



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2011 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**2011-2012
Board of
Directors***

- 1. Roll call;** Attending: Beth Ambrose, Chris Cobey, Brendan McCann, Vance Morrison, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Joe Stewart, Shelley Thomas.

Invited guests: James Barnes, Miles Taylor, and Carlos de la Torre

Jerry Papazian
'72
President

Excused: Bob Borsari

Beth Ambrose
'91
*First Vice
President*

- 2. Approval of Minutes – September 2011:** passed off to next call.

Chris Cobey '67
*Second Vice
President*

- 3. Committees and Committee Reports:**

A. Executive Committee:

Bill Peard '02
Treasurer

Brendan
McCann '99
Secretary

Bob Borsari '58

Vance Morrison
'56

Joe Stewart '54

Shelley Thomas
'89

- I. House Page Closing Efforts:** As James, Miles and Carlos were in attendance, they provided an overview of their efforts to date. Currently, they are entering Phase 2. Phase 1 consisted of increasing awareness of the issue, garnering media coverage, holding a Day of Action, meeting with members, introducing legislation and delivering petitions. Phase 2 will focus on establishing a long-term strategy that will remain committed to an acceptable solution despite the length of time or level of effort it will require.

Also, concurrently reported was the Alumni Assoc. database now consists of 10,000+ names, with contact information for over 5,000. The closing of the House Page Program collected 2,000 valid email addresses within a week and continues to do so as well. Those who sign the on-line petition will have their information fused with the Alumni Assoc. database.

- II. Directory Update:** As reported in the last meeting, the contract with Harris Connect will most likely be terminated at a cost of \$290 for the research already completed on 1,500 additional names. Upon the Alumni Assoc. discovering 3,000 extra names for the database and directory, Harris refused to accept the additional entries. This will not stop the efforts to publish a directory, however as Jerry and Bill have been in contact with potential new companies. Unfortunately, it will not be available by the 2012 Homecoming.

B. Finance Committee:

- I. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill informed the Board that to-date the Alumni Assoc. has raised about \$11,000 and has about \$6,000 cash on-hand. It is expected that the majority of those funds, though, will be spent on the next Newsletter as well as Save The Date cards for the 2012 Homecoming.

C. Events / Reunion Committee:

- I. **2012 Homecoming Update:** Chris Cobey and Shelley Thomas provided the BOD a memo on the developments in planning and scheduling since the last call. A tentative schedule is coming into focus – on Thursday, May 24th there will be two Panel Presentations at the Congressional Auditorium with an all-class reception to follow. Friday will consist largely of various tours (House, Senate, and Supreme Court) with the evenings left to be organized by each class. There may be an opportunity for a networking / career event on Friday as well. Saturday evening there will be a formal all-class dinner with the location still to be determined but finalized within the next six weeks or so. The committee is still working on the Speaker for the formal dinner.

Jerry and Chris reported that they visited potential Saturday dinner locations and began comparing costs. The most realistic location appears to be the Liaison Hotel due to most capacity, overall cost, Homecoming headquarters, location restrictions, etc.

As for communications, the 2012 Homecoming will be announced in the next Newsletter, via a Save The Date card after Christmas and a formal invitation / registration form early Spring 2012. The Committee would like to have a clearer idea of attendees by April.

- II. **Regional Update:** Jerry reported that there has been traction on a Mid-West event in Chicago. There was nothing new to report on a South or the two West Coast Regional events. As announced via e-mail blasts, Saturday, October 15th there was an informal DC event at Bullfeathers. This was to build upon the Save the Page Network's Day of Action Happy Hour event last month.

D. Membership / Marketing Committee:

- I. **Newsletter:** The goal is to produce the next *Capitol Courier* in November.
- II. **SAVE THE DATE Card:** This will be created and mailed shortly after Christmas informing all those in the

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database of the 2012 Homecoming. As previously mentioned, the mailing will be after the Newsletter yet before the formal invitation / registration.

E. Scholarship Committee: no activity to report.

4. **Next Meeting.** Thursday, November 17th, 2011 at 7 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan McCann
Secretary

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