

Arcola Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2013

The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors met at the home of Dr. Robert Arrol at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, February 11th. Robert Arrol, John Fishel, Kris Graves, Kendall Moore, Brad Pullen, Randy Rothrock, Judy Thomas and Sue Stout attended the meeting. Webmaster Andy Walton joined the meeting from Florida via Skype and led discussion of his plans to recognize military veterans who attended and/or graduated from Arcola High School. Board members provided their answers to Walton's questions concerning eligibility, nomination/verification process, publicity and information to be collected for each veteran. Members agreed to provide Walton with names to initiate his list of alumni veterans who will be honored on our website. Walton will proceed with his plans and will also contact Emily Coombe in order to coordinate his efforts with the current veteran recognition program at the high school.

President John Fishel opened the business meeting. The minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting were previously emailed to members and were accepted as presented. Pullen reported a \$2,873.78 balance in the alumni association checking account. He also noted this balance included a \$500.00 donation from the AHS Class of '62. Arrol reported our pass-through account with the Arcola Foundation exceeds \$5,000.00.

Fishel received the board's permission to continue our advertising in the newspaper and sports programs for the 2013-2014 school year. Pullen will pay the \$200.00 fee to Arcola Record-Herald.

Stout suggested our board organize and lead a service project to clean the school's bleachers later in the year. Graves received the board's permission to promote a cheerleading event on our website.

Much discussion was given to plans for the April 13th Distinguished Alumni Banquet to be held at Kaskaskia Country Club. The selection committee met on January 12th and chose the following as the charter class of Arcola Distinguished Alumni: Modesta Scott (1919), Eunice Collins Sourla (1927), Robert C. Coombe (1933), Thomas Blagg (1938), Robert Pullen (1938), Phil Wesch (1947), Carol Pullen (1949), Byron Bradford (1956), Dee Lindenmeyer (1956), Robert N. Arrol, M.D. (1957) and Nancie King Mertz (1970).

Rothrock and Stout are conducting research and preparing biographical information for each honored alumnus. The Arcola Record-Herald will publish a special section to honor all eleven distinguished alumni on April 4th. Andy Walton is preparing a PowerPoint to honor the alumni during the banquet. Nancy Rairden, Kris Graves, Kendall Moore, Marla Bradford, Lynn Klopffleisch, Maria Climaco, Cindi Rothrock and the Douglas Co. Museum Assn. are scanning photos to be used in Walton's PowerPoint.

The AHS 50-year graduating class (1963) and the 25-year graduating class (1988) will be recognized during the banquet. Billiejean (Arthur) Clark and Kerri Jo (Arrol) Taylor will contact their class members after we receive menu and dinner pricing from the Kaskaskia Country Club. Thomas will coordinate reservations for the banquet.

Board members agreed to use our funds to pay for two dinners for each honored guest, dinners for Chris and Cindy Slack and for the program booklets printed by the Slacks. Stout is researching the cost of a plaque and an additional commemorative gift for each honored alumnus.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Stout, Recording Secretary