, Myles Mackay, and Lorraine Masure have stepped in to keep the financial matters of the Association in fine shape. Myles has created and is maintaining a database listing of all Alumni. Janice and Carl Johnson are sending the thank-you letters and dues cards. Lorraine officially took over the position of Treasurer in January and is in the process of entering all the banking and checking transactions into Quickbooks for non-profits. The Association purchased a new laptop computer for the Treasurer’s use and paid for her enrollment in a computer software course on Quickbooks.

Connie asked for a motion from the floor to officially nominate Lorraine Masure as Treasurer of the Alumni Association at the October Board meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Marjorie Sanborn announced that her long-time partner recently passed away and his memorial service will be held this next weekend. The President issued her condolences on behalf of the Association.

Lorraine Masure gave the Treasurer’s Report. She reported that she is still entering and updating the Association’s financial transactions on the computer. She thanked Richard Ford and Natalie Hoag for maintaining good records and helping her in the transition. The Finance Committee members, Nat Hoag, Pat Baldwin, and Lorraine presented a budget for 2012. Connie Witherby is an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. President Witherby extended her thanks on behalf of the Association to the Treasurer and Finance Committee for a great job.

President Witherby reported that the Admin Committee is now meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month. She also has contracted with Richard Lemay to periodically maintain the brick plaza for a fee.

Jim Carlton reported that the Nominating Committee is trying to find graduates from the 70's to serve on the Board. It is not an easy job.

Nina Chabot reported that she has been researching other organization's scholarship requirements to find what disclaimers they use in the process. There hasn't been much out there but Tom Jagger will get the form that the Rotary Club uses to see if that will help. This will be an ongoing project.

Norm Pulaski reported for the Hall of Fame. He would like to see some younger candidates. He has no nominees at the present time.

Barbara Boyle reported that the plans for Alumni Day are well under way. Coffee and registration will take place in the Anna Ashley Room. The luncheon will be held in the Little Theatre. She is still working on getting some entertainment to follow the luncheon.

Stoney reported that the Homecoming Committee is looking for input. As this is the 100th anniversary year, he is hoping to have some special events but he wants to keep it an affordable event. The webpage will have a countdown to the event. He and Myles are working on commemorative items to sell as well as exploring other possible events.

President Witherby reported that the Educational and Cultural Committee is expecting to sponsor the Theatre at Monmouth events at the high school and the elementary schools as we have in the past few years. The Theatre facilitates a Shakespeare workshop for the high school Freshmen and the Theatre group presents a play for the K-3 grades. A motion was made to support this program. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Nat Hoag reported that there are a total of 537 engraved bricks on the Flag Plaza. She currently has an order for six more. There is room for many more bricks.

Peg Driscoll reported that the NCC's calendar is full. They recently had a workshop for the NCC Board with a facilitator to develop an outline of what they hope to accomplish in the future. They are looking for an intern in marketing to help them in promoting the facility. They have hired a part-time assistant and hope to be able to pay the Director in the near future.

President Witherby reported that she is currently working on the Newsletter that will be mailed in March. She is asking for all the articles to be submitted by the middle of February.

Pat Baldwin reported that the store is fully stocked. They made a total of \$122 as a result of the recent eblast. She is planning to have special sales on Alumni Day and Homecoming to move inventory.

Lorraine Masure reported that the website continues to be busy. Unfortunately the RIP section has had several recent additions.

President Witherby has not been successful in finding a person or persons to act as a Class Agent Coordinator. She is open to any thoughts that might make this possible. She also reported that they expect to hold Traveling Lion events in Massachusetts and possibly in Connecticut.

Myles is looking for ideas to include in the February and March eblast issues.

President Witherby reported that Rick Schneider has been interviewing people for the book he is currently working on to bring the history of Nasson up-to-date. His goal is to have the book ready to sell at Homecoming.

Connie also reported that the By-Law Committee still needs to finish up a draft. The problem has been in developing correct information in the dissolution clause. The Trustees for the George Nasson Trust have to petition the court to designate that the trust is to be used for educational pursuits and scholarships in keeping with our Mission Statement before we proceed with the dissolution clause.

The Board decided that the By-Law Committee should finish up the proposed By-Laws without the dissolution clause at this time so that it can be presented at the October meeting.

The Board then discussed the proposal for insurance for the Directors and Officers of the Association. The policy would cost \$797.00. After much discussion a motion was made to award one scholarship this year and to use the money for the second scholarship to pay for the insurance. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Witherby reported that work will continue on developing a gift acceptance policy.

June Gillis reported that she had received an email in December requested information about a former teacher at Nasson. Elwin G. Gowen was an instructor at Nasson. Tufts University is planning to honor him in May. They currently have a class that is focused on his art work.

Ray Kelley suggested that the Board think about more programs for public schools or cultural programs that we could sponsor rather than offer scholarships. The students who receive scholarship money generally have their financial aid package reduced by the amount of any scholarships they receive from outside sources.

Lorraine Masure recommended that Alumni planning to attend Alumni Day might consider staying at the Jeremiah Mason House in Limerick which is run by Kyle Osbourne, a Board member.

Meg Broderick suggested that the Association consider how our archives are to be managed. Do we need to hire a professional archivist? She also recommended that we explore fund raising methods to raise funds to continue our work.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Eastman Chabot '57

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Connie Witherby
Richard Ford
Nina Chabot
Pat Baldwin
Nat Hoag
Raymond Kelley
Kyle Osbourne
Dave Plocharczyk
Norm Pulaski
Roberta Pulaski
Barbara Boyle
June Gillis
Carl Johnson
Janice Longfellow
Marjorie Sanborn
Robert Stone
Jim Carlton
Richard Curtis
Peg Driscoll
Tom Jagger
Lorraine Masure
Meg Broderick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Myles Mackay
Helen Dostie
Dodie Blake
Donald Penta
Sally Hapenny
Jim Desmarais
Herm Seavey