

# SENIOR SCHOLARS AT QUEENS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

November 2025 – 11/12/2025 @ 2:00 pm

## MINUTES

Board Members **Present** (\*=not present) :

Executive Committee : **Steve Lauer (President)**, *Carlos Glender\*(1st VP)*, **Said Atri (2<sup>nd</sup> VP)**, *Jack Gill\* (Technical VP & Tech A/V Chair)*, **Glenn Paton (Treasurer)**, **Don Campbell (Secy)**

*Len Norman\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Past President & Nominating Comm Chair)*, *Jane Howard\* (1st Past President)*

At-Large Directors : **Aimee Hite (2028 & Website Comm Chair)**, **Pam Nemechek (2028 & Membership Comm Chair)**, **David Collins (2028 & Asst Treasurer)**, **Alan Matthews (2027 & A/V Comm)**, *Carol Kesmodel\*(2027 & Moderators Coordinator)*, **John Romano (2027)**, *Ollie Frazer\* (2026)*, *John Koch\*(2026 & PUMC Liaison)*, *Linda Brandt\* (2026)*

Other Attendees : **Gordon Haymond (Tech A/V Comm)**, **Kristan Smith (2026 & Wildacres Co-Chair & Email Comm Co-Chair)**, **Ken Orenbach (Great Decisions)**, **Lauren Judson (Field Trip Coordinator)**, **Carol Romano (Wildacres Co-Chair)**

*Allison Meyer-Tucker\*(Queens University Representative)*

As only 9 Board Members were present, and a quorum of 12 was not achieved, formal actions by the Board will be deferred to the January 7, 2026 Board Meeting.

The President opened the meeting. The Secretary presented the Board Minutes of October 15, 2025. No changes were requested, and the Minutes will be carried over to the Jan. 7 Board Meeting for final approval.

The Treasurer reported that cash and financial accounts remain strong, but paid renewals continue to lag.

The Website Comm Chair and the Email Comm Chair both reported only typical updates to their respective systems. Email publications are on-time.

The Curriculum Comm Chair reported that 2026 Jan-Feb speaker slots are being filled in good order. There are open slots in March, but candidates are being lined-up to fill those future dates.

On behalf of the Social Committee, the President reported there are 39 signups for the Dec. 3 Holiday Luncheon, toward a target of 50. Additional signups will be taken at the next two Friday meetings and online.

The Membership Comm Chair reported that their have been 224 renewals for 2026 (compared to 318 in 2025) and 79 new members for 2026 (compared to 55 in 2025). Total current 2025 membership is shown below. It was urged that SSQ recruitment efforts for the remainder of year emphasize the value to Members of hearing 31 separate speakers for the single low price of \$25.

	<u>This Mo.</u>	<u>1 Year Ago</u>	<u>3 Years Ago</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	\$54,247	\$64,015	\$55,018
<b>MEMBERSHIPS</b>	903	928	917

Wildacres Comm Co-Chair Kristan Smith and President Steve Lauer reported that both the entertainment provider and the speakers have been selected for the 2026 Wildacres event.

Lauren Judson for the Field Trip Comm suggested a survey of the recent Scruggs Center field trip attendees to obtain suggestions and to weigh other field trip interests. The Pearl Medical Innovation Center, the new downtown library, and the Camden, SC, museum might be field trip candidates. Pam Nemechek offered to help with a survey.

The President reported that the copyright protection Jotform for future speakers to complete was now in place and ready for use.

The Board offered thanks and congratulations to outgoing President Steve Lauer for three years of outstanding service, of helping to manage Friday presentations, and of keeping the wheels running smoothly at Senior Scholars.

With that, the Zoom meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm

**Next Meeting Wednesday, January 7, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Submitted by Don Campbell, Secretary