The quarterly meeting for the NCCCAA Board convened in the conference room at the Ottawa Campus on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Board members present were Craig Reaves, Sharon Reaves, Dwight Smith, Shelli Mirocke, Mike Sutcliffe, Brad Johnson, and Sarah Smith, Alumni Relations. President Mike Sutcliffe called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the approval of the agenda and of the minutes. The agenda was approved and the minutes were also approved after it was pointed out that Brenda Rowe was present at the last meeting. Shelli Mirocke gave the treasurer’s report. She stated that since July 1, 2011 the Alumni Board has spent a total of $2,378.28 dollars. The College Foundation has covered all of the expenses.

The next topic was old business. The first item regarded a list of potential ideas for the spring issue of the Panther Tracks. The first idea suggested advertising for the forthcoming (May 16-21) alumni trip. To date a total of approximately twelve have signed up. The trip will take them on tour of Washington DC and New York City. The next idea suggested an article over the recent Alumni weekend. Another article would discuss and show pictures over the ongoing college improvement projects. The fourth idea was over Mike’s column where he would give some brief news regarding the college, the Alumni Board’s activities, and perhaps his opinions. The final idea pertained to a list of the recent college graduates. The second old business item was an evaluation over the Alumni weekend. A quick discussion ensued over this and the consensus was that it went over well. The Board members that were there felt that overall the attendees (about 75 for the boil) had a good time. Nevertheless there were a few problems. Though tours were planned none were needed. This was probably due to past tours on recent events. The numbers for the golf tournament, boil and expo were lower than projected due to some no shows. It was mentioned that some people who would like to have played in the tournament thought that they had to be an alumni and thus they didn’t enter it. Also it was thought that the nursing reception probably competed against these too. To combat these problems it were decided to clarify the tournament entrance requirements and that such attendees need to pay in advance. Also it was suggested that perhaps additional prizes would help too. As for the boil it was decided to RSVP next time and to clarify as to where to get the tickets. During the boil discussion some ideas were tossed out as for the next time. Since the Board will alternate Alumni weekend sites year to year perhaps we should alternate the menu accordingly. One idea was to post a website poll and take suggestions that way.

Next on the agenda was the new business. The first topic were the need to review the by-laws regarding Alumni Board terms. This was brought to the Board’s attention due to the forthcoming annual meeting in August. After a careful reading and discussion of section 4.1 it was decided to delete some of the wording thus clarifying the intent of the by-law. A slate of officers were made and they are for the time being, the incumbents. While discussing the by-laws the Board examined itself and again the need was mentioned for some representation from the Ottawa campus. The second topic regarded Artist Alley. It was mentioned that perhaps the class of 62’ would have a float, a mixer, and a banquet. As for the booth it was decided that the Alumni Board would continue to
combine with the college for the sake of efficiency. The *Third topic* regarded this year’s commencement (May 11). This year’s distinguished alumnus will be Tim Heenan who will give this year’s commencement speech. Mr. Heenan is a member of the foundation and has been active in supporting and promoting NCCC for many years.

Upon conclusion of this topic the meeting was formally adjourned. The next meeting will be the annual meeting, which will be held in Room 213 of the Student Union on Saturday August 4, 2012 on the Chanute Campus. During this meeting the Alumni Board elections will be held and Dr. Inbody will speak to us regarding the ten-year plan. After the meeting was over the Alumni Board toured the Ottawa Campus. For many of us we had never seen this campus before. Our tour guide explained everything very well and we were all impressed. Upon conclusion of the tour two good-sized telescopes were brought in as a donation to the college. They were a gift from an anonymous alumnus from the class of 78.’

Respectfully submitted,

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