



MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors

Jerry Papazian '72
President

Beth Ambrose '91
1st Vice President

Chris Cobey '67
2nd Vice President

Bill Peard '02
Treasurer

Vance Morrison '56
Secretary

Bob Borsari '58

Joe Stewart '54

Miles Taylor '05

Shelley Thomas '89

I. Called to order: By President Papazian at 7:05 p.m. EST via teleconference. Participating: Beth Ambrose, Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Vance Morrison, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Joe Stewart, and Shelley Thomas. Jerry acknowledged a quorum for the meeting.

II. September 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Approved by voice vote.

III. Committees and Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee (Papazian):

House Page Program Update (Papazian): The Charter School concept is moving forward with Seth Andrew at Democracy Prep. A small group from our Board is working on the project and drafting a proposal whose goal is to create a Rhodes Scholar-type charter school in DC. The former House Page school facility and dormitory remain available. *Jerry requested the Board keep this information close-hold during the ongoing negotiations.*

Page Documentary (Papazian): Miles and Jerry have been working with Eric Young in order to complete the Page Documentary project. Further interviews are being considered to complete the story line and Cokie Roberts will be asked to be the narrator.

Directory (Papazian): This project is on the "back burner" for the moment while additional names and contact information of former pages continues to come in. The data base continues to expand, and the quality is improving. A company other than Harris appears to be preferable for the final work but no agreements have been entered into. Jerry described an evolving concept that has two parts: 1) an on-line directory that the association maintains and 2) a picture-filled self-published Commemorative book which

includes the names of all former pages and a written history of the programs. A former page is considering writing a comprehensive Page history, which we may include in the Commemorative book.

b. Finance Committee:

Treasurer's Report (Peard): The Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for 2012 was distributed by email to Board members. It reports nearly \$83,000 in income in 2012, including Homecoming, dues, donations and sponsorships. Homecoming expenses were almost \$52,000 as against associated revenue in the same amount, which resulted in a slight profit for the Association. Total Assets at 12/31/2012 are nearly \$21,000 in the bank.

Other costs during the year included postage and newsletter production, marketing, and the website. The total income figure is impressive and the Treasurer estimates even more in the coming year with over \$10,000 in dues and a similar amount in donations.

The Association's finances now are all on QuickBooks and all Federal reporting requirements are being met.

c. Events (Homecoming) Committee (Papazian):

Regional Events: The DC region just held a reunion that included about 50 attendees while Chicago held another with about 25 attendees. Four more regional events are planned for 2013, including one in Dallas the end of April organized by Dr. Tom Grooms ('65). There are about 200 members in the Dallas region and the event will be publicized via email and mail invitation. Other anticipated locales in 2013 include Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Regional events help to refine data bases and address lists and are relatively low cost.

d. Membership Committee (Peard):

General: The Committee is solidifying what it means to be a member of the Association. Three "Tiers" are now envisioned:

Tier One: Dues of \$50/year if older than 30 years and \$25/year if younger. Benefits include (a) access to the

Online Directory (b) membership lapel pin (being designed with a commercial firm, replicating the 1930's-era Page Pin), and a membership card/certificate.

Tier Two: A "Joint Member" with the U.S. Capitol (and perhaps Supreme Court) Historical Society. Dues of \$75/year with all of the above plus a one year trial membership in the Historical Society. Information on the costs and benefits of belonging to the Capitol Historical Society will be promulgated in the next couple months,, but includes discount at the Historical Society gift shop and the ability to join the U.S. Senate Credit Union. Vance will check on the possibility of the Supreme Court Historical Society's participation in this program.

Tier Three: Lifetime Members with one-time dues of \$500. Currently there are 43 Lifetime Members who will retroactively receive the above benefits plus a special membership lapel pin that is gem-encrusted, and a Page hat.

Dues Renewal: The Association now has 215 current annual members (plus 43 Life Members). Starting this month, invoices are sent via email for renewals. The Treasurer is increasingly vigilant to ensure all are billed in a timely manner. There are plans to develop a capability to automatically bill to a member's credit card (with a member's permission, of course). "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.

IV. Officer Elections and Board of Director Nominations (Papazian):

Director Nominations for Two Year Terms expiring the end of 2014: Beth Ambrose, Bill Peard, Joe Stewart, Shelley Thomas. All nominees were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Officer Nominations for One Year Terms expiring end of 2013:

President - Jerry Papazian
First Vice President – Beth Ambrose
Second Vice President – Chris Cobey
Treasurer – Bill Peard

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Secretary – Vance Morrison

All nominees were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Amendment of Bylaws: In order to introduce new “blood” to the Board, enable more flexibility for reliefs of current officers, and to provide more members for the Homecoming Planning Team, Jerry proposed the Association Bylaws be amended to read as follow: Article II, DIRECTORS, Section 2. Number: The initial number of directors of the Corporation shall be eleven. Thereafter, the number of directors of the corporation shall be not less than three (3), nor more than twenty (20). The Amendment was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Election of Additional Board Members: The photos and short biographies of seven potential new members were presented to the Board for information. All on the list have enthusiastically agreed to be Board members if so elected. Accordingly, the following names were presented for a vote:

Two Year Term expiring end of 2014:

Ellen McConnell Blakeman – Senate 1971

Jeffery Clark – Senate 1969

Peter Darby – House 1983

Duane Taylor – House 1978

One Year Term expiring end of 2013:

Ali Davis – House 1991

Jason Rae – Senate 2004

Sean Tucker – House 1984

Historical Advisor: Jim Oliver (House 1968)

All nominees were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Proposed Additional Committees: Jerry explained the need for Board members to volunteer for one or more Committees from the following new list:

- Membership (structure and benefits)
- Finance (fundraising)
- DC Committee (local events, including Oct lunch)
- Events (reunions and regionals)
- Philanthropy (scholarship)
- Long-Term Strategy (sustainability)
- Commemorative Directory

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- Communications (newsletters, brochure, website, emails)
- Restoration of House Page Program (ad hoc)

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

5. Adjourned: 7:59 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Vance Morrison
Secretary