



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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1. **Call to order:** By President Jerry Papazian at 7:00 p.m. EDT.
2. **Roll call:** Participating: Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Brendan McCann, Vance Morrison, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Shelley Thomas.

Absent: Beth Ambrose, Joe Stewart

Quorum was declared: 7 of 9 Directors participating.

3. **Approval of Minutes – July 2011, August (emergency meeting) 2011:** Minutes were approved by voice vote. No nays recorded.

4. **Committees and Committee Reports:**

A. Executive Committee:

- I. **House Page Closing Efforts:** Jerry Papazian has been in contact with the board, via email, over the past few weeks with the on-going and various efforts to reverse the cancelation of the House Page Program. Most recent announcement was that Carlos del la Torre, Miles Taylor and James Barnes have combined their ad hoc efforts to form one group. This new group has taken the lead on 'ground efforts' and are organizing and hosting a "Day of Action" Friday, September 23rd. The efforts on September 23rd are centered around the recent legislation (H.R. 397) introduced by Rep. Boren, Rep. Cuellar, and Rep. Dingell to Restore the Page Program.

Jerry reported that he was in DC last week and besides meeting with the three leaders of the Save the Page Program, he met with Rep. Boren and an de to Rep. Dingell as well. From those meetings, Jerry conveyed that there is some Congressional support however there are a lot of new members that have zero connection with the program. These freshmen also have shown a lack of will in going against leadership decisions. Jerry reminded the BOD that the restoration efforts have a daunting task and we need to keep at it over time, while maintaining

professionalism.

- II. Harris Directory Update:** Jerry reported that the mailings to verify correct address information for those in the database currently were put on hold due to the ‘August Announcement’ (House Page closing). Since the ‘August Announcement’ the database has been inundated with updated information from Alumni as well as new contacts, etc. Due to this growing volume Harris Corp. has backed out of their agreement with the Alumni Association leaving the Alumni Association with the task of finding a new vendor. As the original publishing date was February, confidence remains high the Association can find a new vendor and have a Directory in process during the May 2012 Homecoming.

B. Finance Committee:

- I. Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Peard provided the BOD an expense chart prior to the meeting. Also relayed on the call was the infusion of income in August was believed to be a result of the ‘August Announcement.’ To date there have been 340 donors, 20-30 of which occurred in August alone. (As a side note: the website attracted 1500 ‘unique’ visitors in the past 30 days).

While the 2012 Homecoming is expected to have several big expenses, there are none currently planned for the remainder of 2011 outside of a Newsletter. The date of next Newsletter has yet to be determined and is discussed below.

- II. Development Subcommittee:** Nothing to report since the last BOD call. Due to the ‘August Announcement’, Ken Smith, Joe Stewart and Jerry have yet to meet.

C. Events / Reunion Committee: Despite the ‘August Announcement’ and subsequent distraction, the 2012 Homecoming remains the Alumni Association’s #1 focus.

- I. 2012 Homecoming Update:** Chris Cobey and Shelley Thomas provided the BOD a memo on developments for planning since the last call. A discussion on the Saturday speaker ensued as the BOD would like to get one committed and confirmed. Considerations for a speaker include someone who will transcend politics and also anticipated to be available / in-town Memorial Day Weekend (This eliminates members and certain media).

It was also discussed, to avoid potential confusion, the event shall be referred to as the '2012 Page Homecoming.' No major action was taken on any other items left outstanding from the previous call.

Vance Morrison reported that when Jerry was in town, they met with the Supreme Court historian who has recorded a meticulous history and roll of former Supreme Court Pages. All three would like to put together a panel and tour for Friday of the 2012 Homecoming as the Court is not open on weekends.

Bill reported that 'Save the Date' postcards may be sent to generate more interest among the Alumni. However, total cost is a factor in deciding when to move forward.

- II. Regional Update:** Brendan McCann reported that there is nothing new to report on the potential Mid-West, South and two West Coast Regional events. However, due to the 'August Announcement' there will be a DC networking event to help further expose the Association and provide timely updates the weekend of Ken Smith's scheduled luncheon, October 14th. Currently under consideration are a Thursday Happy Hour at Tortilla Coast or Saturday event at Bullfeathers. Both locations were selected due to proximity to House side of the Capitol, transportation options and cost. A DC event October 13th or 15th does not preclude the Association from pursuing a Holiday Soiree in DC as originally planned.

D. Membership / Marketing Committee:

- I. Newsletter:** Bill reported that in light of the 'August Announcement' he has collected more than enough material and ideas for the next newsletter. Now he is looking into a realistic time-frame to generate the next newsletter (as well as maintain a sufficient amount of funds) by the end of the year.
- II. Membership Plan:** Bob Borsari reiterated that the Alumni Association currently does not have any long-term financial prospects. Due to this, he will try and establish a dues ladder outlining various benefits for varying contribution levels. This is underscored as even more important now that it appears the membership growth potential has been frozen due to the 'August

Announcement.’

E. Scholarship Committee: no activity to report.

5. **9/11 Oral History – Flight 93 / Class of 2001 Activities:** Jerry reported that the House Page class of 2001, of which Bill is a part of, went to the Pennsylvania location in remembrance on the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11th. The Pages that day played a key role in the evacuation and handling of the Capitol and three of the pages were interviewed to help provide the historian an oral history. A complete oral history is available on the House Historians website.
6. **Reminder: Ken Smith’s 9th Annual CPS Luncheon.** To be held at the Rosslyn, VA Holiday Inn Friday, Oct. 14th, 2011.

The Board of Directors will also meet for dinner Friday, October 14th. The location of which will be decided by Jerry upon the completion and submission of a potential locale’s report by Brendan. Once a location and time is selected, the information will be relayed to the entire BOD.
7. **Next Meeting.** Friday, October 14th, 2011 (see item 6).
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan McCann
Secretary