



**MINUTES
OF THE JUNE 16, 2016
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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2016**

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Senior Advisor

I. Called to order: By President Jerry Papazian at 7:04 p.m. EST via teleconference. Participating: Beth Ambrose, Ellen Blakeman, Bob Bonsari, Peter Darby, Ali Davis, Jason Rae, Duane Taylor, and Chris Cobey. A quorum was present. Jerry welcomed everybody, opened the meeting.

II. April 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes: No other comments were made. Minutes were approved. Ellen asked to be put in touch with Ron Thomason in order to write a story on housing discrimination.

III. Committees and Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Papazian):

- 1. President's Report (Papazian):** Thanked everyone for the very successful Homecoming 2016 weekend. He has received many positive comments and thanks to the organization. Today, an email was sent to all USCPAA email addresses with links to photos and information on the panels that will be covered by CSPAN3 this weekend. Ali will create a summary page on Homecoming with the C-SPAN links, photo links, sponsors, etc.
- 2. Washington Leadership Academy (Papazian):** No major updates. School is still on schedule to open this fall.
- 3. Democracy's Messengers (Papazian):** The completed documentary was screened at Homecoming. We will be taking it to Association of Public Television Stations to market it and once approved, any public television station will be able to show the documentary. Once that occurs, we will be able to make the individual DVDs to distribute. We will also use the documentary as a hook to schedule regional and local events.
- 4. Board Members:** If any board members have any recommendations for dynamic new members, please send contact information to Jerry.

B. Finance Committee: (Papazian):

- 1. Treasurer's Report (Papazian):** A full account from Homecoming will be ready for the August meeting. We gathered additional Lifetime Members as a result of Homecoming registration. Sponsorship for Homecoming was about \$20,000 and it was mix of individuals and groups, such as the Sonny Montgomery Foundation and the US Capitol Historical Society. Finally, Ellen Blakeman has become the organization's first major donor with a donation of \$24,000. As a result

of the announcement of the major donor at Homecoming, others have come forward to ask Jerry how they can help.

C. Events Committee (Darby):

- 1. Homecoming (Darby):** Thanked everyone for their contributions to making Homecoming so successful. This Sunday, June 19th, the two panels that occurred the first day of Homecoming will be presented on CSPAN3. A survey will be circulated to the attendees next week to get feedback, which we plan on using as insight for planning the next homecoming. Peter and Jerry are looking for input on any lessons learned for the next time – other events, things to change/do better, things that worked well. Any Board members are welcome to send their comments directly to Peter and Jerry.
- 2. Regional Events (Darby):** Peter and Jeff are organizing the 4th Annual Texas Rangers Baseball game (September 16-18). Peter asked Myles and Ali to organize a happy hour in DC in September or October. With the documentary complete, we are looking for venues to show the film and host an event across the country. Jerry is speaking with the Reagan Presidential Library to host an event. The goal is to have one Presidential Library event per year as a “signature event”. These events would be publicized to the entire membership and database as they may draw people from outside the immediate event area.

D. Membership/Marketing Committee (Blakeman/Davis):

- 1. Social Media:** Jason did an outstanding job with the posts on Facebook for Homecoming. Jason will review the hashtag to see how well it worked. We will continue to use the hashtag #uspages at all future events.
- 2. Class Whips:** More to be done with class whips. Now is definitely the time to move forward on identifying more whips and organizing them to support the organization.
- 3. Shirts and Hats (Papazian):** We will be selling t-shirts and hats on the webpage as well as Darrell Gonzalez’ book. Jeanne has about 120 t-shirts that can be marketed and then Corinne will provide the t-shirts and hats through her company.
- 4. Database (Papazian):** Provided a summary by year and by school year/summer of number of lost Pages and/or Pages without a mailing address. Bob recommended getting advice from a private detective to get some insight on the tricks of the trade. We had most classes, but not every class represented at Homecoming. A tentative plan is to reach out to some of the Homecoming attendees to engage them as potential class whips – especially for years that are in need of assistance. We have 12,000 names (1946-Present) and about 6,000 do not have good addresses. However, it is likely that many are deceased.

E. Long Term Strategy Committee (Cobey): No report. Chris will schedule a conference call in July or August for next steps.

IV. Open Discussion. None

V. Next Board Meeting (Papazian): Thursday, August 18, 2016. Note that the October Board meeting will be October 14 in Washington DC

VII. Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Davis, Board Member