The May 14, 2019 CUAA Council meeting was held at 41 Cooper Square Room LL101. 21 alumni, students and staff attended in person, 11 participated via phone, and 44 people viewed the Livestream video.

President Paul Nikulin CE’06 opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Cristina Ross AR’81 made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Mina Greenstein A’56 seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

CUAA President, Paul Nikulin CE’06 reemphasized the importance of alumni donations, including increasing the number of alumni donors. He announced that while overall fundraising for the fiscal year is on target, we need approximately 1000 additional alumni to donate before June 30th, in order to make our alumni participation target. The last hour of tonight’s meeting time will be used for making personalized appeals.

Paul Nikulin said that the CUAA Award Winners were announced at the Founder’s Day Reception in The 41 Cooper Square Gallery, but he would like to announce them again. Meredith Bergmann A’77 will receive the Augustus Saint-Gaudens Award. Marisa Lago Phy’77 will receive the Gano DunnAward**.** Joan Ockman AR’80 will receive the John Q. Hejduk Award and Lyn Pentecost A’70 will receive the Peter Cooper Public Service Award. Robert Tan AR’81 will receive the Alumni of the Year Award for his many years of service to the CUAA, The Cooper Union, and the Board of Trustees. All five will be honored during the CUAA Awards Night on Thursday, May 30th.

Paul Nikulin than spoke about the upcoming 2019 Reunion events. This Reunion celebrates the 160th birthday for the school and is open to alumni of any class year. Paul asked everyone to help publicize both CUAA Awards Night and the Reunion Weekend.

Next there was an announcement of the Spring Election results. They are:

 Total Number of Votes: 714

 Number of Alumni Votes: 710

 Number of Senior Student Votes: 4

**President:**  Margaret Matz AR’83

**Alumni Trustees:** Aftab Hussain ME’97; Elizabeth Graziolo, AR’95

**Secretary:**  Mary K. Lynch ChE ’82

**Treasurer:**  Daniel Burke ChE ’81

**Vice President Faculty-Student Liaison:** Mark O’Grady A’76

**Vice President of Alumni Activities:**  Kelly Occhiuzzo Zack A’90

**Nominating Committee Chair:**  Kay Nordstrom ME’77

**New Council Members:** Mark A. Vasquez ME’88, Laura Spinner A’89, Mina Greenstein, A’56, Anthony Manganiello CE’06, Nanwei Chen CE’13, Curtis B. Wayne AR ’75, Genevieve Martin A’11, Robert Kudder CE’67, Henry Chapman A’10, Mersiha Veledar AR’03, Scott Wilson A’76, Dennis Kong IDE’08,

 **New Council Member Alternates:** Sim Blaustein, ME’99, M’Liz Keefe A’85, Josiah Ellis A’15

**2020 Nominating Committee:** Kay Nordstrom ME’77 (Chair), Darrell Low EE’89, Laura Spinner A’89, Susan Shaw A’72, Daniel Burke ChE’81, Claudia Giordano A’76, Lily Zand AR’88, Scott Lyne ChE’92, Jennifer Collins A’93, James Liubicich ChE’83

Paul Nikulin noted that the 2 newly elected alumni trustees will begin their terms on the Board of Trustees when openings come up. One opening may come up this summer if new non-alumni trustees are added to the board, and an opening will arise in December when one of the existing alumni trustees finishes his term. The meeting was adjourned early to provide time for council members to do phone and email outreach to fellow alumni in support of the end of year fundraising effort.

**Committee Updates**

Laura Spinner A’96, Chair of the Awards Committee, and Mary Lynch ChE’82, CUAA Secretary, gave a little background on the Cooper Union Hall of Fame and showed the slide presentation shown at the opening of the previous CUAA Award Ceremony. Laura then spoke about plans for the upcoming ceremony. The goal is to sell 150 tickets. Tickets include a cocktail party on the roof following the ceremony. There will be “Pass a Rounds,” wine and beer. Paul Nikulin urged all Council Members to attend. He announced that all Board of Trustee Members that are local are expected to attend.

Scott Lyne ChE’92 asked if there is an update from the MOA Committee. Paul Nikulin replied that the committee has incorporated the responses gathered at the previous council meeting. The next step will be sharing the proposed document with Rachel Warren.

Mark A. Vasquez ME’88 made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mina Greenstein A’56. The business portion of the meeting ended at 7:59 PM. It was followed by a working session where members received lists of fellow alumni to contact as part of the CUAA Peer-to-Peer fundraising effort.

Minutes taken by Mary Lynch, CUAA Secretary