
President’s Report given by Brendan McCord:

Old business: An effort to get the Sloan School to accept the tuition limitations of the new GI Bill/Yellow Ribbon Education Enhancement will continue – latest Rick Maze article in Army/Navy/Air Force Times says “revised rules allow institutions to target reduced tuition to students by status and by their enrollment.” There was also a meeting with Bob Clark of Harvard Business Publishing about OCW. Larry will continue to work on establishing contact as a follow-up to the Letters of Introduction.

Training & resources: Brendan and Judy have completed MIT’s SmarTrans volunteer group event and dues management training. The “Alumni Site Builder” has helped us to set up our website (http://alumweb.mit.edu/groups/mitmaa). Andy has completed ASB training. Everyone should now have a Volunteer Manual. If not, Brendan can email you a copy.

Continuity plan: MITMAA elections should be held before 1 July, the beginning of our fiscal year. The next Alumni Leadership Conference is September 25-26, 2009. Brendan is on top of registration and encouraged everyone to come to this useful event.

MITMAA logo(s): Brendan has worked on this and will send a draft version out soon.

Online document share: Membership Drive Letter, organizational chart, etc. will be posted after the meeting.

Next Board Meeting date & location: The group was generally happy with this format. The future date will be determined, either in DC or Boston at the beginning of summer.

Committee setup & assignments: Brendan announced the various committees and recommended joining as many as interests dictate. They are Program Committee (includes Mentorship), Membership Committee, Communications Committee, ROTC Support Committee, Nominations Committee.

***The Board unanimously voted to accept LTC (ret.) Leo McGonagle as Special Director. Congratulations Leo!
Ashok Sivakumar, VP Programs, gave the Program Committee Report.

The MIT ROTC Commissioning Ceremony and Reception will be June 5th, 1700 hrs, at the USS Constitution. We expect GEN Petraeus, whose son is being commissioned, to speak. Our Association has provided one set of O-1 collar insignia and a letter of congratulations to every 1/c who will be graduating. Next event will be a speaker in DC. Ashok highlighted the need for more volunteers to join the Program Committee.

Brendan McCord gave the Membership Committee Report for Murphey Johnson

Membership Drive Letter skeleton will be posted online. Membership Goals left out because they are up to Murphey’s discretion.

Andy Hill, VP Communications, gave the Communications Committee Report

Andy completed ASB training and the website is 80% complete, “Events” and “Membership” sections need to be finished. Release date is one to two weeks from the meeting. Will feature SmarTrans integration for event signup and dues payment. Board recommends that Andy look into using websites outside of alum.mit.edu – e.g. Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, to spread the word about MITMAA.

Larry Castro, VP ROTC Support, gave the ROTC Support Committee Report

Letters of Introduction/phone call follow-up pending. Larry plans to give a short speech at Commissioning reception to present ceremonial cake to the newly commissioned officers. Larry will introduce himself at a ROTC Oversight Committee meeting if he can fit it into his travel plans.

Judy Schuler gave the Treasurer’s Report

MITMAA Bank Account has been set up through Bank of America. Brendan is the back-up on the account and we have been issued debit cards. There is $65 in the account. Judy completed SmarTrans training (dues management). Proposed fundraiser: ROTC unit polo shirts sold via our website to raise money for the ROTC units. Need to contact cadre to work out details.