

George Washington University Band Alumni & Friends  
Summary of Actions by the Board of Directors  
July 31, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Any questions relating to this document should be directed to the Director of Administration at [administration@gwubaf.org](mailto:administration@gwubaf.org).

**Board of Directors**

President:	Simon Lazev	'19	
Director of Finance:	Anastasios Kalfas	'19	Resigned 01/31/24
	Steve Goldsmith	'98	Appointed 02/01/24
Director of Administration:	Benjamin Heidlof	'21	Term Began 07/01/23
Director of Communications:	Paul Picotti	'16	Term Began 07/01/23
Director of Development:	Claire Gray	'19	Term Began 07/01/23
Director of Programming:	Noah Curtiss	'19	
Director of Collegiate Activities:	Nathan Smith	'21	Term Began 07/01/23

## Membership

The Board, through improved strategy, programming, and communications, increased FY 24 membership to 50 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 third annual winner was announced at GW Bands' Spring Concert in April 2024.

## Alumni Weekend 2024

GWUBAF hosted Alumni Weekend 2024 in Washington, DC in January 2024, welcoming approximately 50 members of the band alumni community for an event-filled weekend. The Board also held its Annual Meeting, hosting over 30 members and discussing updates from GW Bands, the organization's financial plan, and membership improvements and events.

## 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 2023
- Season ticket packages for GW Basketball
- A happy hour at the historic Heurich House in October 2024
- A hike at Annapolis Rock in November 2024
- Organized alumni to play at two GW basketball games during GW's break in January 2024
- A reception following the GW Bands Spring Concert in April 2024
- A Happy Hour to welcome new graduates into the organization in May 2024
- A ticket group for a Washington Mystics game in May 2024

The Board also continued its 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:

- Developed a FY24 budget to align with GWUBAF's new fiscal year schedule
- Continued updates to the Board's electronic communication processes to improve record-keeping and smooth director transitions
- Continued to hold regular meetings with the GW Bands Student Officers to improve communication between the two organizations
- Continued outreach on Facebook, Instagram, and email newsletters