July 18, 2019

To the Campus Community,

I am delighted to share with you that three of our distinguished alumni, Mr. Dale Chorba, ’85, Dr. Karen Kovalow-St. John, ’79, and Mr. Paul Stallings, ’79, have officially joined the Heidelberg University Board of Trustees.  Dale, Karen and Paul will serve four-year terms, effective July 1, 2019, elevating the total number of Trustees to 31.

A resident of Hinckley, Ohio, Dale is the president/owner of Action Management Services, a privately held boutique search and executive recruitment firm that specializes in the areas of accounting, finance, tax, audit, healthcare, managed care, banking, sales and marketing, and human resources.  A standout student-athlete, Dale and his 1983-84 basketball teammates were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. In his community, he is active with the Highland High School Foundation as a trustee and he is a member of the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce. Dale and his wife, Laura, have a daughter, Noelle, and twin sons, Devan and Dylan.

Following her graduation from Heidelberg, Karen received her M.D. degree from Indiana University, followed by a three-year residency and a two-year fellowship to become a rheumatologist.  She is currently on the staff of the Lakeshore Bone & Joint Institute in Chesterton, Indiana, as a certified rheumatologist. In her community, Karen has served on the council of the First Christian Church in Valparaiso, Indiana, where she also sings in the choir and teaches middle school students.  She resides in Valparaiso with her husband, Rev. Dave L. Kovalow-St. John, and their three daughters, Leeann, Julia, and Christy.

Paul is currently an Accounting Manager – Real Estate Control for Progressive Insurance in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.  He worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for about 30 years prior to joining Progressive.  A resident of Akron, Ohio, he pursued his MBA from Georgia State University, graduating in 1998.  In addition to serving on the Berg Business Board, Paul also is a board member of the Still Here Foundation, created by his amateur basketball team to provide funds to cancer and diabetes foundations and to assist students unable to afford participation in AAU basketball.  He is the board treasurer of Alpha Phi Alpha Homes, which provides senior housing for low- to moderate-income individuals, and he serves on the board of Project Grad Akron.  He is the father of two sons, Adam and Paul II.

It’s always exciting when we can infuse new energy, ideas, expertise, and passion to our Board as we collaborate to move Heidelberg forward.  We are fortunate that these three quality individuals have made a commitment to serve their alma mater in this important way. I look forward to working with them in the coming years.

Dale, Karen, and Paul attended the June Board of Trustees meeting and we were happy they were able to participate in a number of events and activities during Alumni Weekend.  I hope you’ll join me in welcoming them back to campus at future Board meetings and ’Berg events.

Sincerely,

Rob Huntington

President