

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE RENSSELAER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA), the undersigned Members of the RAA hereby petition and request that a Special Meeting of Members be called for the following purposes:

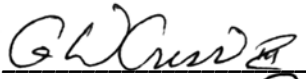
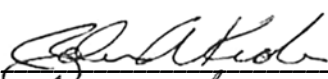

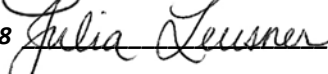
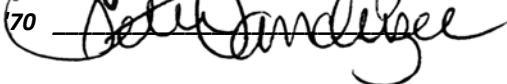
I. To discuss multiple trends with the assembled members and the RAA Leadership that characterize a state of distress within the Rensselaer Community, as documented in the research findings described at renewrensselaer.org and other issues presented by the Renew Rensselaer Team to the Rensselaer Trustees.

1. These trends will be presented by the Renew Rensselaer Leadership Team, representing hundreds of concerned alumni, with the purpose of answering questions as to the validity of the research leading to the characterization of these trends and possible corrective actions appropriate for reversing these trends.
2. The trends to be discussed include:
 - a. The decline in endowment value, decline in net asset value, increase in debt, and other present and historical financial challenges facing Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
 - b. The decline in the Institute's academic standing.
 - c. The need for the Trustees to adopt nationally recognized standards for Academic Governance.
 - d. The decimation of the Masters Degree Programs.
 - e. The continuing decline in Alumni giving.
 - f. The poor capital investment decisions of the past decade and their impact on current campus operations.
 - g. The disconnect between senior administration salaries / benefits *vis a vis* performance metrics.
 - h. The many attempts by the Administration to curtail the rich and highly successful history of student self-governance via the RPI Student Union.
 - i. The failure of the Administration to communicate truthfully with Alumni as to the current state of health, or lack thereof, of the Institute.
 - j. The flight of talent from the faculty and administration.

II. To propose and adopt one or more resolutions of the RAA with regard to appropriate actions to be taken by the RAA and the Board of Trustees to address the foregoing issues.

We request that this meeting be scheduled in the near future, and that it be held on the Campus of RPI.

May 7, 2018

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Additional Signature:

Name and graduation year: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: additional signature pages are incorporated herewith.