



**Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2013
Elkins Park Campus**

Board Members in Attendance: Shereen Hakki, Gary S. Litman, Dennis H. Lyons, Amanda M. Marchegiani, Robert N. Spivack, Ryan O. McKinnis, Kenneth W. Savitski

Faculty/Staff in Attendance: Victor H. Bray, Linda Casser, Lynne Corboy, Thomas L. Lewis, Jamie Lemisch, Jamie Maffit, Richard Vause

Fellow Alumni in Attendance: Robert P. Bittel, Marlene A. Labell, Alison Risko, Kevin Ryan, Allan S. Tocker, Harold Wiener

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Spivack welcomed the faculty and alumni in attendance and led a round of introductions. The meeting was then convened.

Approval of Minutes for 1/27/13 meeting

Dr. Friess asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and asked for approval. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Marchegiani presented the report to the board. A copy of this report can be found at the end of this document.

Reunion/Special Events Committee Report

Dr. Savitski thanked the alumni for joining in the reunion festivities and gave an update on the reunion activities' schedule.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Members rotating off the board were thanked. These included:

- Thomas J. Landry, OD '87
- Robert A. Rosenberg, OD '61, FAAO

The nominations for 2013-2014 Board Ballot, which was posted on the web prior to the reunion was reviewed and a vote taken. The Ballot was unanimously approved.

Panel discussion with:

Victor Bray, PhD

Dean, Osborne College of Audiology

Dr. Bray became dean of the Osborne College in 2009. He began his career in direct patient care and was the director of Audiology for the Austin (Texas) Ear Clinic. He went on to work within the hearing industry, co-developing approximately twenty hearing aid brands that were sold worldwide. Prior to accepting his appointment at Salus, Dr. Bray held the positions of director of Clinical Research for ReSound Corporation, and vice president and chief Audiology officer for Sonic Innovations. Dr. Bray earned a BS degree in biochemistry from the University of Georgia, a Master of Speech Communication (MSC) in Audiology degree from Auburn University, and a PhD in Speech and Hearing Science from the University of Texas at Austin. Under his direction, Osborne College of Audiology was awarded an Award of Excellence for the field of audiology and private practice development from Beltone at the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) annual conference in 2012.

Dr. Bray is a 2003 recipient of the Hearing Industries Association (HIA) Volunteerism Award, the 2011 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus award from the University of Texas at Austin College of Communication, and the 2012 recipient of the Joel Wernick Award from the Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA). He has made presentations on the clinical applications of audiology nationally and internationally at numerous workshops, seminars and conferences, and has authored book chapters and numerous technology papers on hearing aids and hearing aid benefit measurement methods.

Richard C. Vause Jr., DHSc, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA

Director, Physician Assistant Program; Associate Dean for Program Development

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Vause received his B.S. degree in Biology from St Joseph's University, a Bachelor of Science, Physician Assistant degree from Hahnemann University Medical School, Physician Assistant Program a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and a Doctor of Health Science degree from Nova Southeastern University. After graduation from Hahnemann University Medical School in 1978, Dr. Vause sharpened his skills as a clinician by working in number of Philadelphia area hospitals in both the medical and surgical areas. He has extensive experience working in the U.S. Public Health Service, including roles as staff Physician Assistant (PA), senior supervising PA, and assistant health services administrator to name a few. Following his time in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Vause joined the faculty of the Nova Southeastern University Southwest Florida Physician Assistant Program in Fort Myers, FL. Initially he served as the Clinical Director, and in 2006 he transitioned into the Academic Director position.

Dr. Vause joined the Salus University family on September 1, 2009 as the PA program director. He successfully led the PA team through its first continuing re-accreditation process. Under his

direction the program has grown from an initial class of 20 students to the most recent class of 50 students. In May 2012, Dr. Vause was appointed associate dean for Program Development in the College of Health Sciences. In this capacity he works with all of the Colleges to investigate new training opportunities for Salus University students.

Dr. Vause is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and has served on numerous committees, including election to the Nominating Committee, and appointments to the Public Education Committee, and the Conference Education Planning Committee. He also served as the chief delegate to the House Of Delegates (HOD) from the Public Health Service Academy of Physician Assistants (PHSAPA) for eight years. In 2003 he became one of only two Physician Assistants to be elected to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia as a Fellow. He served three terms as president of the PHSAPA, three terms as president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Commissioned Officer Association of the USPHS, and is a life member in the Reserve Officer Association, Society of Army PA's, the Veterans Caucus of the AAPA, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. In 2000 Dr. Vause was made an honorary member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, Georgia Area Chapter, a premed Honor society and, in 2007, he was inducted into Pi Alpha, The Physician Assistant National Honor Society.

Lauren Sponseller, MSOTR/L, MEd

Interim Director, Occupational Therapy Program; Academic Fieldwork Coordinator

Lauren Sponseller has been an Occupational Therapy (OT) practitioner for eight years. Her background has been in geriatric rehabilitation and dementia. She has taught as an adjunct faculty member at Philadelphia University and Temple. Ms. Sponseller joined the College of Education and Rehabilitation in December 2012 as a full-time faculty member within the OT program. She is the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator for the program and currently serves as its interim Director. Ms. Sponseller is a current student in Temple University's Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree program and expects to complete her degree this month.

Jamie Maffit, MS, COMS

Orientation & Mobility Program Coordinator

Jamie Maffit is a faculty member and coordinator of the Graduate Programs in Orientation and Mobility (O&M) for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She is a certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist who has worked with both adults and children in the Philadelphia Metro region, and advances Salus University recruitment efforts to increase needed diversity in the vision education/rehabilitation field. Jamie has a distinct focus on wellness opportunities for individuals with visual impairments, including integrating yoga into a comprehensive O+M instructional plan for improved independent travel, health and relaxation.

Linda Casser, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Dean, Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

Dr. Casser graduated from the Indiana University School of Optometry, and completed a two-year residency program at the Joseph C. Wilson Health Center in Rochester, NY. She

subsequently served for four years as chief of Primary Care Module 4 at The Eye Institute and assistant professor at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. She also was a faculty member of the Indiana University School of Optometry and the Pacific University College of Optometry, where she was appointed associate dean for Academic Programs. Dr. Casser joined the National Board of Examiners in Optometry in Charlotte, North Carolina, serving as associate executive director of Clinical Examinations prior to her appointment as dean at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University in 2009.

Dr. Casser is a past president of the Indiana Optometric Association, has been an active member of several AOA committees, and is past chair of the Primary Care Diplomate Program for the American Academy of Optometry, from which she received the 2004 Founder's Award. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry for seven years and served as its 2001-2002 president. Dr. Casser also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association.

Dr. Casser was named the 1995 "Optometrist of the Year" by the Indiana Optometric Association, the 1997 "Optometrist of the Year" by the American Optometric Association, and a 2000 Most Influential Optometrist by *Review of Optometry*

Conversation centered around the student externship/internship experience and what it takes to be an audiologist, optometrist, physician assistant and teacher of people with visual impairments.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**Quarterly Treasurer's Report
FY 2012-13
Through March, 2013**

Balance as of July 1, 2012 \$70,196

Income

Revenue \$ 3,510

Interest & Dividend \$ 769

Gains (losses) \$ 8,297

Expenditure \$ (8,399)

Balance as of March 31, 2013 **\$74,373**

Revenue

BIO Fundraiser

July - \$2,793

October - \$399

February - \$318

Expenditures

Physician Assistant Commencement Awards - \$2,000 (four awards)

TEI Pledge Payment - \$5,000

Salus Soiree - \$1,000

BIO Refund - \$399

Upcoming Expenditures

May:

Optometry Commencement Award – 1 student, amount TBD

Audiology Commencement Awards – 2 students, amount TBD