



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2012 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2012 Board of Directors

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President

Beth Ambrose
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Treasurer

Vance Morrison
'56
Secretary

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Miles Taylor
'05

Shelley Thomas
'89

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1. Called to order: By President Papazian at 7:02 p.m. EST.

2. Roll call: Participating: Beth Ambrose, Bob Borsari, Chris Cobey, Vance Morrison, Jerry Papazian, Bill Peard, Joe Stewart, Miles Taylor, and Shelley Thomas.

Quorum present (All nine Directors participating)

3. January 19, 2012 meeting minutes: approved by voice vote. Thanks to Chris Cobey for stepping in as Acting Secretary.

4. Committees and Committee Reports

Executive Committee (Papazian): Jerry confirmed that Board members had received his email of the draft Homecoming Registration Form and welcomed the Board to the meeting.

Video Documentary: Jerry and Miles have been working with Eric Young, a Los Angeles documentary film maker, to have a video documentary produced about the 200 year history of Capitol Pages, initially a 20 minute version for the Homecoming in May and eventually 45 minute version for more general use. Prominent former Pages from the Senate, House, and Supreme Court will be interviewed this month at a location near Dupont Circle as well as on the Hill. It will be produced at no cost to USCPAA and project a professional and positive image of the Pages. One of the prominent persons approached recently by Miles was the Vice President's Homeland Security Advisor. Also under consideration for possible inclusion in the video, at least in part, is the movie entitle Adventure in Washington, a 1941 movie made about the life of a Senate page.

Directory: Work on this project is on hold until after the Homecoming.

Finance Committee (Peard): Current Treasurer's report has been posted. Of note is that the \$8,900 raised to date this calendar year is 2/3 of the amount raised in the entire calendar 2011. The current bank balance is approaching \$12,000. Anticipated liabilities in the near term

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are associated with the Homecoming. It is planned that these will be offset by Homecoming registration costs. In general, the Association is in a good financial position. The budget for the Homecoming event is based on earlier reunions planned by Ken Smith.

Events/Homecoming Committee (Cobey/Thomas): The Committee has received tremendous support from its various participants. Journalist Cokie Roberts has agreed to be the moderator for the Capitol Page panel presentations and the Congressional Auditorium and Atrium have been secured for this. Decisions on panelists will be forthcoming; representing “Pages Through the Ages,” there are many from which to choose. C-SPAN coverage for the panels is anticipated.

Homecoming floor tours on Friday will be led by former MOC Tom Davis and others. Numbers will be limited to 30 at a time (vs. normal 15) for some of the Senate side tours and details are being worked with the Congressional staff.

The Trivia Contest planning continues.

Arrangements for the Friday afternoon guided tour of the Supreme Court, the Court Page panel discussion in a Court conference room which may be videotaped by the Supreme Court Historical Society, and coffee/tea reception to follow, plus self guided tour of exhibits and the Court’s explanatory video were approved by the Committee. This event will be limited to the first 100 attendees who sign up.

The Saturday Homecoming Reception and Dinner is set with Professor Jonathan Turley as guest speaker.

Arrangements continue for the Sunday Alumni Family Picnic, probably on the Mall, with box lunches planned from a local sports bar.

Membership/Marketing Committee (Peard): See information previously provided. Homecoming invitations and registration forms are now at the printer (per email mentioned earlier) but minor changes can be accommodated in the next day or so.

A deadline for registration, especially for the Saturday dinner/reception, will be established at about two weeks prior to the Homecoming. The online version will be nearly identical to the printed version. Online registration will be stressed as it is easier for all concerned. This version should be up and online within the week.

The possibility that online registrants may upstage those who receive the mailed/printed version and, as a result, events may fill up before

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those who use the mail can register. This will be accommodated by holding back some seats to provide time for those using the mail to be provided their fair share of participation at the events.

Younger Pages' participation also was discussed. They have less discretionary funds and may be invited to the many weddings planned for the same weekend as the Homecoming. We will try to ensure they register early.

5. 2012 Board meeting dates and times: Jerry expressed pleasure with progress to date and closed the meeting by noting the schedule for future Board meetings that was announced as the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time: April 19, June 21, August 16, October 19 (tentative; to coincide with annual luncheon), November 15, 2012.

7. Adjourned: 7:35 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Vance Morrison
Secretary