

Metro State University
Alumni Association Board Meeting

January 30, 2024, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/94035175433>

Members attended by Zoom: Matt Christenson, Jim Houston, Deidra Isaac, Matt Moe, Bryan Newman, Scott Pilgram, Ryan Ringwelski, Eric Rios, Shahbaz Shah, Amanda Wong

Members not attending: Shanasha Whitson, Darrell Young

Staff attendees: Kristine Hansen, Rachel Hughes, Noriko Ramberg, Josh Windham

Amanda Wong convened the meeting. As an ice breaker activity, Ryan Ringwelski suggested that each Board member and staff share their silent hero of the month.

Approval of Committee Notes:

Board members reviewed the committee notes prior to the Board meeting. Motion to approve the committee notes moved by Wong, seconded by Jim Houston and Matt Christenson, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Micro-learning Topics:

As a follow-up to the last meeting's survey on one skill each board member can teach his/her fellow board members, Ringwelski will share the topic on "How to inspire people to get involved and its process" at the March board meeting. Ringwelski hopes to give the Board an opportunity to brainstorm effective ways to get students and alumni involved in university events through micro-learning.

Shahbaz Shah will share the topic of "Creating a 60-second presentation of who, what, and how you want to be introduced" at the May board meeting.

Week of Service Update:

The last week of March, 25th-29th, will be the Week of Service at Metro State. Josh Windham and organizing staff encourage our alumni, students, donors, and people in the community to get involved in service work. Some activities happening during the week are:

- Item Drive (specifically shampoos, soaps, and toilet paper) to support the Student Parent Center
- Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 26 at the New Main, Saint Paul Campus
- Student Parent Center Open House on Thursday, March 28, 1-3 p.m. at the Student Center 105
- Tour of the Food for Thought Food Pantry and Bookstore in the Student Center
- Volunteer opportunity on Saturday, March 30 at the Commencement Expo

The week coincides with the week of our next in-person board meeting. Alumni Board members are strongly encouraged to participate in the Week of Service activities to ensure board visibility in photos and promotional videos. More information, including the volunteer registration link, will be emailed to the Board.

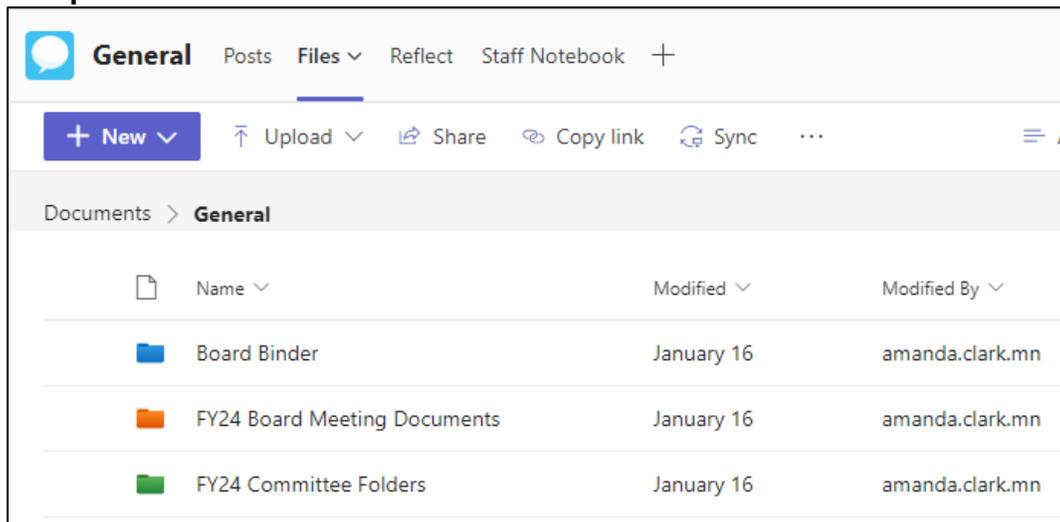
Breakfast at the Capitol Update:

- Friday, March 1, 9-10:30 a.m. at the Minnesota State Capitol, Conference Room 316
- The event will be hosted by Senator Sandy Pappas '86, who is the 2023 Alumna of the Year.
- The e-invitation with registration link is going out to alumni this week.

Alumni Board Happy Hour:

- Thursday, Feb. 22, possible location, Bar+Cart Lounge in Saint Paul
- The official invitation with location and time will be emailed.
- The Executive Committee plans to have a couple of additional Happy Hour gatherings this fiscal year on a different day of the week.

Teams Folder Update:



- This is the document depository for the Board-related work.
 - Board Binder—You will find things board-related such as board roster, volunteer sign-ups, committee agenda and notes templates, etc.
 - FY24 Board Meeting Documents—Documents used at each meeting are housed and can be viewed here.
 - FY24 Committee Folders—All the committee-related documents are housed here.

Other Business

- Friendly reminder to complete the skill assessment that Kristine Hansen emailed to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Noriko Ramberg, Office Coordinator