

**University of Alabama
National Alumni Association
East Tennessee Chapter**

**Minutes for Friday, March 17, 2017 Luncheon Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 11:30 AM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at approximately 11:40 AM with 21 people attending. Lanny Payne gave the invocation.

Scholarship Committee Report: Vanda Scott & Ed Lester

- Vanda and Ed explained the criteria for selecting local high school students for ETUA scholarships. The Committee receives a list of eligible students from the UA which the Committee members then review and subsequently select those students who will receive Alabama scholarship support from ETUA. The Committee hopes to have four \$10,000 scholarships that will be awarded in addition to several scholarships for former ETUA upper classmen scholarship recipients who have maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA. Candidates interviews will begin on April 3rd and scholarship awards will occur at the ETUA Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 11.

Luncheon Speaker: Vanda Scott

- As a graduate of the UA College of Nursing and retired CEO of Select Specialty Hospitals, Vanda is currently a member of the Board of the College of Nursing at UA. She provided an overview of the nursing program whose RN to BSN Mobility Program is ranked as the #1 Online Program in the US for Registered Nurses and whose DNP Program is ranked #29 out of 148 DNP programs by US News & World Report. Since the fall of 2006, enrollment in the nursing program has increased by 98.6%; the program is running at full capacity with more than 450 students currently enrolled. In 2016, there were 195 applicants for the nursing program of which only 112 could be selected due to the lack of facilities and instructors at the UA. To address this issue, a plan is in place to add 32,000 sq. ft. of additional space to the existing College of Nursing building which will provide among other things: 2 large classrooms (150 seats); 5 conference/Skype rooms; 42 new offices; clinical practice labs; and a food court.

Secretary & Membership Committee Report: Bill Campbell

- The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes. Bill introduced three new meeting attendees: Cat & Chris Keller (the LaRue's daughter and son-in-law) and Jennifer Motes (Jerry Mullis' daughter). Bill then recognized Marisa Moazen who was honored by the Greater Knoxville Business Journal's '40 Under 40' Honors Program which annually identifies 40 individuals under 40 years of age who are leaving an imprint on the Knoxville area through their professional and philanthropic efforts.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne gave a brief summary of our revenues and expenses to include a \$200 deposit for the upcoming annual banquet. Bob added that the membership dues will be increasing to \$25/individual and \$40/couple beginning in May. Marianne reiterated that individuals who make an ETUA meal reservation and fail to show up will be asked to pay for the meal since the Chapter has to pay Cherokee for the meal.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- The election of new officers was unanimously approved by the meeting attendees: Bill Campbell/President; Charlie Schilleci/Vice President; Bob LaRue/Secretary. Bill mentioned that in addition to their officer roles, Charlie would be heading up the Program and Membership Committees, while Bob would handle the distribution of all communications for ETUA. He also identified the new members of his Executive Committee which will include the new Chapter officers; Treasurer Marianne Goodwin; at large members Jack Bailey and Samantha Boyd; and past President Bob Bland.
- The annual meeting is May 11 is a week ahead of our normal schedule due to conflicts with high school graduation nights which has complicated scholarship recipient's attendance in the past. Bob requested monetary donations from the members rather than less valuable material donations for the banquet auction; he will use the money to purchase more significant/valuable items from the UA Soup Store (through the NAA) which should result in higher bidding for fewer articles at the auction.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting will be held on April 20 (Thursday) at 11:30 AM at the Cherokee Country Club.
