

Greetings from the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools!

As required by our bylaws, please find included a notice of our Annual Meeting which will be held virtually on **Wednesday, November 16th starting at 6:00pm** Eastern Time via Zoom in connection with the VSA Annual meeting. Connection details will be provided later.

Also included is a draft Agenda for the meeting and some written reports. Please review these documents in advance and be prepared to ask any questions.

If you have not yet done so, please remember to renew your membership in the Alumni Association. Go to [vsaalumni.org](http://vsaalumni.org) to renew.

David Lamdin  
President

# **NOTICE**

## 2022 Annual Meeting of The Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools



**WHAT:** Annual Meeting as required by our bylaws

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00pm**

**WHERE:** on Zoom

Contact: David Lamdin at  
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At the day and time of the meeting, you can join by following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176019340?pwd=ZXBu-aTZJbTU2QnFRUzVjWVFpcEhMZz09>

You may phone in by calling 1-929-205-6099, or find your local number here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176019340?pwd=ZXBu-aTZJbTU2QnFRUzVjWVFpcEhMZz09>

When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 871 7601 9340 and Password: 048415

## **Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools**

### **Annual Meeting Draft Agenda November 16, 2022 on Zoom**

1. Correspondence Secretary Jeanne Solensky calls the meeting to order and certifies that a quorum is present. The Alumni members present at the meeting constitutes a quorum per the bylaws.
2. Dispense with reading the minutes (attached) of the May 5, 2021 meeting since they were distributed to all members before the meeting. Questions/Comments? MOTION to approve. VOTE

Reports: (one motion to accept all reports at the conclusion)

3. Membership Secretary Sara Durkacs: membership report. Q/A
4. Study Tour Director John Martine: Update on Portugal trip. Q/A
5. James Russiello: Social Media Report. Q/A
6. Treasurer's Report: James Russiello.. Q/A
7. Finance Committee Report Jim Buttrick. Q/A
7. President's Report: David Lamdin. Q/A
8. Questions/Comments? MOTION to Adjourn

## **Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools**

### **Annual Meeting Notes**

**May 5, 2021 on Zoom**

The Alumni members present at the meeting constituted a quorum per the bylaws. The minutes of the 2020 meeting were approved. Reports from Membership, Study Tour, Social Media, Treasurer, Finance, and the President were received and approved. The Nominating Committee reported out the nominees for the open officer and board member positions. A new Board of Directors was elected for the period 2022 through 2024. The new Board includes David Lamdin (President) Robert Chapman (Vice President) Sara Durkacs (Membership Secretary) Jeanne Solensky (Corresponding Sec) James Russiello (Treasurer) Richard Brandi (Director) Travis Brock Kennedy (Director) John Martine (Director) Elizabeth Ann Milnarik (Director) William Cullum (Director). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Sara Durkacs**, Membership Secretary, reports that the Alumni Association has 217 Households registered as dues-paying Alumni bringing our total to 256 members. The Association offered \$25 hardship "COVID-19" membership dues and 85 Alumni renewed at this level. The 2023 renewal campaign will appeal to current and recently lapsed members (1/1/2018 through 1/1/2023) by direct mail and email (approximately 400 records).

2022: 217 Households + 39 = 256 Total memberships

2021: 185 Households + 49 = 234 Total memberships

2020: 206 Households + 50 = 266 Total membership

2019: 177 Households + 57 = 234 Total membership

2018: 147 Households + 53 = 200 Total membership

**John Martine**, the Alumni Study Tour Director, reports that the Study Tour to Portugal is on the calendar for 8-19 March 2023 with a full contingent of 30 attending with a few additional on the Waiting List. Since so much time has passed since my initial planning visit in the Fall of 2019 and with subsequent starts and stops due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, I will be making a quick trip to Lisbon, 9-16 November 2022 to meet up with Hannah Sigur and others to firm up schedule and details. As far as future trips are concerned, stay posted. It will be important to get this long-awaited Lisbon Tour accomplished first.

The Pittsburgh Checking Account has a balance of \$39,000.

**James Russiello**, the Social Media Chair, reports that the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools 1 (the "AA FB page") retains 286 likes and 297 followers. Between May 18 and May 23, David Lamdin published 19 posts containing photos from the Denver study trip. David published a 20th post on May 24 celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday. Linked posts by Anne Malleck were published simultaneously on the VSA national FB page, the AA page, and the VicSocAmerica Instagram Account, which is shared between the AA and the VSA national. These included the daily summer school photo posts from June 5 through July 10 for Newport, Chicago, and London, and from the 2nd Take a Seat Fall Lecture series.

On June 5 (start of the Newport Summer School), June 17 (start of the Chicago Summer School), and June 26 (start of the London Summer School), the AA page posted a series of posts with up to 14 photos each from each day of the summer schools.

Recently on Oct 27, the AA page has started to post weekly advertisements for upcoming virtual lectures on Zoom that are part of the summer school's Take a Seat lecture series. Due to the combined posting referring to links (Instagram posts do not activate links), the VicSocAmerica Instagram account was suspended on October 31, 2022 because the account posting did not follow Community Guidelines. This appears to be caused by the Instagram account's use of the national email account. There are 30 days to disagree with the decision, which appear to have occurred due to the combined posting, and I have started that process.

<b>VSA ALUMNI ASSOC Main &amp; Pitts Acts Inc/Exp 10/31/2021</b>				
	<b>Main</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>Pitts</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Balance 1/1/2022	<b>61,019.17</b>	<b>227,509.00</b>	<b>45,330.00</b>	333,858.17
<b>2022 INCOME</b>				
Membership Dues	5,479.92			
Donations to our AA Scholarship Funds	331.80			
Events (Lisbon Tour Deposits)				
Investment		353.00		
Donations		350.00		
<b>10/31/2022 TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,811.72</b>	<b>703.00</b>		<b>6,514.72</b>
<b>2022 EXPENSES</b>				
Membership solicitation	76.20			
Gnosis Membership Software	1,139.92			
Member communications				
Website Maintenance				
Donations: VSA Annual Chapter Dues	100.00			
Bank Charges	35.67			
Summer Schools Receptions	750.00			
Summer Schools Scholarships	21,600.00			
Portugal trip			6,330.00	
<b>10/31/2022 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>23,701.79</b>		<b>6,330.00</b>	
<b>10/31/2022 NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>-17,890.07</b>		<b>-6,300.00</b>	
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE 10/31/2021</b>	<b>43,129.10</b>	<b>186,503.00</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>	<b>268,632.10</b>
<b>(BOTH BANK BALANCES)</b>				
End of 2012				35,273.00
End of 2013			20,507.00	39,250.00
End of 2014			38,352.00	58,952.00
End of year 2015				42,481.00
End of year 2016	18,809.60		42,364.00	61,173.60
End of year 2017	33,090.14		17,364.00	50,454.14
End of year 2018	49,691.97		30,340.00	80,031.97
End of year 2019	108,791.00		12,910.00	121,701.00
End of year 2020	152,189.00		46,580.00	198,769.00
End of year 2021 (Main & Endowment)	288,528.17		45,330.00	333,858.17
Balance 10/31/2022	43,129.10	186,503.00	39,000.00	268,632.10
Tangible assets ..... laptop and software Purchased 1/25/2018 for \$459 plus tax and shipping charges				
<b>NOTE: Pittsburgh is holding on account \$39,000 in funds designated for traveler expenses for the Portugal Study Tour.</b>				
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David Lamdin President's Report:

## VSA Alumni Association Report of 2022 Activities

There were no recruitment events in 2022. With the return of the Summer Schools in 2022, the Alumni Association renewed its practice of sponsoring a reception for the Summer Schools students. We sponsored a reception at the Glessner House for the Chicago students. For the London students, we sponsored a reception hosted by the Director of the London Victorian Society. The Newport reception was graciously hosted by Pauline Metcalf. The Alumni Association was pleased to be able to provide \$21,600 for scholarships to 2022 Summer School students.

The Alumni Association published seven eNewsletters in 2022. These well received digital newsletters continue to provide an effective and inexpensive means of informing our members of items of interest to the Alumni.

Many members of the Alumni Association participated in, supported, and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent video lectures presented by the VSA in 2022.

At the 2021 Annual Meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected for the period 2022 through 2024. The Alumni Association very much appreciates the efforts of its officers and directors whose efforts enable the Alumni Association to be an entirely volunteer organization.

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IN THE NEWS



Residents of NYC's leafy East 69th Street spanning First and Second Avenues were treated to a deep dive of their block's history during a walking tour on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The tour was conducted by architectural historians and preservationists **James Russiello** (Newport 2012 and London 2013) and **Marianne R. Hurley** (Newport 1993) of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.



## The Heritage Society of the Alumni Association

**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** made provisions for a bequest to the Alumni Association

The Officers and board members of the Alumni Association are extremely grateful to all alumni who help support our mission. We offer our special thanks to those listed below who made additional contributions—above and beyond their membership dues—to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

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#### **BENEFACTOR** (\$500 and above)

Robert Chapman and Florence Sinofsky  
Hank Dunlop  
Nancy and Fred Golden  
David Lamdin  
Pauline C. Metcalf for sponsorship of the 2022 Alumni  
Reception for the Newport Summer School  
Kristine Steensma  
Linda Weld

#### **SPONSORS** (\$250–\$300)

Lamar Lentz  
John Martine AIA

#### **SUPPORTERS** (\$100–\$125)

Susan Appel  
William Ayres and Federico Suro  
Marion Banks-Lawless  
Suzi Barbee  
Ian and Margaret Berke  
Edward Bosley

Gray Brechin  
Constance Casey  
Suzanne and Larry Cavazos  
Mary Findlay  
Vivian B. Fisher  
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Darrell Lemke and Maryellen Trautman  
Stephen Byrd and Jill Lord  
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Kenneth Turino and Christopher Mathias  
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Frederic Vidal  
Kristina Wilson and David Geist

**Contributions to the Endowment Fund In Memory of Jeff Sholeen**

Fred and Nancy Golden  
David Lamdin

**GWEN KOCH MEMORIAL NEWPORT SCHOLARSHIP**

Sheila and Charles Donahue  
Duane Myers

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**Endorsed by Sibyl McCormac Groff & John Matine**

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Cynthia Sanford  
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Richard Guy Wilson

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John Martine AIA  
Gina Santucci  
Jeanne Solensky  
Darrell Lemke and Maryellen Trautman



**CHICAGO SCHOOL**  
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Robert Chapman and Florence Sinofsky  
Mary Findlay  
Nancy and Fred Golden  
Yorkman Lowe  
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