



## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2010 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### 2010-2011 Board of Directors\*

Bill Peard '02  
*President*

Beth Ambrose '91  
*First Vice  
President*

Brendan  
McCann '99  
*Second Vice  
President*

Bill Hitchcock  
'62  
*Secretary*

Erin Tario '97  
*Treasurer*

Bob Borsari '58

Chris Cobey '67

AB Kebede '07

Jerry Papazian  
'72

Joe Stewart '54

Shelley Thomas  
'89

Emily Matlak  
'09

- 1. Call to order:** By President Bill Peard at 5:00 p.m. EDT.
- 2. Roll call:** Participating: Beth Ambrose, Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Brendan McCann, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Shelley Thomas, Erin Tario.  
  
Absent: Bill Hitchcock, AB Kebede, Emily Matlak, Joe Stewart  
  
Quorum was declared: 8 of 12 Directors participating.
- 3. Approval of September Minutes:**  
After completing a few minor grammatical edits, October minutes were approved by a voice vote.
- 4. President's report:** Due to potential time limitations anticipated by full agenda, Bill Peard tabled the President's Report in favor of Committee Reports.
- 5. 2012 Reunion Report:** Shelly Thomas reported that the Reunion Committee will be holding a 'focus group' meeting via conference call November 15<sup>th</sup> to help plan for the Reunion. If any individual is unable to make the call, contact Shelly Thomas directly for individual discussions, suggestions, etc.
- 6. Newsletter Update:** Beth Ambrose, default editor, is assembling the next newsletter. Beth has collected a few finished pieces that include contributions from: Vance Morrison re: Supreme Court Pages; Jerry Papazian re: "The Yearbook Project"; an excerpt from Darryl Gonzalez's book, *Children Who Ran for Congress*; a blurb soliciting Class Captain's for 2012 Reunion; and a brief bio on the Ambassador to Lebanon for the "Where Are Former Pages Now" section.  
  
Beth also shared several story ideas in queue for this newsletter or future editions. Story ideas included: an article on the first female pages; a spotlight on Joe Bartlett and his outstanding career of service; a story on the Page Alumni who began and is running charter schools in New York; story on current members who were former pages; etc.
- 7. New Website Update:** Bill Peard reported that he transferred the

Alumni Association's host company and designer to a new entity. The new designer will be working on an ad hoc basis intended to help save the Association money. Further, the aesthetics of the website will be updated to create more legitimacy and enhance the database, among other sections. Lastly, the new company will allow the website to be updated in a timelier and more responsive manner.

**8. Membership Committee Report:** Jerry Papazian reported that all yearbooks and data within in existence have been entered into the database. The information is now being "massaged" to make it uniform and easier to search for in the database. LexisNexis will be used to fill in missing pieces of information and/or update outdated information. Project is on target to be completed before 2012 Reunion to help generate interest in 2012 Reunion. Further, a printed database maybe an item to pass out at the 2012 Reunion.

Beth Ambrose asked how individuals can input updated contact information and lists of contact information on other Alumni. Bill Peard suggested anyone send him such information directly and he will enter it in the database by hand.

A question was asked about Summer Pages. Since no yearbooks of Summer Pages exist, how do you enter them into the database? Issue was unresolved.

**9. Financial Report:** Erin Tario e-mailed a copy of the monthly statement to all Board members prior to the meeting. Currently working on creating a workable spreadsheet on the budget to help organize and itemize all revenue and expenditures.

Most pressing concern is the next newsletter mailing will cost about \$3,000 which will leave the Association just less than \$2,000 at the end of the year.

**New Business:**

1. Chris Cobey inquired about attendance at the last Executive Committee meeting. Those in attendance were Beth Ambrose, Doug McFadden, Brendan McCann, Joe Stewart, and Erin Tario. Absent was Bill Hitchcock. It was also reported that at the Executive Committee meeting Doug McFadden submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors effective immediately.
2. Bill Peard moved to discuss and vote on the Motions and Proposals submitted by the Executive Committee. Results are as follows;

**A. Motion:** That Section 2 of Article II of the Bylaws be amended to read: "Thereafter, the number of directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three (3), nor more than fifteen (15)." Explanation: amend the bylaws to take into account current situation. We have more than 11 members of the board at present. Motion was passed by voice vote with

no votes recorded.

**B. Motion:** That Section 4 of Article II of the Bylaws be amended to read: "Except as provided in Section 7 of this Article, directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation, removal or death. The terms of the directors shall be staggered such that only half of the board shall be elected in any one year. To initiate the staggered pattern, the Executive Committee shall designate which existing directors' terms will end in an even-numbered year and which will end in an odd-numbered year." Explanation: amend the bylaws to provide more continuity to the board such that only half of the board shall be up for election in any one year. Will also provide opportunity for the Membership Committee to evaluate the performance of a board member before automatically being re-elected to the board.

Bob Borsari clarified that in the event of a death or incapacitating event to a Board member, whoever is elected to replace such member serves out the remainder of the term. Bill Peard reminded the Board that such clause already exists.

An Amendment to the motion was offered: the language of the Motion on the table be used to replace Article II, Section 4 of bylaws. Amendment passed by voice vote with no votes recorded. Motion as amended passed by voice vote with no votes recorded.

**C. Motion:** That Section 13c of Article VI of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows: "Dues will be charged to members. Initial dues shall be: \$10.00 per year for any alumnus enrolled in an accredited educational institution and \$25.000 for all other alumni. The Membership Committee may make recommendations for changes to the dues structure, which shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval." Explanation: The last sentence is needed as there is no current provision in the Bylaws for a procedure to change the dues, which inadvertently occurred earlier in the year.

A debate on the clarification of the legal language ensued. Chris Cobey and Jerry Papazian made the motion to reconsider original motion at the next Board meeting for further deliberation, clarification and a re-write of submitted motion. The motion on the motion was approved by voice vote.

**D. Motion:** That Article 3, Section 3 of the Bylaws be amended to read as: "Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years, until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation, removal, or death." Explanation: amend the bylaws to provide more Executive

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Committee continuity and re-define the commitment.

A discussion on Officer term lengths overlapping / conflicting with Board of Director term lengths arose. Chris Cobey made the motion to reconsider original motion at the next Board meeting for further deliberation. The motion on the motion was approved by voice vote.

3. Erin Tario submitted a letter of resignation as Treasurer effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

**Adjournment**

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, it was decided the next Board meeting would occur December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:05 pm EDT.

**Outstanding Issues**

Nine other Motions and Proposals submitted by the Executive Committee were not addressed due to time constraints. Further, discussions on Board of Director vacancies, upcoming officer elections, and populating the Committees did not occur as well, as was on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan McCann  
Second Vice President  
Acting Secretary