



**MINUTES  
OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2017  
MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Board of Directors  
2017**

Jerry Papazian (H '71-72)  
*President*

Beth Ambrose (H '91)  
*1st Vice President*

Peter Darby (H '83)  
*2nd Vice President*

Jeffery Clark (S '67-69)  
*Treasurer*

Chris Cobey (H '65-67)  
*Secretary*

Ellen McConnell  
Blakeman (S '72)

Bob Borsari (S '57-58)

Ali Davis (H '91)

Tim Hill (H 'XX)

Vance Morrison (SC '52-56)

Jason Rae (S '04)

Duane Taylor (H '78)

Miles Taylor (H '05)

Shelley Thomas (H '90)

Sean E. Tucker (H '84)

Joe Stewart (S '53)  
*Senior Advisor*

**I. Called to order:** By President Jerry Papazian at 7:01 p.m. EST via teleconference. Participating: Chris Cobey, Jeffery Clark, Bob Borsari, Miles Taylor, Duane Taylor, Ellen McConnell Blakeman, Peter Darby, Ali Davis, Shelley Thomas, Beth Ambrose, and Jason Rae. A quorum was present. Jerry welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

**II. December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were approved, with two corrections. Page 3 should note Senate Historian, not Secretary of Defense and on Page 2, the retired doctor has volunteered to be Class Whip for the Class of 1968.

**III. Committees and Committee Reports**

**A. Nominating Committee (Jerry Papazian)**

A Nominating Committee was formed after the October 2016 Board meeting. It consisted of Chris Cobey, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, Beth Ambrose, Miles Taylor, and Peter Darby. The Committee was tasked to identify current and future needs of the Board, governance, and identify potential new Board members. They had two conference calls and created a survey for current board members that was circulated in January.

For the 2017-18 Board, Ambrose, Blakeman, Clark, Darby, D. Taylor, and Thomas are up for reelection. Bill Peard has opted not to run again. In addition, two new Board members were proposed - Tim Hill (House, 1980) and Audrey Scagnelli (House, 2009). All were approved for a two-year term ending December 31, 2018.

Two new officers were proposed, both for one-year terms. Chris Cobey was nominated for Secretary and Peter Darby for Second Vice President. The remainder of the Officers were nominated to remain the same. All Officers were approved.

The Nominating Committee also finalized the expectations for all Directors, with the anticipation that all current and future Directors would sign. All Directors will not be required to acknowledge these expectations in writing. Discussion continued about how to identify new members as it is an expectation. It was noted that we are really focused on ensuring that our database is current and as expansive as possible.

Jerry will be establishing new committees and he is open to Directors' preferences.

**B. Executive Committee (Jerry Papazian):**

1. **President's Report** (Papazian): The current Supreme Court Nominee, Neil Gorsuch, was a Senate Page (either Summer 1983 or 1984).
2. **Memorabilia Donations:** Jim Oliver has donated his personal Page archives to the Association, which is now stored at the Historical Society. Jim's donations filled out most of the missing House yearbooks. Lenore Donnelly, the House Democratic supervisor, has also donated much of her memorabilia.
3. **Democracy's Messengers** (Taylor): Finished final cut and have submitted the film to the Washington DC International Film Festival ([www.filmfestdc.org](http://www.filmfestdc.org)). If accepted, it will be played in Washington in April (20<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>).
4. **Washington Leadership Academy (WLA)** (Taylor): The next WLA Board meeting is in two weeks. The Board is expanding and will be undertaking more strategic engagement and planning. If any current USCPAA Board members are interested in applying for the WLA Board, please contact Miles.

**C. Finance Committee:** (Jeff Clark):

1. **Treasurer's Report** (Clark): Jeff noted that we have increased memberships through the renewal emails.

**D. Events Committee** (Peter Darby):

1. **Events** (Darby): Two signature events are planned in 2017: the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library event in Southern California on March 25th, and Edward M. Kennedy Institute event in Boston on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. As of the Board meeting, 31 people have registered for the Reagan Library. The Director of the Reagan Library will make a presentation and Democracy's Messengers will be shown.
2. **Regional Events** (Darby): In addition to the Regional events listed in the report sent to all members, Peter asked Ali, Miles, and Beth to organize a DC-area Happy Hour on the Hill in April or May, perhaps in conjunction with the screening of the Page documentary. The Texas Rangers event will occur in September 2017. Interest in having an event in San Francisco, Chicago, and New York City in 2017.

**E. Membership/Marketing Committee** (Blakeman/Davis):

1. **Membership Development** (Blakeman/Davis): A discussion occurred about how best to solicit alumni news. Essentially any way we can. It is already requested in the newsletter. We will encourage class whips to incorporate in their outreach. Jason will also encourage people on Facebook to provide updates.
2. **Website** (Davis): We have just contracted with a firm to conduct security sweeps and maintain the site. They are also WordPress professionals and can help Ali when requested on an hourly basis.
3. **Social Media** (Rae): Jason was recently invited to the Senate Page school graduation by Principal Kathryn Weeden. She also made an announcement about the USCPAA to the graduates and gave each one

of our membership brochures.

4. **Renewals:** Automated reminders are working! They were finally set up in November and we are seeing many more renewals than we ever did before. We are still in the process of determining the best way to track non-renewals, as it is a moving target.
5. **Newsletter (Ellen)** A future newsletter will acknowledge all former Pages who we know are published authors. Discussion continued about what the policy should be for posting this information online. The committee will develop a policy for what could be included to discuss at a future call.
6. **Call Teams (Ellen):** Ellen wants to ensure these calls are useful to the organization. She noted that they are really fun to do.
7. **Contest (Ellen/Papazian):** There was a contest for alumni to submit contact information for classmates. There were two winners – Matthew Arthur (House, Fall 2001) and Mark von Destinon (House, 1975), each who provided about 90 new contact data points for their classmates. Each won win trip to the signature event of his/her choice and the contest was sponsored by Ellen. The contest has also led the USCPAA to develop a privacy policy.
8. **Pop-Up Reunion:** Beth brought up that her college is having a pop-up reunion in Washington to bridge the gap between reunions.

**V. Next Board Meeting (Papazian):** Thursday, April 20, 2017. Note October 13, 2017 is the October Board meeting in Washington DC.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned:** 7:59 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Davis