

**NIU Alumni Association Meeting
14 November 2019
7-8 pm**

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Participants:

Christal Archibald, '14, President
Matthew Arbor, '16 Membership Chair
Tom Van Wagner, '94 NIU Liaison
Maria-Kristina Hayden, '16 New York Network
Kathy Coviello '01, Huntsville Network
David Southworth, '16 (Ohio)
John Garland, '12 (Seattle)
Porter Grant, III, '08 (Colorado)
Steve Venezia, '18 (San Antonio)
Jeff Kimmons, '78 NIUF Board Liaison

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SUMMARY: The first three events of FY20 held since last meeting have netted \$1,231. The NIUAA executive board welcomed several new participants in the call, namely: Porter Grant, John Garland, Steve Venezia, and David Southworth. Membership increased to 651, up 8 from the last report.
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Meeting Notes: President Christal Archibald '14 opened the meeting at 7pm by welcoming all participants on the line.

Approval of Minutes: The NIUAA Board unanimously approved the minutes from the 10 October 2019 meeting.

II. REPORTS

Budget Report– Tom Van Wagner '94 reported events have generated \$1,231 to date during FY20. Three events were held since the last meeting, the first since the start of the FY20. The Richard Kerr Author talk 28 October, which had a net expense of \$180 (\$415 registration – \$595 food and service = - \$180); the 3 November Homecoming sold out and resulted in a net revenue of \$1,411; and the 29 Oct Huntsville G2G was a no-host event.

Membership report – Matthew Arbor reported 8 new members this month, with membership now totaling 651. He is working to automate welcome letters so they easier to generate and send without excessive delays.

LinkedIn report – Up to 535 members.

Volunteer Report – No Report. Amber Abramowski is still looking for a Board Secretary. We now have a vacancy for VP – Mike Edgerton had to resign due to increased work conflicts.

Huntsville Network – Kathy Coviello '04 reported the G2G dinner on 29 October with Dr. Tom Freeman, a visiting NSA senior went well. Photos in the queue. Early December an Army Senior is coming in from Futures Command the week of 10 December; a NIUAA network event may occur, pending availability.

(Kathy also reported her unclassified paper on Intel Preparation of the Battlefield is to be published.)

New York Network: Marie Hayden '16 – Maria reported the inaugural networking event is slated for Wednesday, 20 November from 6:15 -8:30 at District Social in Midtown, and 5-7 are expected. Tom Van Wagner '94 is traveling up to represent NIU at the event.

David Southworth (Ohio Network) David joined the call for the first time. He termed himself a “serial networker” at NASIC. He asked if the NIUAA has a web presence on I-Space? Others on the call encouraged him to pioneer NIUAA on I-Space. He noted the NIU program at NASIC is small, and recent grads are scarce, so the network will be small-ish. Nothing planned in the short term.

Steve Venezie – '18. Joined the call for the first time. He volunteered to help out in any way he can.

John Garland – Seattle, Class of 2012, indicated he is looking forward to connecting up with people. Start with networking, move to an event down the line.

Texas Network: Hank Bailey reported by email that he has a Facebook group page established. He asked Mr. Van Wagner to help get the word out by adding the link to the next Campus Notes email message to alumni. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2390637374522124/>

Tampa Network: Nothing to Report.

Hampton Roads: Matthew Arbor reported he connected with LTC Rob Taber '12 at Fort Eustis in an effort to make steps forward. Nothing is planned in the short term, however.

Colorado Network: This is first meeting Porter Grant, III, attended. Porter is interested in finding out who is in the area. Can we data mine for people in Colorado? Tom Van Wagner and Matthew Arbor volunteered to assist in finding folks for the networks in each of the regions.

Northern VA Network: Tom Van Wagner reported the Richard Kerr Author talk had 15 attendees – there was plenty of food, and it was an excellent event which felt more like a G2G conversation than a book talk. Great networking from start to finish.

8th Annual NIU Homecoming Brunch—Tom Van Wagner reported the event sold out, with 85 registered and 75 attendees, the largest Homecoming to date. Christal did great job representing the AA, and alumna Annette Redmond's remarks were brilliant.

3 Dec G2G: With NIU's first 3-star Alumna, LTG Karen Gibson. Announcement is ready to send to AA membership now, will open up (benefit of membership) to others next week. Anticipate another sell out event.

III. BUSINESS:

A. Old Business: On-line Merchandise store. The on-line store now live. The address is www.NIUcampusstore.com NIU will start advertising it in the weeks ahead, just in time for the holiday shopping season.

B. New Business

Read Out: NIUF Board of Directors, Annual Fall Meeting, 30 October 2019 – Christal reported we had a 41% increase in memberships since October of last year. RADM Schneider was very complimentary of the effort, energy and results of the NIU AA. We are contributing money to NIUF, increasing members,

NIUF Board liaison Jeff Kimmons noted “Karen [LTG Karen Gibson ‘97] is a great, gritty professional and a perfect draw for the alumni event on 3 December.” He noted the AA is delivering more money than we used to request in our budget: Very impressive!! Mr. Kimmons also encouraged the NIUAA executive board to keep non-intelligence individuals who have attended NIU (like LTG DeLong) under consideration, referring specifically to the Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) program. The NIUAA executive board concurred, recognizing that the National Intelligence University will still serve the DoD community, even as it transitions to the ODNI to serve the U.S. Intelligence Community

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 December 2019 from 7-8 pm via conference call.

Close/Adjourn: President Christal Archibald ‘14 adjourned the meeting at 8PM.