

**DRAFT MINUTES
OF THE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021, MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Call to Order

The video conference meeting was called to order by President Jerry Papazian at 7:02 p.m. Eastern.

Attendance

Participating in the meeting: Jerry Papazian (President), Peter Darby (Second Vice President), Camilla Bosanquet (Secretary), Kate Abbott, Jeff Clark, Chris Cobey, Michael Esposito, Kelly Shea Hitchcock, Jason Rae, and Shelley Thomas.

Absent from the meeting: Beth Ambrose, Jim Nuzzo, Audrey Scagnelli, and Sean Tucker.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from all meetings held on and between June 2019 to August 2021 deferred to a future meeting.

Executive Committee

Jerry Papazian, Chair

Nominating Committee

Mr. Papazian shared that he convened a meeting in July to discuss soliciting for new Board Members. We will look to seek diverse candidates. The *Nominating Committee* is looking to recommendations from former Page Program coordinators and Principals. Several candidates might present themselves as a part of our October 2021 luncheon and 50th Anniversary commemoration.

Future Board Meetings

- Saturday, October 23, 2021
- Thursday, December 16, 2021

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer position remains vacant. The President provided an update on Association accounts and expenditures. Please reference the 2021 Profit and Loss financial statement sent to

all Board Members in advance of tonight's meeting. As of August 15, 2021, USCPAA had a net income (balance) of \$3,498.31.

Committees and Committee Reports

House Page Program Committee

Kate Abbott and Jim Nuzzo, Co-Chairs

[The Board entered into closed session to discuss strategic considerations and planning. Please contact Ms. Abbott or Mr. Nuzzo with questions and/or comments.]

Events Committee

Peter Darby, Chair

Mr. Darby shared that there will not be an *Events Committee* report for July 2021. This having been said, there are several events well in the works, chief among them is our upcoming October 22, 2021, 50th Anniversary of Women in the U.S. Capitol Page Program. Please see the "50th Anniversary Female Pages Program" attachment in tonight's read-ahead packet for more details. The anniversary event will kick off in the afternoon with a keynote address (an ask has been made of our primary choice). Next, historians from the U.S. House, Senate, and Supreme Court History Offices will present their research into female Pages over the decades. Two panel discussions will follow.

Mr. Papazian informed the Board that the morning's events are firming up. Rather than hosting the plaque dedication at the U.S. Senate Page School, the U.S. Senate intends to host our invite-only event within the U.S. Capitol Building. This will enable the participation of several Senators who might wish to attend. All Board Members will be invited to attend. Also, one of the original Page Sponsors, former U.S. Senator Fred Harris, may travel from New Mexico to deliver remarks. We have also invited Representative Abigail Spanberger to speak at the luncheon. Generously, the U.S. Capitol Historical Society will co-sponsor our event. Moreover, they will handle the audio-visual logistics and live streaming for those who cannot attend in person. Finally, Jane Campbell, President of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, has kindly agreed to serve as moderator of our afternoon panel discussion with Paulette Desell-Lund, Deborah Gelin, Julie Price, Felda Looper, and Charlotte King.

Mr. Papazian informed the Board that we will convene for our annual Board Member Dinner on Friday evening at 7pm. Please advise him, soonest, if you plan to join us for (1) the October 22nd dedication at 10:30am; (2) the October 22nd, 7pm, annual Board Member Dinner, and/or (3) the October 23rd, 9am, Annual In-person Board Meeting. Please also indicate whether you intend to have a spouse, significant other, family member, or friend attend our Friday evening dinner as your plus-one.

Jason Rae shared that some Washington, D.C., area hotels have asked groups to provide them with an event- or meeting-specific 'coronavirus protocol' policy statement. For example, will we

require attendees to show proof of their vaccination to attend? Mr. Papazian replied that we will continue to monitor the policies of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Capitol Building, the U.S. Senate Page Program, and the *Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill*, and respond or act accordingly.

Membership Committee

Jason Rae, Chair

Mr. Rae shared that the *Membership Committee* has not met in the interim between the last USCPAA Board Meeting in June and tonight's meeting.

Marketing Committee

Camilla Bosanquet, Chair

Ms. Bosanquet shared the news that the Marketing Committee has created a Twitter account and secured a Twitter handle. Our new handle is @USCapPageAlumni. USCPAA intends to limit posts to announcements. We will not use this resource to engage in political conversations.

Ms. Bosanquet shared additional news that the Marketing Committee has stood up three accounts on LinkedIn over which we have ownership. The first is our official USCPAA connection. This can be used by Board Members to link their profiles to USCPAA under "volunteer service," e.g. The two other accounts are "school" accounts for the Capitol Page School and House Page School. Additionally, we have secured an account for the Senate Page School but will turn it over to the existing U.S. Senate Page School Principal, Josh Dorsey.

USCPAA's new Instagram account is now connected to our Facebook page. This enables us to simultaneously post on both platforms. The Instagram account has been well-received, with more than 120 followers to date. The account should prove especially handy for sharing event photos, e.g., our upcoming luncheon and board meeting in October.

The Marketing Committee continues to work on Yeti mugs, a long-sleeved shirt, and two new ballcaps for our upcoming October event. Ms. Bosanquet will circulate photos of the merchandise mock-ups in the near future. Furthermore, the Marketing Committee will prepare a roll-out plan for the merchandise and proposals concerning pricing (including shipping).

The Capitol Courier Newsletter

Michael Esposito, Editor

Mr. Esposito shared that the next *Capitol Courier* will publish at the end of October. The aforementioned article on then-Senator Biden is coming together quite well. USCPAA will also include an article on legacy bequests aimed at former Pages who graduated 40+ years ago. Mr. Esposito repeated his call for articles for the upcoming *Capitol Courier*, all ideas are welcome.

History Committee

Jerry Papazian, Chair

Mr. Papazian shared that our “Democracy’s Messengers” videographer/director (Eric Young) has agreed to join us in Washington to document the stories of our first female Pages.

Fundraising Committee

Chris Cobey, Chair

Mr. Cobey shared that a small group is working on the case statement to motivate bequests from Page Alumni who graduate more than 40 years ago. We would like to make such a request, i.e., that our Alumni leave a gift for the Association as a part of their estate plan, in the near future. Optimally, we would have this initiative firmly in place prior to Homecoming 2022.

Open Discussion

Proposed Change of the Association’s Address

Mr. Papazian shared that the proposal first discussed during the February 2021 Board meeting concerning a change of the Association’s address remains an open question. The family of Ms. Ambrose’s former Page classmate has since decided to sell the building in which the “mail forwarding” and “short-term office rental space” business operated. The Executive Board remains keen on exploring a similar arrangement, preferably on or close to Capitol Hill. Ms. Ambrose is presently exploring existing options.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Eastern.

The upcoming meeting of the Association’s Board of Directors will be held in-person at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill between 9am and 12 pm on Saturday, October 23, 2021.
