

## Letter from the President

2006 has been an exciting year for the Penn State Minnesota chapter. The year got started in earnest in February when we held our annual dinner at Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove. The food was terrific and the silent auction raised almost \$2,000 for the scholarship fund. There were some great items including a Joe Paterno signed football. Thank you to all of you that attended and supported the scholarship fund. Special thanks to the donors who provided the items for the silent auction.

In April, several Penn Staters got together for a Habitat for Humanity project that was a big success. In August, we played in the annual Big 10 softball tournament and had a wonderful time. We postponed our annual summer picnic in favor of hosting a gathering in advance of the Penn State – Minnesota game on October 7th. Megan Feeser did a great job hosting happy hours at Gluek's in Minneapolis that was attended by many of our local alumni as well as many from around the country. One long-time member of the local chapter remarked that it was the best event that he has attended in his time involved in the chapter. Thank you, Megan!

With the continued success of the football team, we had good turnouts at Champ's in Richfield. The restaurant has been a great partner over the past two years, always making the group feel comfortable. Thank you to Aaron Hofstedt for coordinating these get-togethers throughout the fall.

2007 promises to be another great year for Penn State and the local chapter. There are many things planned to make for an exciting year. Please plan to join us on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for the annual dinner at Edinburgh USA where Roger Williams, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, will be our guest speaker.

Aside from a great meal and the silent auction, it is time for our annual elections. This year, there will be considerable change to our board as our treasurer and secretary position will be open as they are in odd years. In addition, I have decided to step down from the presidency and will be succeeded by Marilyn Binkley, presently the Vice President. This change must be ratified by the membership so the presidency will be on the ballot as well as the soon-to-be vacated vice president position. We would love to see you at the dinner but if you can not make it, please take a moment and fill in the attached ballot so that we can begin the year with new officers.

I have enjoyed my time in office and have had the great opportunity to meet with many of you as well as many folks at Penn State. I took over the position when our former president, Tara Wyckoff, moved back to State College in 2005 and this seems a great time to leave the board in the capable hands of Marilyn and the other board members. Thank you for your support. I hope to see you at the dinner in February.



*John Barbella*

## 2006 -2007 Board of Directors - Candidate Bios

### **Candidate: President – Marilyn Binkley**

My name is Marilyn Binkley and I am currently Vice President of the Minnesota Chapter. I was born and raised in Minnesota and began my time at Penn State in the fall of 2000. After many wonderful years there I graduated in 2004 with a degree in Art Education. I am currently working as a Middle School Art Teacher in Fridley. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband Brian, painting, photography, biking, and of course keeping up with my Nittany Lions.

### **Candidate: Vice President - Sarah Woodling**

Hailing from Lancaster County, PA, Sarah attended Penn State from 1999-2003 as a Food Science major and as a Schreyer Honors scholar. She graduated in 2003 with her B.S. in Food Science, then headed north to New York to get her M.S. in Food Science from Cornell University. She then moved to the Twin Cities in August 2005 to work for General Mills as a Food Scientist, and now lives in Golden Valley, MN.

### **Candidate: Secretary - Emily Zuber**

I am the youngest of 5 daughters all born and raised in Frackville, PA and we are all graduates of PSU! Even though I had been attending Penn State football games since I could say WE ARE, I strayed away from the Zuber pack and began my college career at Alvernia College in Reading, PA where I played basketball. It did not take me long to realize that my blood was truly blue and white and I had to go to PSU. While at Penn State, I was a member of Theta Alpha Pi sorority and played IM basketball. I was also heavily involved in the PSU Dance Marathon (THON) holding a Corporate Relations captain position my senior year. I graduated in May 2004 with a BS in Labor and Industrial Relations and a Business minor. I moved out to MN in June of 2004 to join my sisters, Helene Slocum and Petrina Zaraszczak, who have resided here for quite some time. I currently work for C.H. Robinson in Eden Prairie, MN as an account executive and reside in Minneapolis, MN right by beautiful Lake Calhoun.

### **Candidate: Treasurer – Mick Kuban**

Mick has been on the board for several years and has done a great job as membership chair and treasurer. Mick's youngest son, Ben, is a freshman at PSU.

### **Candidate: Board - Theodore Jackson**

My name is Theodore Jackson or TJ as I am known around State College. I am new to the Twin cities moving here in June to work for Target. I was born and raised in Baltimore MD and started Penn State Fall 2002. I graduated in 2006 with my BA in finance. At Penn State I was involved with CCSG (Council of Commonwealth Student Governments), USG (Undergraduate Student Government), Homecoming 2005 as a captain and was also the 2005 Homecoming King among these and other things, I am also a member of Parmis Nous. Whenever the big bullseye is not taking up my time I enjoy playing cards with friends and watching movies either at home or at a theater. I also love Music. A day that does not start with music is not a good day for me.

### **Candidate: Board – Michael Houle**

Mike was born and raised in Leicester, MA, but opted to attend Penn State for college, sight unseen! Mike attended Penn State-Erie for his first 2 years, then transferred to main campus for his last 2 years. He graduated in 2003 with his B.S. in Political Science with a minor in Psychology. Interested in pursuing a career in law, he graduated in 2005 from Syracuse University with his Paralegal degree, then moved to the Twin Cities in August 2005. He currently works as a Case Coordinator for the National Arbitration Forum in St. Louis Park, and he resides in Golden Valley, MN.

While at Penn State Mike was involved with the Mock Trial team, and played several IM Sports. He is also a member of the professional society of Paralegals, Lambda Epsilon Chi.

## Annual Big Ten (Alumni) Softball Tournament - August 26, 2006

Once again, we had another strong showing of alumni show up to play in the Annual Alan Page Softball Tournament. Penn State started the day with a quick win over Illinois in the first game. With two more strong games against Iowa and Michigan, the Penn State Alumni were able to make it to the semifinals. In the semifinals the Lions faced perennial favorite Indiana. It was a hard fought game but the Lions weren't able to overcome the Hoosiers. It was one of the closest games versus Indiana we have had in recent memory. Penn State had their best finish in recent years with a 3rd place finish. In 2007 we look forward to improving even more and hopefully taking the title!



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## Penn State Alumni Association Minnesota Chapter Directory

We are putting together a directory of area alumni, but we need your help. Please fill out the form below and return to Marilyn Binkley at [Marilyn@psualum.com](mailto:Marilyn@psualum.com) or mail to:  
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Maple Grove, MN 55369

Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grad year/ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*if you wish people to contact you for services

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**Reminder**  
**Annual dinner selections and officer ballots are due back on February 10,**  
**2007**

**Board Members**

**MN Chapter Scholarship**

**John Barbella (1989), President**

[John.Barbella@deluxe.com](mailto:John.Barbella@deluxe.com) | 763-553-2693  
Term Expiration – 2007

**Marilyn Binkley (2004), Vice President**

[marilyn@brianandmarilyn.com](mailto:marilyn@brianandmarilyn.com) | Phone: 763.416.5386  
Term Expiration – 2007

**Mick Kuban, Treasurer**

[mickkuban@comcast.net](mailto:mickkuban@comcast.net) | Phone: 651-336-8332  
Term Expiration - 2007

**Emily Zuber (2004), Secretary**

[emilypsu10@hotmail.com](mailto:emilypsu10@hotmail.com)  
Term Expiration – 2007

**Megan Feeser (2001), Membership**

[mfeeserspu@comcast.net](mailto:mfeeserspu@comcast.net) | Phone: 717- 917-6682  
Term Expiration - 2009

**Brian Binkley (2002), Webmaster**

[binkley@psualum.com](mailto:binkley@psualum.com) | Phone: 763.416.5386  
Term Expiration - 2008

**Diane Maleski (1980)**

[dinahmal@comcast.net](mailto:dinahmal@comcast.net) | Phone: 952.942.9393 Cell:  
612.889.9637  
Term Expiration - 2008

**Chris Dore (1993), Softball Tournament Advisor**

[christopher\\_r\\_dore@uhc.com](mailto:christopher_r_dore@uhc.com) | Phone: 763-744-2185  
Term Expiration - 2008

**Aaron Hofstedt (1997), The Football Guy**

[achof@hotmail.com](mailto:achof@hotmail.com) | Phone: 763.422.8639  
Term Expiration - 2008

**Helene Slocum, Scholarship Chair**

[helenezs@msn.com](mailto:helenezs@msn.com) | Phone: (952) 591-9321  
Term Expiration - 2009

**Mark Feeser (2001)**

[mfeeserspu@comcast.net](mailto:mfeeserspu@comcast.net) | Phone: (717) 917-6276  
Term Expiration - 2009

We are thrilled to announce that the recipient of the 2006 MN Chapter Danny Johnson Scholarship in the amount of \$1500 is Michelle Barnes. Michelle was selected out of a pool of 7 applicants. She is a freshman attending the Penn State Hazleton campus majoring in Letters, Arts, and Science. Michelle’s background is indicative of an individual that strives to achieve goals. She is dedicated to helping others and is a talented artist and theater performer. Michelle is interested in working with troubled inner city youth upon her graduation from Penn State.

**2006 TV Tailgate Summary**

For the third straight year, Champps-Richfield (790 W 66th Street) was the host venue for our TV tailgate gatherings. Even with new management and a change to the layout of the restaurant’s back area, Champps did another excellent job of accommodating our group. Champps aired all 12 PSU games and occasionally even provided our group with free desserts.

Despite an up-and-down season on the field, our group’s attendance at Champps was consistently higher than in the previous two years. Not including the Minnesota and Wisconsin games – when many of our regulars were attending the game – we averaged 22 people per week. Attendance was higher during the early portion of the schedule, with an average of 29 people per game for the first three weeks (including a season high of 32 for the Youngstown State game on September 16). Our group’s attendance was consistently around 19 people per week for the Big Ten season (not including Minnesota and Wisconsin) and the Temple game.

**2007 PSU Football Schedule**

- September 1 vs. Florida International
- September 8 vs. Notre Dame
- September 15 vs. Buffalo
- September 22 at Michigan
- September 29 at Illinois



- October 6 vs. Iowa
- October 13 vs. Wisconsin (Homecoming)
- October 20 at Indiana
- October 27 vs. Ohio State
- November 3 vs. Purdue
- November 10 at Temple
- November 17 at Michigan State

**Reserve Your Seat**

**For our Annual Night Out**  
**Sunday, February, 25<sup>th</sup> 2007**

**5:00 PM**

**At**

**Edinburgh USA**

**8700 Edinbrook Crossing Brooklyn Park, MN 55443**

**With guest speaker Roger Williams**  
**Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association**



**Meal Choices Include:**

**Herb-Crusted sautéed Breast of Chicken**  
**with Grand Marnier Beurre Blanc**

**Pecan Crusted Walleye with Lemon Aioli**

**Grilled New York Strip with Wild Mushroom Sauce**

**Please return the bottom portion with a check made out to**  
**Minnesota Chapter-PSAA by February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation to the Danny Johnson Scholarship Fund**  
**they can also be sent to the address below**

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**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Choice:**

**Chicken (\$35)**    **Walleye (\$40)**    **Steak (\$45)**

**Scholarship Fund Contribution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Mick Kuban at 1256 Bucher Ave. Shoreview, MN 55126**

# Penn State Alumni Association-Minnesota Chapter Chapter Membership Form

Please fill out the entire form and send it, along with your payment, to  
**Mick Kuban at 1256 Bucher Ave. Shoreview, MN 55126**

Checks should be made payable to Minnesota Chapter—PSAA

**Chapter Membership Dues**

One year membership-\$25 per household \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations**

Additional Scholarship Donation-any amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total to Chapter**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Information (If an existing member, please complete those items that may have changed.)**

First Name:	Spouse First Name:
Last Name:	Spouse Last Name:
PSU Major:	Major:
Graduation Year:	Graduation Year:
Email:	Email:
Home Address:	Spouse Occupation:
Home Phone:	Spouse Employer:
Member Occupation/Employer:	

**Areas of Interest-Please check all that apply**

**Sports-Related Activities**

- Golf Outing
- PSU Away Football Game Trip
- Twins Baseball Game
- PSU Football TV Party
- Wild or Gopher Hockey Game
- PSU Away Men's Basketball Game
- Ski Trip
- Canoe Trip

**Culturally-Enriching Activities**

- Theatre
- Night at the Races
- Casino Night
- Wine Tasting Party
- Minnesota Zoo

**Community Service Activities**

- Adopt-A-Highway
- Relay for Life
- Blood Drive

**Election Ballot – Please Circle or write-in your choice for offices. You can vote for both candidates for the board.**

President: Marilyn Binkley Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: Sarah Woodling Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Emily Zuber Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Mick Kuban Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Board: Theodore Jackson Michael Houle

**Note: Please vote for chapter officers even if you are unable to attend the annual dinner. Thank you.**