

SENIOR SCHOLARS AT QUEENS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

April 8, 2026

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Executive Committee : Carlos Glender (President), Mary Gaertner (2nd VP **NEW**), Glenn Paton (Treasurer)

Past President : Steve Lauer (1st Past President & Nominating Comm Chair)

At-Large Directors : Aimee Hite (2028 & Website Comm Chair), Pam Nemecek (2028 & Membership Comm Chair), Alan Matthews (2027 & A/V Comm), Carol Kesmodel (2027 & Moderators Coordinator), Ollie Frazer (2026), Linda Brandt (2026, LunchBunch Coordinator), John Koch (2026, Venue Liaison)

Other Attendees : Gordon Haymond (Tech A/V Comm), Len Norman (Social Committee Co-Chair), Carol Romano (Wildacres Comm Co-Chair)

Queens University Representative: Allison Meyer-Tucker

As only 11 Board Members were present, the required quorum of 12 **was not** achieved. Therefore, all Board actions will be held over until the next Board Meeting.

The President opened the meeting at 2:00pm. The President presented the Board Minutes of March 11, to be held for approval at the next Board Meeting.

The President noted that two volunteer vacancies in important posts within the organization had been earlier filled and approved by a Board quorum through an e-mail vote, as noted below:

Approved:

(a) The election of Mary Gaertner as 2nd VP to fill the remaining 2026 term of Kristan Smith (elected 1st VP) and

(b) the election of Liz Hames as Queens University Liaison to fill the remaining 2026 term of Mary Gaertner.

The Treasurer reported that cash and financial accounts remain strong. Wildacres reservations of nearly \$20 thousand will be paid out shortly. Effects of the gift card campaign will not appear until next month.

	<u>THIS MO</u>	<u>LAST YR</u>	<u>5 YRS AGO</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$76,971	\$59,839	\$52,985
PAID MEMBERS	755	744	n/a

Queens University representative, Allison Meyer-Tucker, reviewed events at Queens and recent changes to the Queens event calendar. The Queens-Elon merger planning continues with the year 2030 emerging as the likely merger goal. Allison discussed the 6-day Gambrell Center Estate Planning event, aimed at CPA/CLE professionals and attracting about 350 financial professionals to the campus.

Steve Lauer, Nominating Committee chair, reported he was working to fill three open slots: (1) Social Comm Chair, (2) an At-Large Director position, and (3) 2nd VP position for 2027.

The Website & Email Comm Co-Chair, Aimee Hite, reported that the SSQ website was up to date. Web analytics should be available for reporting to the Board shortly.

In the absence of Bill Griesmyer, email program status will be reported on next month.

In the absence of Curriculum Comm Chair, Kristan Smith, the President reported on currently scheduled speakers and open slots remaining. The Spring Semester is now completely filled. The Fall Semester is open, except for one filled slot.

The President noted that the Executive Committee had approved an expenditure of up to \$150 for directional signs that were used for the recent Pearl Building event. The signs are now stored in the SSQ cabinet at PUMC and can be re-used for future events.

The President also noted that he had awarded an SSQ complimentary membership card to Christopher Tatta, on the audiovisual staff at the Pearl, for his assistance with the SSQ event at the Pearl.

Social Committee Co-Chair Len Norman reported that he and Co-Chair Nancy Stancill are collecting sign-ups for the June 5 Spring Luncheon at Brewers at Yancey, featuring as speaker, Sheri Lynch of the radio show "Sheri and Bob". Online signups are available now, as well as Friday AM signups.

The President thanked departing Social Co-Chair Nancy Stancill for her past work.

On behalf of FieldTrip Coordinator Lauren Judson, the President reminded the Board that the May 12 SSQ Field Trip to the Charlotte History Museum is being publicized.

LunchBunch Coordinator Linda Brandt reported that the next LunchBunch event is at Baoding in SouthPark on April 24. Linda noted that the SSQ website is the primary source for LunchBunch signups.

No report was available from Marketing Committee Chair Anne Miller.

Membership Comm Chair Pam Nemecek reported on membership renewals. The Member Directory is now up to date. There will be no membership table on May 1 due to staffing. Pam noted that the new member raffle program will be administered by the Membership Committee.

Wildacres Comm Co-Chair Carol Romano reported that 2026 reservations for the April 27-30 Wildacres event are up to 61 members. Comm member Steve Lauer reported that one of the two speakers, Peter Cozzens, had cancelled and that work was underway to find a replacement.

Technical Comm member Alan Matthews reported that speakers may now choose to permit their presentations to be archived behind the SSQ member password rather than in the public domain. He reported that the SSQ store was slowly expanding.

John Koch, PUMC Liaison, reminded the Board that the automatic annual renewal of the PUMC contract will occur in June.

Under new business, the President commented that he will remind members of the availability of continuing-Ed courses at Queens and at UNCC this coming summer.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm. Next meeting on **Wednesday, May 13 @ 2:00pm.**