

**MINUTES
OF THE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 4:05 p.m. Pacific time.

Participation

Responding to the rollcall were Jeff Clark, Chris Cobey, Peter Darby, Patrick Green, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, and Shelley Thomas.

Committees and Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Jerry gave the report.

Rep. Paul Findley (R-IL), who sponsored the first African-American page of the 20th century (Frank Mitchell), passed away recently. Frank Mitchell was traveling to attend the funeral.

On the PCI Membership Directory process, PCI reports a 26% response rate from the 6500 possible addressees. We have harvested 1000 new emails, 900 of which have been verified, and 575 more home addresses. Some recipients have expressed concern that the compiled list will be sold to others, which is not true. Participation in the process is completely voluntary. November 8 is the final date of PCI contacts.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry reported for Jeff.

Our new-member numbers continue to dwindle, which is expected in the third year of a four-year cycle before Homecoming approaches. We received a generous \$10,000 donation from the sons of our late board member, Ellen Blakeman. There was a positive response to the Chicago event. The other first female Senate pages, Julie and Paulette, as well as Ellen's family, were in attendance

House Page Program Committee: Jerry reported for Jim.

The House is in recess. We will be contacting Debbie Dingell on a possible naming association with John Dingell. Peter suggested a board-wide advocacy morning or day before the annual October 18 Smith luncheon in Washington

Events Committee and 2020 Homecoming: Peter gave the report.

The Chicago event held in June in honor of former board member Ellen Blakeman was successful.

As to a possible New York City event with Don Peebles, we have no commitments yet. If the event is held, it will be no sooner than November.

The annual Smith luncheon will be on Friday, October 18 in Washington at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, and will be followed from 3 to 6 pm with the board meeting in same space, and an optional dinner.

The Committee will have a report on the 2020 Homecoming in Washington, DC, on May 21-25, 2020 at the in-person October meeting.

Membership/Marketing Report: Jason gave the report.

Jason and Camilla were busy this summer. They expect to have a Sept phone committee meeting, and a report at the October meeting. Jerry noted that he had communicated with Camilla concerning the Association's use of social media.

Concerning the pre-1985 CPS class rings, Camilla has a new ring vendor prospect, as Jostens is still unresponsive. Jeff suggested booth for ring purchases at Homecoming. An alum has donated a female version of the class ring for use in creating duplicates.

Jeff encouraged \$500 solicitations and contributions from life members at the meeting in October.

Jerry encourages the development of sponsorships for Homecoming from financial entities, ring vendors, historical society, and alumni and associated families who could be listed in a program for the event.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Jerry adjourned the telephone meeting at 4:35 p.m. PDT.

Next board meeting:

In person

Friday, October 18, 2019; 3:00-6:00 pm Eastern
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill; Washington, DC