

**Minutes of the  
February 15, 2018 Meeting  
of the Board of Directors  
of the  
United States Capitol Page Alumni Association**

**Call to Order**

The regular February 15, 2018, telephone meeting of the Association's Board of Directors was called to order at 4:04 p.m. PST by President Jerry Papazian in memory of recently-deceased Director Ellen Blakeman.

**Attendance**

Present on the call were Directors Chris Cobey, Jeff Clark, Peter Darby, Tim Hill, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, Duane Taylor and Shelley Thomas.

Absent from the call were Directors Beth Ambrose, Audrey Scagnelli, Miles Taylor, and Sean Tucker.

**Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes of the Board meetings of October 13, and of December 14, 2017, were approved by all on the call except Chris, who abstained from the vote of approval of the December minutes, as he was not present for that meeting.

**Committees and Committee Reports**

Nomination Committee. Jerry reported that, for 2018, the Nomination Committee reviewed the interest of those persons in serving, either by re-appointment or appointment, as Directors. Bob, Ali, and Vance elected not to seek re-appointment. With Ellen's passing, that leaves the Board with four vacancies.

Jim Nuzzo expressed interest in serving as a Director. Jim's resume had previously been circulated to the Board. Jim first proposed a House summer page replacement program some time ago, is passionate about the Page program, and has attended several Association events in the Northeast.

Jerry moved to appoint for a term ending December 31, 2019 the interested incumbents (Chris, Jerry, Jason, Miles Taylor, and Sean) plus Jim Nuzzo. Chris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board then considered elections for officers for 2018. Jerry presented for the Committee a slate of the existing five Association officers and said that he would like to serve another year as President. This is a crucial time for the Association, with the planned unveiling of our documentary film, the possible reinstatement of the House program, and the Association's fundraising program.

Peter moved, and Jeff seconded, that the recommended slate of five officers be adopted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report. For Jeff, Jerry referenced the previously-distributed five-page written finance report dated February 14, 2017. Jerry noted that there were a large number of life memberships received in December, and that the Association showed a profit for the year 2017. Peter suggested that the Association may wish to increase its fees to \$100 for regular memberships, and to \$1500 for life memberships. It was noted that Ellen would subsidize the expense of our newsletters, so we may need to reduce our newsletter expenses.

House Page Program. For Miles, Jerry deferred a report on the House Page Program.

Concerning the Page documentary screening, Jerry reported that it would occur on March 6 at noon in the auditorium of the National Archives, it will be a public presentation, but that attendees would need to RSVP with the Archives online. Professor Jonathan Turley, Frank Mitchell, and Cmdr. Camilla Bosanquet will have a public conversation with Jerry following the screening of the documentary. The screening and subsequent panel discussion will be livestreamed by the Archives. CSPAN may do the same for later showing and broadcast.

The evening of this screening and panel discussion, there will be an invitation-only, 30-person maximum, reception at former Director Joe Stewart's Capitol Hill home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the reception will be for available current and former Board members to provide to prospective future significant Association donors an update and insider view of what the Association is doing. The event is not intended to be an explicit fundraising event. Jerry encouraged all to suggest names of whom to invite. We are hoping to persuade former Board members Ali and Vance to attend to present them with manifestations of our appreciation for their service.

On the next day (March 7) at noon, former Page Marcie Sims will make a presentation, co-sponsored by the US Capitol Historical Society, on her new book, *Capitol Hill Pages: Young Witnesses to 200 years of History*. The location of the event has yet to be set; suggestions on that are encouraged.

Events Committee. Peter reference his previously-provided written report. We are hoping to have a May event in the SF Bay Area or Northern California honoring former House Page (and former Clerk of the House) Donn Anderson. Tim is researching locations; Peter is researching possible host hotels. The Association will sponsor another event in September at the Texas Rangers' stadium. In October, the Association will sponsor its annual Smith luncheon. That event may be followed by a Saturday event at the Fred Smith Center for the Study of George Washington at Mt. Vernon.

Other possible future event locations include New York City, Chicago (possibly in honor of Ellen and the Obama library), Texas, Washington, DC, and at Presidential libraries as signature events (TX, Little Rock, Atlanta).

Peter reminded all that our quadrennial homecoming event will occur a little over two years from now.

Membership/Marketing. Tim will pick up Ali's responsibilities for maintenance and expansion of the Association's website.

Concerning social media, Jason said that he would help Tim with the website. Jerry suggested cross-training on website maintenance. Jason reported that the Association's Facebook presence is growing nicely.

On replacement class rings from Jostens, Jeff reported that he has received a number of orders, and that there will be no problem in meeting that company's requirement for a minimum of six orders. The option to order will be added to Jostens website. That availability will also be posted on Facebook, and in association of announcement of the March 6 documentary screening.

Ellen had been working on the newsletter. We will have to get the available information from her computer through her friend, Sheila. Peter suggested putting such material going forward in a location on the cloud, so as to have newsletter material there, instead of only on an individual's computer.

Fundraising. For Chris, Jerry reported that Ellen had been working on a case statement for major donors. We will have to see what she last did.

## **Open Discussion**

On new Board committee assignments, Jerry asked that Board members advise him of their preferences.

## **Adjournment**

Jerry adjourned the meeting in memory of Ellen at 4:41 p.m.