

AALU General Body Meeting Minutes

10/26/2024

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Opening prayer – Mike Canty

Standing rules review- Charisse Carney- Nunes

Agenda- Approved by general consent

Minutes- Approved by general consent

President's report- Charisse Carney- Nunes

See full report-

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Highlights:

- October Homecoming events- Alumni Breakfast.
- Virtual general body meeting with Dr. Allen.
- May – Hybrid meeting on Alumni reunion weekend.
- Alumni Council meetings- 3 per year, all virtual.
- Full reports can be accessed in Google meeting folder.
- AALU accomplishments- increase in confidence, fun, fundraising strength, considered a top donor and strategic partner with Lincoln University.
- Upcoming goals- establishing Affinity groups, maintaining strong traditions.
- See our new website and YouTube channel.

Golf Committee report- Charles Latta

- Golf tournament- July 21, 2025 at Deerfield Golf course in Newark, Delaware.
- Committee meetings will start next month.
- Email us at golftournament@aalupa.org

Lions in Paradise trip- Lesley Anderson

- Location- RIU Palace, Cancun Mexico
- Date- June 26-29, 2025
- Contact- Lesley J. Anderson

LU President's remarks- Dr. Brenda Allen

Concerns:

- Alumni Giving
- Nursing Program

Current state of LU:

- Lincoln has moved past immediate effects of Covid. Students are now more engaged.
- Lincoln will serve as an official polling place for the upcoming election.
- Food and music will be available at homecoming.
- Support is needed to help students register and vote.
- LU goal- to have the largest number of student voters.
- 10,000 people attended homecoming this year.
- LU raised over \$70,000 overall.
- Overall giving was down by 2.7%
- 514 alums gave last year.
- LU will work closer with alumni chapters to increase giving.
- Enrollment has declined slightly- LU will rethink growth and size.
- LU will increase private donor dollars.
- Enrollment should be driven by university mission.
- LU will establish a base budget that makes sense.
- Lincoln Society membership amount has changed from \$1000 to \$1854
- Alums encouraged to continue to give to Promise Fund.
- Students now able to enter Education program through the SACE program.
- SACE will now focus on preprofessional programs.
- Allied Health Care- New pathway to RN created- Partner with Westchester for a Masters degree
- Computer Science program- not enough resources. Industry now seeing growth in micro credentials.
- Dr. Allen and Charisse Carney- Nunes will meet for a one on one soon.

Board of Trustees report- Tiffany Harrison

See full report-

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Highlights:

- Enrollments goals.
- Increase state appropriations.
- Increase in board donations.
- Extending tuition remissions.
- Coming soon- new residence hall.
- Electrical vehicle charging.

Breakout rooms- Each alum was sent to a breakout room to describe one word about how you are feeling about the meeting.

Treasurer's report- Christopher Hill

- Savings account balance- \$22, 313.13
- Checking account balance-\$64,419.28
- Quickbooks in operation since November 2023
- IRS is having transmission issues.
- FY2022 taxes will be resubmitted.
- FY2023 -990 tax form has been prepared. Will be submitted by October 31, 2024.

Financial Secretary report- Rita McCaskill

- Golf tournament revenue- \$68,023.00
- Total expenses-\$53,183.99
- Net profit to LU-\$14,839.01
- AALU voted to donate \$10,160.99 to LU
- Grand total-\$25,000.00
- AALU presented LU with donation of \$25,000.00 at 2024 homecoming
- Chapter Give back challenge report: AALU will remit the following amounts to chapters.
 - BMC-\$150.00
 - Central Jersey-\$50.00
 - Coastal Virginia- \$50.00
 - DCMAC-\$ 250.00
 - Delaware-\$100.00
 - Greater Carolinas-\$200.00
 - Harrisburg-\$50.00
 - NYC Metro-\$200.00
 - Philadelphia-\$450.00
- Restitution status-paid this far \$22,291.58
- Restitution outstanding balance-\$20,957.81

Program Committee- Sandra Marigna Harmon

See full report- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-QTvvV5XnID7iMe0DOyC4HCc_EL-l1Fv/edit

- Professional Closet coming soon.
- Women's month event planning starting soon.
- LU move- in crew went well.
- Lions have arrived at LU- so far \$64,000 raised.
- New goal -\$80,000 for site development and &buy a brick campaign.

Membership committee- Eric Becoats

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AALU by the numbers:

- 1,069 members
- 668 active members
- Renewals for all due July 1
- Regional Directors will check- in with chapters this month.
- Dues can be paid through AALU website.
- Questions can be directed to membership@aalupa.org

Sunshine Committee- Cassandra Poe

See full report-

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vKtnrWg1w4lyi0xA6uA8LwOiqpq6ggri/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs>

12 sympathy cards to Lions

2 sympathy cards to Lion families

2 congratulations cards

2 AALU resolutions to family of fallen Lions

2 AALU letters of condolences

Nominations and Elections committee- Bonnie Bowser

See full report-

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See full slate-

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S2NgVwF78jj7Klzu8fyZwAVWikVAO3U/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs>

- Roundtable forum on leadership held in September.
- Received applications for all open officers.
- Current slate presented:
 - Alumni Trustees-
 - Steven Board'81
 - Michael Hancock'88
 - President: Eric Becoats'88
 - Vice President-
 - Bilal Key'14
 - Derek Manison'88
 - Secretary- Robin Hayles'89
 - Treasurer- Rita McCaskill'91
- Deadline to pay dues for voting- January 31, 2025
- Candidate forum-February 8, 2025

- Online Voting starts- February 24, 2025
- Online voting ends- March 15, 2025 (winners will be announced same day).
- Nominations taken from the floor- no candidates identified.
- Vote by all on slate- slated adopted by unanimous consent.

Constitution and Bylaws- Audrey Fields

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Recommendations:

- Add Financial Secretary as an elected member- approved by unanimous consent
- Add Assistant Treasurer as an appointed position- approved by unanimous consent
- Recognize Affinity group and allow members to run for offices in AALU- approved by unanimous consent
- Add Financial Secretary as a bonded officer- approved by unanimous consent.
- Life member and At Large member At Large will have direct contact with Regional Director-Approved by unanimous consent.
- Change number of officers to 12- approved by unanimous consent.
- 2 officers must sign all checks- approved by unanimous consent.
- Require the treasurer and financial Secretary to answer all pertinent questions and comments- approved by unanimous consent.
- Financial Secretary will be a member of Executive Committee- approved by unanimous consent.
- Treasurer to serve as the liaison for the external audit every 2 years- approved by unanimous consent.
- AALU may create Affinity groups and the Alumni Council will adopt the guidelines- approved by unanimous consent.
- Dissolutions- Transferring money to LU Foundation- requires courts to be involved in the process.

Announcement:

- Communications and Social media volunteers needed- See Charisse for more information.

Chapter reports:

Baltimore- Tamika Daniels

See full report-

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- 32 members
- Mixer after Morgan State vs Lincoln game.
- Cubs advisor distributed care packaged to all Baltimore cubs.
- Baltimore Sneaker Ball Gala- Nov 9, 2025.
- Bus trip in April to Sight and Sound theater.

Chester County- Carmen Lesesne

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- Jazz Awards brunch- March 22, 2025
- Established Judith AW Thomas Scholarship- oratorical competition- Nov 9, 2025- 17 interested participants so far.

Coastal Virginia- Ben Butcher

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- Save for the date – September 20, 2025 – Prayer breakfast

Greater Carolinas- Teresa Hoover

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- Supported Dr. Allen receiving NAACP award- chapter sent an ad in the souvenir journal.
- Chapter will be an active participant in CIAA activities and the golf tournament.
- 2025 event details coming soon.

New York Metro chapter- Renee Mintz

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- 23 -chapter members
- Harlem Renaissance classic- November 23, 2024- LU plays at 3pm. LU vs Molloy Univ at Manhattan University.

Philadelphia chapter- Edwina Coverson Barnes

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- Elected new officers
- 54-chapter members
- Upcoming events- Coat drive, Holiday social, and Tick Coleman Luncheon- April 19, 2025

Southern California chapter- Leslie Freeman

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- 40 -chapter members
- Holiday celebration brunch- December 1, 2024
- Oldest chapter member turns 100 years old- Reverend Glen

New Business:

- CIAA tournament coming soon- Each registrant will receive 1 ticket for the game and may purchase a 2nd ticket at ½ price.
- Alumni & Friends book club- Sunday at 2pm – reading Kindred. The next book featured in November will be “The Reformatory”.

- DCMAC announcements- Nov 9- Bowie State game, December 14 Holiday Party, Nov 4-Nov 18 scholarship fundraiser.

Closing Prayer- Mike Canty

Alma Mater- All

Meeting adjourned-12:09pm