

MINUTES
OF THE
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 TELEPHONE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Call to Order

The telephone meeting was called to order by President Jerry Papazian at 7:05 p.m. Eastern time.

Attendance

Participating by telephone were Camilla Bosanquet, Jeff Clark, Michael Esposito, Patrick Green, Kelly Hitchcock, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, Audrey Scagnelli and Shelley Thomas.

Not participating were Kate Abbott, Beth Ambrose, Chris Cobey, Peter Darby, Jim Nuzzo, Duane Taylor, and Sean Tucker.

Approval of Minutes

The draft of the minutes of the February 19, 2019, conference call Board meeting were approved without corrections.

Committees and Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Jerry welcomed Mike Esposito and Patrick Green to their first board meeting. Jerry reported that the PCI Directory agreement had been signed and that the marketing phase of the project would begin in early May, with postcards and emails being sent to everyone for whom we have a good mail or email address. PCI will endeavor to “find” many of our missing former Pages as part of the process.

Treasurer’s Report: Jerry reported for Jeff that memberships and donations during the first three months of the year have been slow, but this is not uncommon in the third year of our four-year Homecoming cycle. The Association usually does well in Homecoming years (like 2020), as members join to take advantage of the discounts available during Homecoming. Between the upcoming Directory communications and regional events, we expect membership to increase by the end of the year.

House Page Program Committee: Jerry reported on behalf of Jim and Kate that a staff member of one member of Congress had reached out to the alumni association asking assistance in bringing back the House Page program. Audrey reported that Speaker Pelosi had appointed a new bipartisan Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress and at an early meeting of the Select Committee, there were comments

from current Members of Congress and others about bringing back the Page program. The Select Committee has set a date for a hearing to include a few former Members of Congress to give their suggestions on how best to improve the workings of Congress. We have decided to make some visits on Capitol Hill in mid-May to offer ourselves as a resource to these efforts.

Events Committee: Peter reported that regional events are in the planning stages for Chicago, Sacramento and New York. The Chicago event will be held on June 22 in honor of former board member Ellen Blakeman and will feature a talk by Chicago Tribune Film Editor Michael Phillips about the representation of Politics and DC in film. For the Homecoming, we have signed a contract with the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill for the planned event days (Thursday, May 21-Sunday, May 24, 2020).

Membership/Marketing Committee: Jason reported that the committee met by telephone and considered why someone becomes a member of the Association. The committee considered enhancing the benefits of membership, along with higher membership fees, using the option of automatic renewals of memberships, and focusing on membership experience. Camilla has agreed to co-chair the committee and take on the responsibility of administrator of the Association's website and social media. We'll be looking to develop more and new branded merchandise in anticipation of Homecoming.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Philanthropy Committee: No report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. EST.

The upcoming meeting of the Association's Board of Directors will be by telephone at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 15, 2019.

The annual in-person board meeting coinciding with the annual alumni luncheon is tentatively set for Friday, October 18, 2019, in Washington, D.C