



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**2009-2010
Board of
Directors***

Bill Peard '02
President

Beth Ambrose
'91
*First Vice
President*

Bill Hitchcock
'62
Secretary

Bob Borsari '58
Treasurer

Chris Cobey '67

AB Kebede '07

Brendan
McCann '95

Doug
McFadden '58

Jerry Papazian
'71

Joe Stewart '54

1. Call to order: By President Bill Peard at 4:00 p.m. EDT.

2. Roll call: Participating: Beth Ambrose, Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Brendan McCann, Doug McFadden, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Joe Stewart. Absent: Dennis Embry, Bill Hitchcock, AB Kebede, Julie Wise.

The meeting is being attended by a guest, introduced by Ambrose: Erin Tario, who served as a House page in 1996 and 1997, and has chaired the reunion of alumni in the Washington DC area.

3. August minutes: Approved.

4. President's report: Peard provided an update of the Association's financial condition, per the meeting agenda. The August mailing to all possible members had a cost of \$600-700; from it, the Association received approximately \$4,000. Since the Association's inception, it has raised approximately \$6,600, and expenditures have been about \$2,200. About half of the new Association members have contributed more than the \$25 minimum dues.

Directors Wise and Embry have indicated to President Peard that they are not seeking reappointment as Directors to the Board, and Kebede has indicated that he will not seek re-election as an Association Vice President, though he wishes to remain on the Board. Their terms expire with this meeting, so the current Board consists of nine members. The Bylaws allow up to eleven members.

5. Committee reports and old business

Outreach/ mailing: Ambrose report that the August mailing included a cost of \$300 in postage to 500-600 with mail addresses only. The suggestion was made that future mailings might be in a newsletter format, which could include a report after the annual October alumni lunch, or interviews of the current supervisors of House and Senate page programs. The Board discussed possible honorary memberships to certain alumni, and developing and enhancing mentoring possibilities of current and recently graduated pages by more senior alumni.

(*Years denote high school graduation class year, not necessarily year/s of page service.)

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2012 Reunion: Cobey reported that he was working with Hitchcock to have the website survey operational in time to have some survey results to report at the October 23 luncheon. The luncheon has space for 30 attendees, and there is still space available.

Membership: Papazian reported that there has been a decent response to his request for page yearbooks; 10-15 years have been promised; 67 percent of those have come through so far. Papazian now has yearbooks back to 1942. The Senate Library has a complete set of yearbooks in Senate Library, for both Senate and House pages. Darryl J. Gonzalez, who wrote his 2008 500-page Ph.D. dissertation- on “The Children Who Ran For Congress And The School Up On The Hill: An Oral-Institutional History Of Capitol Page School, 1926-1983,” conducted research at the Senate Library. Papazian concluded that he was optimistic that, from all these sources, he should have complete coverage on yearbooks. Papazian is trying to identify ever person who ever served as a page, beginning in the 1840s. Clerk’s reports have been scanned and may have names. The Library of Congress has a film from the 1950s on pages of which he is trying to obtain a copy. Getting names of summer pages and Supreme Court pages might be a challenge. It was suggested that there may have also been “riding” pages in the Senate.

Organization: Borsai suggested a resolution to continue as Directors those who wished to remain on the Board, and for the Board to elect up any new director at its October meeting. Peard requested the Board to send him names of possible Board members, and noted the need for representation by more Senate pages. Peard will also be checking with current officers to see whether they wish to remain for another term, and asked Board members to advise him of any suggestions to new officers.

6. New business

The Board discussed Peard’s “Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities” paper distributed with the meeting agenda. It was suggested that newsletters be added to the scope of the Communication Committee. It was suggested that we add a link on our website for “Volunteer Opportunities.” It was moved and seconded that the “Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities” be posted on the website once the Directors had indicated to the President on which committees they wished to serve.

The Board discussed the possible benefits for current dues-paying members, which primarily included access to the Association’s online directory. The Board discussed a proposal that the \$25 dues be effective for five year, through 2014. The Board discussed differing levels of dues based on years out of the page experience, and the possibility of complimentary membership for the first few years following page service.

Borsari and Tario will create a working group and report back with alternative proposals on dues for the Board’s next meeting. Directors said that the Association needs to consider what we will need in the future for operational purposes – we will need to build up a treasury for charity and for a reunion.

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The Board expressed the hope that the “listserv” could be operational by the next Board meeting.

7. Adjournment

Peard adjourned he meeting at 5:10 p.m. EDT.

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Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009, at 10:30 EDT at the Holiday Inn Key Bridge in Rosslyn (Alexandra), immediately preceding the annual alumni luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the same location. Call-in information for those attending by telephone will be provided with the agenda for that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cobey
Acting Secretary