



**MINUTES OF
USCPAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE MEETING
OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Jerry Papazian called the telephone meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. PDT.

On calling the roll of directors, the following members answered present: Ellen Blakeman, Jeff Clark, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, Duane Taylor, and Shelley Thomas. The following members did not answer: Beth Ambrose, Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Peter Darby, Ali Davis, Tim Hill, Vance Morrison, Audrey Scagnelli, Miles Taylor, Sean Tucker.

II. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting of October 13, 2017

Inasmuch as the Minutes from the October 13 Board meeting were inadvertently not sent out to the Board members, the approval of the minutes will be delayed until the next meeting.

III. Committees and Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

Jerry reported that at the next meeting of the board the following Board members will be up for re-election, if they chose to continue to serve: Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Ali Davis, Vance Morrison, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, Miles Taylor and Sean Tucker. The following Offices will be open for election as well: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The personnel committee will convene before the February meeting to make recommendations as to board membership and officers.

B. Treasurer's Report

Jeff provided a written and oral report, indicating that new and renewing memberships remain to be the biggest challenge to our financial stability, but thanks once again to the generosity of Ellen Blakeman, the Association is in solid footing pending the commencement of our fundraising efforts.

C. House Page Program Committee

Jerry report (on behalf of Miles Taylor) that the official screening of the Page documentary, Democracy's Messengers will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the National Archives in Washington, DC. C-SPAN will film the event, including the panel of three former House pages who will discuss the documentary after the screening. The National Archives will live-stream the event and post on their website afterwards. C-SPAN has agreed to conduct interviews of other former pages afterwards as part of their American Government programming.

In addition, Miles, Audrey, Chris and Jerry have prepared a draft of a proposal for a summer House Page program to be submitted to Speaker Ryan's staff at their request in the hopes of a trial "slimmed down" page program to be implemented during the summer of 2018. Chris and Audrey had done some extensive research of the page programs that are sponsored by the various states and members of the board requested that such research be shared with them. Jerry agreed to distribute the draft of the research. Duane mentioned a program in Maryland and Jason mentioned one in Wisconsin.

Jeff suggested that the Association hold other events that week in DC and Jason suggested such event be a fundraising event for the Association. Duane offered his assistance with the National Press Club being such a venue to hold the fundraiser.

D. Events Committee Report and Discussion

In Peter's absence, Jerry reported that the Association hopes to sponsor an event in the spring in honor of former House Clerk Donn Anderson, either in DC around the time of the screening, or in Northern California (Bay Area or Sacramento) depending on where Donn is living at that time.

Ellen reported of her efforts to plan an event in Chicago and Jerry mentioned a suggestion from Lowell Baier to have an event in New York City at the Teddy Roosevelt birthplace.

E. Membership/Marketing Report and Discussion

A written report of the committee's activities was submitted to the Board.

Jason reported on his social media efforts in addition to his written report. No additional paid ads have been placed as our engagement through Facebook each month reaches over 1,000 people, which is very good. Jason also reported that he has prepared a Job Board, where former pages can post open positions and also view for themselves. We will be announcing the Job Board in upcoming emails and our next newsletter, which is scheduled for early 2018.

Shelley reported on the year end solicitation letter, a copy of which was provided in the written report. The solicitation came from Ellen, and included for the first time a Honor Roll of lifetime giving to the Association by our members/donors. We anxiously await the results to see if this increases year end giving.

Jeff reported that his efforts have resulted in the ability of former pages who attended the Capitol Page School (pages prior to 1985) to be able to order a new class ring identical to the design of the old rings from that period. Before Jostens can move forward, we need a minimum order of six male and six female rings. The Association will be publicizing this in our next emails and newsletter.

F. Class Whips/Database - No report

G. Fundraising Committee – No report

IV. Open Discussion/Adjournment

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm PDT.

V. Next 2018 Board Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Papazian, Acting Secretary