



# MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2013 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Board of Directors

Jerry Papazian '72  
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Miles Taylor '05

Shelley Thomas '89

Sean E. Tucker '84

**I. Called to order:** By President Papazian at 7:08 p.m. EST via teleconference. Participating: Beth Ambrose, Bob Borsari, Ellen Blakeman, Jeffery Clark, Peter Darby, Ali Davis, Jason Rae, Vance Morrison, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Joe Stewart, Shelley Thomas, and Sean Tucker. Jerry acknowledged a quorum for the meeting and welcomed our new Board members.

**II. February 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes:** Approved by voice vote with the following correction: Add Bob Borsari's name to those elected for a new term of office as a member of the Board of Directors.

## III. Committees and Committee Reports

### a. Executive Committee (Papazian):

**House Page Program Update (Papazian):** There has been little significant change in the status of the program but the Charter School concept continues to move forward with Seth Andrew at Democracy Prep. The small group from our Board that is working on the project has drafted a proposal whose goal is to create a Rhodes Scholar-type charter school in DC. The proposal is being considered by the Democracy Prep, which is excited and positive about the possibilities. Information is being gathered about friends within the House – more of whom than originally thought have been discovered. Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada also appears to be a strong supporter. There is an October 13 deadline for submission to the D.C. Charter School Commission and, prior to any submission, House leadership support will be required. As a result, it may be October 2014 before a formal submission is possible. *Jerry requested the Board keep this information close-hold during the ongoing negotiations.*

**Page Documentary (Papazian):** The documentary producer, Eric Young, had a family emergency and there

was a delay in production, but it is now back on track with the final version expected soon, perhaps this summer, as more essential interviewees come to the producers' attention. It is still planned that Cokie Roberts be asked to be the narrator.

**Directory** (Papazian): This project continues on the "back burner" for the moment. The full status will be reported at a later date.

**b. Finance Committee:**

**Treasurer's Report** (Peard): Total current Assets in the bank are \$23,900. Near-future obligations include about \$3,000 for the purchase of the new Page Lapel Pins, a photo of which was provided to the Board for this meeting; an anticipated large mailing to the membership, about \$4,000; and funds to subsidize regional alumni events. It is expected that most of the expenses will be recouped with anticipated income in the short term but long-range fund raising needs to be addressed.

**c. Events (Homecoming) Committee** (Papazian):

**Regional Events:** Photos of the 2012 reunion were displayed at the recent Chicago regional event and were a big hit. A regional event will be held in Boston for alumni in the northeast U.S. on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and a reception for fund raising is scheduled in the D.C. area for June 11<sup>th</sup>. Their theme is "Keep the Page Spirit Alive." The Dallas event has been postponed. Board member Peter Darby announced that he will be moving to Dallas soon. Other events planned, in this coming fall, are in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Volunteers for these events are always welcome.

**d. Membership Committee** (Peard):

**General:** Details concerning the new joint membership option between USCPAA and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society (USCHS) were discussed. The annual fee will be \$75 total for membership in both organizations. This includes newsletters and good collaboration between USCPAA and USCHS is anticipated.

**Lapel Pins:** A photo of the new Lapel Pins, based on the design of the 1930's-era Page Pin, was distributed to all

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Board members. All annual Members will receive a “regular” Pin, while Life Members will receive a Pin that is encrusted with jewels plus a USCPAA Ball Cap.

**Lapsed Members:** “Lapsed Members” who have not paid dues will receive a letter including the new membership Pin, shortly from Jerry, as a reminder to renew their membership. After this one letter, the system will be automated.

**New Committees:** The list of new committees and their assigned members is a “work-in-progress.” Board members need to express their needs for a charter and their desires to serve.

- (1) A D.C. Committee has been added to coordinate local events, especially events smaller than the October annual luncheon.
- (2) A need for a system to bring new Board members up to speed to obtain existing corporate knowledge was discussed.
- (3) It is envisioned that the Event Committee will plan both regional events and the 2016 Homecoming Reunion. For the latter, a leader and a subcommittee will be needed soon to plan when and where the Homecoming will be held.
- (4) A major donor list is needed for the Philanthropy Committee which also will need to develop a means by which Page-related memorabilia, as well as funds, can be donated to the Association. Memorabilia also will require a central storage area, probably in the D.C. Area. For this, the USCHS, House History Office and Capitol archivists may be able to help. Jim Oliver has expressed his intent to donate a large quantity of Page memorabilia that he has collected over the years. The Smithsonian Institution also was mentioned as a possible storage site. Sources for memorabilia include citizen constituents who contact their Congressmen.
- (5) Chris Cobey will chair the Long Term Strategy Committee which will discern how to sustain the organization in the face of eventual declining membership.

**New Board Members:** All Board members introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of their Page experience. Several items of particular interest arose

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during these introductions:

- (1) Beth Ambrose just got married!
- (2) Look for Ellen Blakeman in his summer's golf tournament.
- (3) A discussion about Riding Pages.
- (4) Jim Oliver and Donn Anderson both should be suitably recognized for their key roles in keeping the need to preserve the Page Program heritage alive and for urging a Page Alumni Association.

**4. Future Board Meetings** (Papazian): Meetings will be the Third Week of each Month on Thursdays, 7pm Eastern Time/4pm Pacific Time.

Dates will be June 20, August 15, October 18-19 (in conjunction with the DC-Region October Luncheon), and November 21.

**5. Adjourned:** 8:02 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vance Morrison  
Secretary