



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UPDATE
to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees
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UI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

The UI Alumni Association is in the process of launching a search for the President of the organization. Board member Bill Forsyth is serving as the search committee chair. Other search committee members include Interim President & CEO Andrea Ballinger, several members of the Board representing all three Universities and a staff member from University Administration. The position will be posted as soon as the contract with an external search firm is finalized.

UI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The UI Alumni Association Board of Directors will meet January 13 in Urbana. President Tim Killeen, Illinois Chancellor Robert Jones, UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis, UIS Chancellor Susan Koch and UI Foundation President & CEO Jim Moore will attend. The Board plans to have a discussion about the future role of the UI Alumni Association and how it can best support the University System, each of the three Universities and alumni. Illinois alumni Michael Haring and Debbie Roberts have recently been appointed to the UI Alumni Association Board of Directors.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDATIONS

The function of recommending candidates for the University of Illinois Board of Trustees to the Governor is important to the Alumni Association, and is handled with the greatest care, integrity and confidentiality. The Trustee Recommendation Committee – chaired by UI Alumni Association Immediate Past Chairman Mark Filip – has submitted its recommendation of Trustee candidates to Governor Rauner. The committee does not take a position on incumbent Trustees, nor will it recommend current members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

The Advocacy Consortium of Illinois Public Alumni Associations met December 16. Discussion topics included higher education priorities for the next legislative session, the next call to action and campaign to heighten awareness about the need for state funding for higher education, and advocacy tools that are available, including an interactive legislative map that was designed by the UI Alumni Association. The group plans to reconvene January 20 to discuss expanding on a collective higher education legislative advocacy strategy.

The UI Alumni Association and the University of Illinois hosted an informational meeting in Washington, D.C. on January 4 about the formation of an advisory group of alumni who work on Capitol Hill. The intent is that the Hill Alumni Advisory Group will provide a direct line of communication among the Alumni Association, the University of Illinois and Congressional staff who are University of Illinois alumni. This group will provide input on the development and execution of federal advocacy initiatives, and University legislative events, activities and initiatives in the Washington D.C. area.