

AKU Alumni Business Meeting

Friday, 06 July 2012

Minutes

There were no prior minutes to be reviewed

Issues raised:

- AKU alumni need to participate and become a presence within APPNA. Alumni are also encouraged to join and participate in AKUANA activities.
- Sadaf Khan is not an elected President but rather a selected President and AKUANA no longer has Class Representatives due to lack of volunteers.
- Running an alumni association where decisions are made by 2-3 people on behalf of the alumni body, is not a situation that encourages ownership. We encourage a lot more participation by alumni.
- In 2012 we only have 20 persons to date who have become members via the website. Alumni are encouraged to become dues paying members.

AKUANA annual reunions:

- This event as part of APPNA is the one event a year that brings alumni together.
- There were substantial issues with tickets this year; too many alumni did not sign up for tickets ahead of time; it is important to sign up for these events in advance to allow for better provision of ticket availability.
- AKUANA encourage alumni to be part of APPNA and to purchase their reunion tickets directly from APPNA. However, there are alumni whose personal choice is not to be part of APPNA, for whom AKUANA purchases guest tickets. Registration and payment for these guest tickets takes place via the www.akualumni.net website and AKUANA can only afford to purchase guest tickets based on tickets purchased online.

Membership & Website Access:

- A decision was made to increase membership dues from \$75 to \$90 for attending; \$25 for residents; \$5.00 for new graduates for up to 2 years following graduation and medical students.
- Discussion on whether to include students and non US alumni in AKUANA was held, resulting in the following three resolutions to be made:

MOTION 1

Dues paying (to their respective 'chapters') medical college alumni outside continental US, can have non-voting guest access to the website and AKUANA activities

MOTION PASSED (by a majority show of hands)

MOTION 2:

AKU medical students can have non-voting student member access to the website and AKUANA activities. They will be referred to as 'Student members'.

MOTION PASSED (by a majority show of hands)

MOTION 3:

AKU MC student access to be granted upon payment of a nominal fee of \$5.00 US

MOTION PASSED (by 12 no and 22 yes)

- The AKUANA website is a tool the association would like for alumni to utilize to allow for increased communication and collaboration amongst alumni.
- The website is currently hosted by a service provider and is costly to maintain. The university's website is now established and they have the ability to integrate the AKUANA website within that framework. Discussion about moving the website to the AKU website will be discussed by the AKUANA President with AKU Alumni Affairs Office.
- AKU is an international university and there is now a global alumni constitution. It is however, important for AKUANA to maintain it's identity under this umbrella organization.
- APPNA is a huge organization and provides AKUANA with support in helping AKU alumni in the US. It is important for AKU alumni to become members of APPNA. APPNA offers alumni membership at \$50 for their members. This will continue to be offered, providing a discount in membership to those who choose to become members of APPNA as well as AKUANA.
- Discussion on Lifetime Membership was held resulting in the following resolution:

MOTION 4:

Alumni who decide to attend the annual reunion must pay AKUANA'S annual membership dues.

MOTION PASSED (by majority show of hands)

MOTION 5:

AKUANA continues to offer both annual membership as well as life time membership. Lifetime membership is to be calculated at current annual rate X 15.

MOTION PASSED (by majority show of hands)

Alumni Participation:

- Within any association there are users (younger alumni and students) and there are providers (older, more established alumni)
- AKUANA is looking for participation and this can be at any level the alumni can give.
- Forms were filled out and followed up on.
- The aim is to create specialty interest groups to streamline the providing of mentorship, advice, general assistance to younger alumni/students.
- The website is available as a tool for alumni to collaborate amongst themselves and we hope that alumni will become members and utilize the tools being provided

Election of AKUANA officers:**MOTION 6:**

Elect Sadaf Khan to position of President of AKUANA

Elect Jawad Sher (in abstentia) to position of Treasurer

Elect Amna Iftikhar to position of Secretary

MOTION PASSED (by majority show of hands)

MEETING ADJOURNED