

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

**Minutes for Friday, June 14, 2019 Luncheon Meeting  
Cherokee Country Club**

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**Members met at 11:30 AM** and President Bill Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 11:50 AM with 20 members attending. Bob LaRue gave the blessing.

**Treasurer's Report: Gene Chunn**

- Gene provided the report which reflected a current balance of \$5,602.80. The report detailed our 2019 disbursements and receipts from the luncheon meeting in January, the John Parker Wilson speaking engagement in March and the Scholarship Banquet in May.

**President's Report: Bill Campbell**

- Bill provided feedback from the Scholarship Banquet in May which received positive feedback from a number of the 54 attendees. In particular, the feedback indicated that members liked the idea of recognizing the three Presidential Scholars as well as the three Chapter Scholarship Scholars. Bill again recognized the Scholarship Committee for the outstanding job they did in evaluating and selecting the Chapter Scholarship recipients.
- Bill asked Chris Lambert to talk about the NAA Executive Committee Retreat which he had recently attended. Much of Chris' comments were also covered in Dr. Stuart Bell's Video 'The Year in Review (2018-2019)'. A few of those comments were: UA's ranking as 2<sup>nd</sup> among all public universities for National Merit Scholar enrollment; UA setting a new fund raising record with \$224M in gifts; the Carnegie Classification listing UA among the top doctoral research universities in the nation; UA law students winning the National Moot Court competition across all universities nationwide; and the UA Adapted Athletics program for the handicapped winning national championships in men's and women's wheelchair basketball and tennis.
- Gene mentioned he had reached out to ESPN's Chris Lowe about speaking to the chapter later this year. Chris said that he is available to do so on August 22. Bill asked Bob LaRue to coordinate that effort to include selecting the venue as part of his new role as President. Bill mentioned he had also asked Bob to work with our NAA Regional Recruiter Megan Whitten regarding the Freshman Send-Off party which is scheduled for mid-July.
- Before handing over the gavel to Bob LaRue as the new President, Bill thanked all of the members for their support during his 4 years as Secretary and President. He also gave special thanks to the following members for their roles in supporting the chapter: Marianne Goodwin for her former role as Treasurer; Diane McCarn for her former role as ETUA Recruitment Coordinator; Bob LaRue and Greg Stroud for accepting their roles as past Secretary and new Secretary, respectively; Gene Chunn for volunteering to become the new Treasurer; and Leslie Grossman for accepting the role as the new ETUA Recruitment Coordinator. Finally, Bill recognized Bob Bland for the support, guidance and counsel he had provided Bill over his past two years as President.

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The meeting concluded with Happy Dollars and door prizes before the members sent our new officers off with a resounding "Roll Tide"!

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**The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 22 with the Chris Lowe speaking engagement.**

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