

## AMA Annual Meeting Minutes October 25, 2024

8:30 am	Continental Breakfast with Head Coaching Staff	The Forum, Innovation Lab
9:00 am	Panel Discussion: SAC Changes/Culture Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bentley Hart, Football, Junior, Hist</li> <li>• Anna Finley, Basketball, Junior, ME</li> <li>• Gabi Burgess, Basketball, Sop, Bus</li> <li>• Tyler Gioia, Football, Soph, Emgt</li> <li>• Susan Cochran, Asst Athletic Dir</li> <li>• Ryan Thompson, Head Men's VB Coach</li> <li>• Dr. Dave Westenberg, Faculty Athletics Rep</li> <li>• </li> </ul>	Melissa Ringhausen, moderator SAAC President SAAC Vice President SAAC Secretary SAAC Treasurer SAAC Advisor SAAC Advisor SAAC Advisor

There was an interesting and informative discussion surrounding all the activities that SAAC is involved in. Among the activities are their community service projects. SAAC works in collaboration with many other campus service groups to help support various local organizations. There is also a strong cultivation of engagement, connection, and relationship building between other athletic teams as well as the general student body and faculty. Bentley expressed an interest in trying to create an event to engage SAAC and AMA to encourage relationship growth between the groups, such as during Homecoming or HoF weekend.

10:20 am	Opening Remarks/Introductions/Icebreaker	David Vonarx, President
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We had a fun intro session sharing our nicknames from "the old days".

10:25 am	State of Athletics	Melissa Ringhausen
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Melissa gave a great overview of the state of athletics for this past year. S & T had 450 athletes participating in 17 sports, while earning an 'all sports' GPA of 3.53. Our Student Athletes had a 73% graduation rate compared to 62% for the general population. We also celebrated a record number of 294 GLVC Academic All Americans. She also shared that our softball team won its first conference championship along with sharing highlights from various other sports.

Melissa also shared about key areas regarding the AMA.

Areas of Focus:

- Engagement – creating more touch points with members for increased involvement.
- Dues- increase % of members that pay dues
- Project Support
- Prof. Life Skill Dev/AMA Scholarships
- Fundraising
  - 2 committees with different agendas

She also shared the financial challenges regarding the Athletic Department

1. Meeting the budget at the end of the year
2. Maintenance and replacing what we currently have, i.e. lights at AGB Stadium, soccer field, gators, ice machines...
3. After 1 & 2 are met, the new projects come in.

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12:00 pm      Lunch      Hasselmann Alumni House

1:30 pm      Regular Business

- Approval of Minutes      President  
John Borthwick motioned to accept the minutes with Laurie Behm seconding. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as written.

- Treasurer Report and Budget      Tanya Newkirk, Secretary-Treasurer

<b>Beginning Balance (7/1/23)</b>	<b>\$84,458.07</b>
Revenue:	
Kummer donation + match	\$252,000.00
Dues/donations + 5K from challenge	\$14,641.84
Covid funds moved out	<b>\$6,300.00</b>
In-Kind gifts/adj	\$226.29
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$260,568.13</b>
Expenses:	
Operating/annual meeting	\$7,814.41
Assessments	\$6,466.06
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,280.47</b>
<b>Ending Balance (6/30/24)</b>	<b>\$330,745.70</b>
<b>Balance through Oct. 2024</b>	<b>\$331,861.78</b>
Committed/pending transfers:	
Kummer	\$243,750.00
Athletic Dept Fund	\$10,000.00
Scholarships	\$2,000.00
Gift cards (awards)	\$400.00
<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>\$256,150.00</b>
<b>Ending Unencumbered Balance</b>	<b>\$74,595.70</b>

**Proposed Budget:**

Estimated Rev/Dues	\$10,000.00
Estimated Expenses (mtg + gen))	\$8,000.00
Proposed Spending:	
2 x \$1000 Scholarship	\$2,000.00
5 x \$100 SAAC Awards	\$500.00
Athletic Dept Support	\$10,000.00
Year End Revenue	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
Proposed Ending Balance	\$64,095.70

Brian Tepper made a motion to accept the budget and Diane Butrus seconded. The budget was approved.

Tim Schoenecker made a motion and Josh Sales seconded to allow reallocation of the \$243,750 to the following funds. The motion passed.

Baseball Development	\$198,900
Men's Golf Development	\$1,950
Mary Ortelee Scholarship Fund	\$3,900
Bailey Algood Stadium Main. (track resur.)	\$39,000

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- Committee Reports
    - Board of Directors President

Willie gave a report for the 10 BOD meetings which included 24/25 budget approval, \$10,000 allocation to the Athletic Dept that will be used toward resurfacing the track, scholarship awards to Isabella Welton and Gideon Niboh, as well as various social events to support Miner Athletics.
    - Membership President/Committee Chair
      - Willie reported that 6 new candidates were approved and confirmed by membership.
        - Class of 2024:
          - Brain Bradley-nominated by Melissa Ringhausen
          - Chris Dawson-nominated by Melissa Ringhausen
          - Mark Givens-nominated by Ron Hutchcraft
          - Stephen Jung-nominated by Jack Pennuto, Jr
          - Don Richards-nominated by Mark Mullin/Cecila Elmore (cannot attend 2024)
          - Gary Roebke-nominated by Brian Tepper
    - Nominations President/Committee Chair

The committee identified the following candidates for the AMA Board.

<u>SLATE</u>	
Past-President	David Vonarx
President	Brian Tepper
President-Elect	Diane Butrus
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Kandi Spraggs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Tanya Newkirk
Secretary/Treasurer	Jen Jansen

A motion was made by Tim Schoenecker and seconded by Laurie Behm to accept the slate presented. The slate of officers was accepted.
    - Other Standing Committee(s)
      - Life Skills Diane Butrus

Diane reported that this year's event had 38-40 students attend. There was great feedback given by the students afterward and it was another highly successful event. In planning for the coming year's event, Diane shared that the ideal number of AMA members to participate is 5. Susan and Diane will be reaching out to find interested members. Requirements include 2 preparatory calls in Feb and March as well as being able to attend the event in person.
- 3:00 pm      New Business
- Golf Tournament

Dave Belleville needs help in organizing this event. We would like to form a couple committees to help him. Diane requested having Dave send out an email that covers what is needed most.
  - Engagement/New Member Encouragement

Discussion was had concerning ways to get members connected and helping them stay involved in AMA. We will continue to work on touch points for members. One suggestion was an event at the CPKC (women's soccer).

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Tim Schoenecker suggested members look through the membership list and reach out to non-attending members prior to next year's meeting to encourage attendance. Tim Schoenecker and Josh Sales agreed to help work on this and the best way to accomplish it.

- Personal Finance Event  
Ron Rosner is chairing the committee (or is the committee) looking in to having a Personal Finance Engagement with student athletes.
- Social Media Chair  
Reach out to see if there is interest in this role.

Melissa shared her Strategic Plan for us to go over as we have time which has the itemized priorities for academic and athletic excellence as well as the strategic focus for capital improvements. She has been very busy this past year in hiring new coaches/positions. She has filled 10/12 positions and is working hard to help them be successful. She also shared her needs list for members to consider which she will also send out in an email.

3:30 pm

Adjournment

President

Brian Tepper presented Willie with a plaque for his service as President. The gavel was officially passed to Brian Tepper as our new President.

The meeting was adjourned by Brian Tepper at 3:10.