



THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Highlights...
Annual Meeting of The Associate Alumni of
The General Theological Seminary
Box Lunch 12:30 pm May 15, 2018
The Matthews Room

The Annual Meeting included the Alumni elected members to the Board of Trustees, the first joint meeting in recent times.

Alumni Executive Committee President Rita Steadman called the meeting to order and began with prayer.

She introduced AEC Board Members and Alumni elected members of the Board of Trustees.

President's Remarks: The AEC is updating how we gather and how we equip Alumni to lead in their ministries and relationship to the seminary.

The proposed revisions to the [1976 revised] Constitution and By-Laws [later adopted] enable electronic nominations and voting for all Alumni, and member participation on the AEC; lay graduates of the seminary are included among the Alumni. Membership Dues have been eliminated. The Constitution and By-Laws may be updated at any Annual Meeting with due notice.

The AEC coordinates with President and Dean Dunkle, Vice-President and Dean DeLashmutt, and hear from Vice-President and Controller Robert Elliot on a regular basis.

The AEC schedules meetings to coincide with multiple gatherings of alumni at Matriculation, the Paddock Lectures, and Commencement.

Continuing Education offerings from Alumni and noted scholars and preachers are offered to Alumni at these times.



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The AEC will be calling Seminary donors to thank them and ask for input.

The Distinguished Alumni Award 2018 was made to The Reverend Deacon Geraldine Swanson '08. We ask now for nominees for next year's award to a worker in the field, previously unrecognized, and for candidates for the AEC.

Dean Dunkle reviewed and praised the Regional Gatherings where General comes to you to communicate and engage in fruitful conversation.

Dean Dunkle spoke of Formation at General and the evaluating tool: Attentive and Not Attentive.

Dean Dunkle spoke about new and future degree programs: MA in Ministry that will replace the present certificates, and a Doctor of Ministry still in development. Both programs are individually tailored.

Challenges: Dean Dunkle cited the unwieldy size of the Seminary BOT (42). To change the size, a proposal must pass General Convention. The General Convention will be asked to approve a reduction of the BOT to 19-30, reducing GC representation from 6 to 3 and Alumni elected representation from 9 to 3 plus the present President of the AEC. With Board agreement that the current AEC President may postpone participation a year or appoint a substitute, the Associate Alumni approved the proposed changes.

Admissions come together at the last minute. General is meeting the challenge of a smaller pool of M.Div. students by increasing programs and outreach to lay seminarians.

Geoff Sasser, Community Council President gave a student perspective on life now at General. Students take the gifts of the past and are moving forward with passionate discussions around meals on both the



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changing Church and seminary. The Wisdom Year generates conversation on real life situations, challenges for future leaders.

Necrologist: Professor Corney told the AEC that 2018 would be his last year to serve. The Associate Alumni decided to invite this year's President of the Community Council to serve as Necrologist for the 2019 Memorial Eucharist.

President Steadman thanked both Community Council President Geoff Sasser and Professor Corney for serving. The Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Judith Greene, Secretary of the AEC