Biographical Sketch

Dr. Paul Suhey is a board-certified Orthopedic Surgeon and Partner at Martin & Suhey Orthopedics. He practices orthopedics and sports medicine in central Pennsylvania. He was first elected to the Board of Trustees in July 1998. Currently he is vice chair of the Outreach Committee and member of the Blue & White Vision Council.

Dr. Suhey, a third-generation Penn State graduate, is the grandson of Coach Bob Higgins ’19 and son of Steve ’48 and Virginia Higgins Suhey ’48. He was co-captain of the 1979 football team, recipient of the Ridge Riley Award, selected for Lion’s Paw, Parmi Nous and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1984, where he was class president and recipient of the Dean’s Award. Training during his residency included Orthopedic Trauma Surgery in Germany and Hand Surgery at the Curtis Hand Center, Baltimore, MD. Selected as a sports medicine fellow, he served for one year under Frank McCue, M.D. at the University of Virginia, and James Andrews, M.D. at the Alabama Sports Medicine Institute.

He is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association and the Football Letterman's Club. He serves on the hospital Board of Trustees of the Mount Nittany Medical Center, the Medical Executive Committee, and is treasurer of the Medical Staff. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society. Paul and his wife, Carolyn ’78, daughter of Arthur Biddle ’50, a Pennsylvania Master Farmer, have four children.

Position Statement

The past 16 months have been an extremely difficult and challenging time for our Penn State Community. What has inspired me throughout, however, is the way that our community has faced this challenging time with great resolve. I am proud to have witnessed first-hand the way our students, faculty, staff and alumni responded to this tragedy, showing the world the true character of Penn State. This unwavering commitment will make certain nothing like this can ever happen here again.

To that end, we have made significant change to the way our University is governed. These include sweeping structural changes and making University governance more accountable, balanced and transparent. These reforms are setting standards for universities across the country. The critics (and there are a few) will challenge and debate some of our decisions. In the end, there were things we could have done differently, but we always had the best interests of the University as priority one.

My experience and insight will help build consensus for meaningful change as we navigate these challenging times. I am proud of what we have accomplished to date. More remains to be done. As your Trustee, I am committed to working with the Governance Committee to continue making real changes—changes that make our university stronger. We need to rebuild our divided community. I pledge to work with our leadership to reach out to our constituencies and continue a meaningful conversation about how we rededicate ourselves to the true missions of this great institution.

* Incumbent