

**The Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries and  
Treasurers**



**AHCCS&T 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Business Meeting**

Brad Paraszczak '11, AHCCS&T President, called the meeting to order. We approved the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes.

Brad offered special thanks to the Executive Committee, whose members are listed below:

**President:** Brad Paraszczak '11  
**Secretary:** April Edrington '91  
**Treasurer:** Debra Graham '88  
**Honorary Chair:** Peter Manasantivongs '99

**Executive Committee:** *Above officers with:*  
Michelle Dimino '14, Committee Member  
John Henn '64, Committee Member  
Arthur Karell '01, Committee Member  
Rod Kessler '71, Committee Member  
Nina Srivastava '18, Committee Member

**Ex Officio:**  
Tom Quirk '74, College Appointed Director representing AHCCS&T  
Sarah Karmon, Executive Director, HAA  
Kristen DeAmicis, Senior Director, College Alumni Programs, HAA  
Lily Gillespie, Director, Reunions & Classes, HAA

We observed a moment of silence for the following recently deceased members of the association:

- Ann Brodell Ward '49, Treasurer
- David Silverman '53, Secretary

We also welcomed the following new AHCCS&T members:

- Louise Gessel '75, Treasurer (Radcliffe)
- Corbin Lubianski '24, Treasurer

- Audrey Vanderslice '24 Secretary

### *Treasurer's Report*

Debra Graham '88 delivered the Treasurer's Report. Debra shared that the AHCCS&T no longer has a treasury, as the HAA covers the cost of the Annual Meeting. Additionally, she highlighted the value of the Partnered Treasury Program, in which 55 classes currently participate. She encouraged any classes that still have external treasuries to consider coming internal for the following reasons:

- Treasurers maintain their authority to decide how class funds are spent
- Treasurers no longer have to be responsible for tax filings
- The HAA manages the payment of any bills you may incur from your treasury for pre-reunion or non-reunion year events
- The HAA can provide more support for classes who want to host pre-reunion or off-cycle events
- Creates continuity in access to the funds should a treasurer no longer be able to serve in the role

If a class isn't going to bring their treasury internal, she asked that those treasurers include in their annual treasurer's report to HAA the name of a successor treasurer and the name of a co-signatory on your bank account. Interested classes can visit the Officer's Lounge for more information on the program.

### *Mission Statement*

Brad shared the proposed mission statement for AHCCS&T. There were some minor proposed changes, so the Executive Committee will adapt the statement and re-share it for ratification by the AHCCS&T membership. The goal in creating this mission statement is to better define the work of the Association:

The mission of the Association of Harvard College Class Secretaries & Treasurers is to foster communities of Harvard alumni by educating and supporting class secretaries and treasurers on growing class engagement, promoting inclusivity and belonging, and sharing information and resources for the benefit of the classes they represent and the University as a whole.

Brad opened the floor to new business. No new business was raised, and the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

### **University Update**

We then heard a University update from Sarah Karmon, Harvard Alumni Association Executive Director and Associate Vice President. Sarah spoke to the climate on campus and positive steps

the University is taking to address some of the issues that were laid bare given the events of the last six months.

### **Student Introduction**

Sarah introduced and spoke with two of our student leaders from the senior class, Ailie Johnson ST '24 (College Director) and Corbin Lubianski ST '24 (Secretary).

### **Keynote Conversation**

Pete Manasantivongs '99 (S) moderated a conversation between his classmates Molly Hennessy-Fiske '99, *Washington Post* Reporter, and Cillín Perera '99. This wide-ranging and thoughtful discussion included disinformation vs. misinformation, assessing the veracity of news and art, and the future of language.