

Many thanks to those alumni who were able to participate in our Annual Membership meeting on May 20, 2020. A special thanks to those Alumni Board members and others who made special presentations on behalf of the Alumni Association. Please find enclosed a draft report of the meeting notes.

As highlighted at the meeting, the Alumni Association has made and is making progress on meeting the **\$100,000 Buttrick Challenge**, but we still have some way to go to raise the \$100,000 needed to meet this incredible opportunity. **The deadline is December 31, 2020.** Please see the meeting report for further details. Also, please find included a form for use in donating to the Buttrick Challenge. You may also donate using the **DONATE** button found on the Alumni website at: vsaalumni.org When donating online, please note that the donation is for the Buttrick Challenge or simply Buttrick. In these difficult times for our country, we appreciate your consideration, support, and investment in our efforts to establish an endowment fund to support the future students of the VSA Summer Schools.

Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools

Draft Annual Meeting Notes

May 20, 2020 via tele/web Conference Call

1. David Lamdin reported that pursuant to the Alumni Bylaws, Jeanne Solenski, Correspondence Secretary, sent a Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting to all active members by email and he sent to 8 members without an email address by USPS on May 10, 2020. Also, he noted that a Quorum was present to conduct business.
2. John Simonelli motioned that the Notes of 2019 meeting be approved as written. Second by Kevin Rose. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Old Business....none
4. Sara Durkacs, Membership Secretary, reported that there were 206 Households + 50 = 266 Total active membership

5. John Martine, Board Member, reported that the Lisbon tour was sold out with 34 travelers and was still on but that a final decision would be made in June in order to give folks time to purchase plane tickets.

6. James Russiello, Social Media Chair, reported that Victorian Society in America's Instagram has 1,200 posts and 1167 followers. As of 2018, it is shared now with the national VSA and, as of April 2020, it is shared with the VSA Summer School Committee. The admins are James Russiello, Cindy Casey, and Anne Mallek. These are fantastic numbers. The Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools 1 Facebook Page, which was created on May 30, 2013, has 266 people like it, and 276 following it. The admins are James Russiello, Richard Guy Wilson, and David A. Lamdin, and Anne Mallek is an editor for the page. These aren't great numbers, but likely diminished since we don't create much content and all VSA news goes out through the national VSA Facebook page.

7. David Lamdin, Acting Treasurer, reported that as of 12/31/2019, the Alumni Assoc had a balance of \$121,701 with \$54,455 of that total being for the Buttrick Challenge.

8. Cindy Casey reported on the Buttrick Challenge. Through April 15, 2020, the Alumni Association has raised \$57,355 which will be matched by Jim. We have received pledges of additional support to help meet the challenge grant. We purchased a CD for \$45,000 to be earning some interest on that money until the end of 2020 when the campaign ends. We got a 7month CD with a 2.1% interest rate. We have received donations from 55 individuals as well as one donation from the Metropolitan Washington, DC Chapter. Many thanks to Sue Verzella and Sara Durkacs for helping to keep track of donations. Cindy noted that the Buttrick Challenge runs through 12/31/2020 and that donations, which must be received by 12/31/2020, are still needed to help us reach the \$100,000 goal.

9. David Lamdin, President, reported that the Alumni Association supported recruitment events in San Francisco and New York City as well as events for Summer Schools students in Newport and London. The president of the Alumni Association attended the VSA Board meeting in Washington, DC and the Summer School Committee (SSC) meeting in NYC. The Alumni Assoc conducted a very successful Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on May 24, 2019 with about two dozen members in attendance. In 2019, the Alumni Association continued with the digital eNewsletter replacing the paper Annual Newsletter. Great savings have been achieved by eliminating the need to purchase graphic design work, printing, and postal mailing. The eNewsletter is sent to some 750 current and former members of the Alumni Association, VSA Board members, and SSC members. The Alumni Board approved an increase in the expected donation amount for Alumni trips from \$300 to \$400. With no need for donations for 2020 scholarships, the Alumni Board decided that to help offset the losses as a result of the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Schools, it was in keeping with the mission of the Alumni Association to support the maintenance of the schools in addition to the funding of scholarships. Accordingly, the Alumni Board authorized a donation of \$16,000 to the VSA to help with the expected fixed cost of the 2020 schools. (In January 2019, the Alumni Board approved a donation of \$23,000 to the VSA for 2019 Summer School scholarships.)

9. Sergei Troubetzkoy offered a motion to accept all reports as delivered. The motion was seconded by Ian Berke. The motion passed unanimously.

10. There was no New Business.

11. There was a unanimous motion to adjourn which was approved unanimously.



Victoria Young (London 1994 and Newport 1995), former co-chair of the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools, was recently elected president of the **Society of Architectural Historians**.

Photo from the SAH website.



William Cullum (2014 London and 2015 Chicago) member of the Alumni Association Board, was recently featured in an **Architectural Digest Pro's** Mother's Day tribute. *Photo from William's Facebook page.*

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DONORS

The Alumni Association would not exist without the support of all our members. THANK YOU! Donations above the basic membership level enable us to continue to provide substantial funds for scholarships. We list below and acknowledge those members at the Supporter level and above for their generosity. We also give special thanks to those members and friends who have made donations in support of specific scholarships and to our Jim Buttrick Challenge grant. Your support is much appreciated!

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Heritage Society

The Heritage Society of the Alumni Association was established to allow the Alumni Association to recognize those who have made thoughtful provisions in their planned giving documents, wills, trust, and bequests. These provisions will help to ensure that the Alumni Association will continue to have the resources necessary to fulfill its missions in support of the VSA.

We are extremely grateful to the following members and friends who so thoughtfully and generously included the Alumni Association in their wills or trusts. Their gifts will make a lasting difference to deserving scholars for years to come.

John C. Freed, a longtime VSA and Alumni Association supporter made provisions for a \$10,000 bequest to the Alumni Association in memory of his partner, **Paul Duchscherer**.

Paul Duchscherer very thoughtfully made provisions in his trust for a \$10,000 bequest to the Alumni Association as well as designating the Alumni Association as the beneficiary of all future royalties from his many books and other publications.

The Bob and Carole Chapman Fund very generously awarded a grant of \$10,000 to the Alumni Association Chapter in memory of **Carole Chapman**.

Darrell Lemke & Maryellen Trautman

Including the Alumni Association in your estate plans is an effortless way to support the Schools. Please consider this sample language:

I give and devise to the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools all (or state percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

If you are interested in and require further details about including the Alumni Association in your will or trust, please contact President David Lamdin at (703) 243-2350 or at dalamdin@aol.com.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of the VICTORIAN SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOLS

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As a supporter of the VSA, you understand the importance that the Schools have played in the lives of those fortunate enough to attend. Students consistently report on how the schools have enriched their lives with the connections made, the first-rate lecturers, and a broadened appreciation of the built environment. The Endowment Fund will provide an ongoing income stream to make the Summer Schools stronger and be our legacy for future Victorians. Please consider a generous contribution.

For additional information contact: David Lamdin 703-243-2350

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Prof. Richard Guy Wilson with students at the Newport Summer School

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Kerri Rubman (London 2011 and Chicago 2018) has alerted us to some other programs which might be of interest to our Alumni members.

Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms online lectures (which have been outstanding!):

<http://www.stickleymuseum.org/programs/online-classes.html>

And some other online options, c/o the Arts and Crafts Collector online newsletter)

<https://www.artsandcraftscollector.com/news-article/virtual-tours-exhibitions-and-a-study-in-ceramics-virtual-events-coming-up/>

Best wishes for a healthy and happy good old summertime 2020!



The Alumni Association is extremely grateful to the following Victorian Society in America (VSA) donors, Victorian Society Chapters, and others who so generously supported the Summer Schools through their very generous donations to The Victorian Society specifically for the Schools.

Warren Ashworth
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