

George Washington University Band Alumni & Friends
Summary of Actions by the Board of Directors
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

This document serves as the annual summary of actions taken by George Washington University Band Alumni & Friends as mandated by Section 3.05c of the Bylaws of the organization. The scope of this summary spans from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Any questions relating to this document should be directed to the Director of Administration at adminstration@gwubaf.org.

Board of Directors

President:	Simon Lazev	'19	
Director of Finance:	Anastasios Kalfas	'19	(beginning 11/14/22)
Director of Administration:	Charlie Cevallos	'17, '18	(beginning 8/22/22)
Director of Communications:	Nathan Smith	'21	(beginning 11/14/22)
Director of Development:	Claire Gray	'19	(beginning 8/22/22)
Director of Programming:	Noah Curtiss	'19	
Director of Collegiate Activities:	Alex Greene	'18	(beginning 8/22/22)

Membership

The Board, through improved strategy, programming, and communications, increased FY 23 membership to 43 General Members, the highest membership in the history of the organization.

Dr. Benno P. Fritz Spirit Award

In November 2021, the [Dr. Benno P. Fritz Spirit Award](#) was fully funded and officially established as a self-sustaining, recurring award to be given to a student each year. Throughout the year, GWUBAF continued to fundraise for the award, and the second annual winner was announced at GW Bands' Spring Concert in April 2023.

Alumni Weekend 2023

GWUBAF hosted Alumni Weekend 2023 in Washington, DC in February 2023, welcoming over 40 members of the band alumni community for an event-filled weekend. Alumni were able to play with the band in the Smith Center for the first time since 2020. The Board also held its Annual Meeting, hosting over 20 members and discussed the organization's new bylaws, financial plan, and membership improvements.

Events

This past year, GWUBAF continued to organize and host events for its members and larger alumni community, including:

- A ticket group for GW Day at the Washington Nationals in August 2022
- Season ticket packages for GW Basketball
- Organized alumni to play at two GW basketball games during GW's breaks in November and January 2023
- A trip to a pair of basketball games at George Mason as they played both the GW Men's and Women's teams in January 2023
- A virtual networking event with alumni and band students in January 2023
- The support of C-Brass at a Men's Basketball game while many of the students were traveling during tournaments in March 2023
- A reception following the GW Bands Spring Concert in April 2023
- A kickball game with students and alumni in May 2023
- A Happy Hour to welcome new graduates into the organization in May 2023
- A day-trip including a hike and a brewery visit in June 2023

The Board also approved a program where alumni outside of the Washington, DC area could request funding to host an alumni event.

Other Actions

During the past year, the Board has taken various steps to achieve its mission:

- Created a Facebook group to allow alumni to communicate with each other and facilitate a strong and connected alumni network
- Developed a FY23 budget to align with GWUBAF's new fiscal year schedule
- Financially supported GW Bands' campaign to purchase a new bassoon
- Filed in accordance with state and federal authorities in accordance with processes to change the organization's fiscal year schedule
- Redefined the Board's electronic communication processes to improve record-keeping and smooth director transitions
- Reduced administrative costs by canceling unnecessary services
- Continued to hold regular meetings with the GW Bands Student Officers to improve communication between the two organizations
- Continued social media outreach on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram