

Marlboro College Alumni Association
March 7, 2021
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Melanie Knight Gottlieb, Mark Genszler, CJ Churchill, Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, Pamela Witte Nye, Kate Hollander, Bess Poehlmann, Ellie Roark

Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM EST

Approval of agenda

- Agenda approved without amendment

Approval of Minutes

- Discussion of how detailed minutes should be; our consensus is that the goal is to capture the general tenor of the conversation, in addition to documenting all votes and decisions made
- February meeting minutes are approved unanimously

Officer Reports

- Treasurer - Mark: We officially have a debit card; will begin the process of transferring our recurring expenses to this card and account.
- Clerk - Ellie: Worked with Erik (webmaster) to create a space on the website for council and future committee minutes. This will be updated with minutes regularly as soon as they are approved.
- Moderator -Melanie: Working to identify a lawyer who can assist us pro-bono.

Working Group Reports:

- Communications:
 - Email report: no formal report. Several emails received expressing enthusiasm for and investment in re-starting a Potash Hill publication.
 - Upcoming communications: March newsletter draft forthcoming.
 - Communications group members and Archives Committee members have both had contact with Emerson communications folks. Former Marlboro students (now at Emerson) have been working with Emerson to archive Marlboro web content. More discussion is needed among ourselves and with the MCAA membership broadly about the nature of the relationship between Emerson and Marlboro alumni, and the Alumni Association specifically. Our focus is on helping our community heal, and prioritizing the needs of the Association members.
- Resources: No report at this time.
- Governance:
 - Facebook Committee rubric and plan for recommendations: All council members have the option to read whatever letters we receive, but the Governance group

will make a recommendation about who to appoint, based on the following criteria:

1. Content of the letter of intent
 2. Diversity across committee: class year, moderator/non-moderator, etc.
 3. Slight priority for alumni
 4. Previous behavior on the FB page
- Council approves the charge for a committee to restart publication of Potash Hill. Details will go out in upcoming communications; we have already heard from some interested folks.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Randomized assignment of staggered term limits for this initial council:
 - Gretchen, CJ, and Kate will serve two year terms
 - Melanie, Mark, and Bess will serve three year terms
 - Ellie, Dagmawi (pending confirmation), and Pam will serve four year terms
- Draft of Articles I, III and IV of the bylaws:
 - Council agrees to move the bulk of this discussion to next month's meeting due to time constraints
 - Some general discussion points that emerge: who is a friend of the college, and who is a voter? How do we expect membership to grow or develop over time?

Open session is adjourned 2:27 PM EST.

Closed meeting session followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Roark
Clerk