



**MINUTES  
OF THE APRIL 21, 2016  
MEETING OF THE  
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**I. Called to order:** By President Jerry Papazian at 7:00 p.m. EDT via teleconference. Participating: Beth Ambrose, Chris Cobey, Jeffery Clark, Vance Morrison, Ellen McConnell Blakeman, Bob Borsari, Peter Darby, Ali Davis, Jason Rae, Duane Taylor, Miles Taylor, and Shelley Thomas. A quorum was present. Jerry welcomed everybody, explained that our focus for this meeting was the May Homecoming, and opened the meeting.

**II. February 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were approved with thanks to Ali Davis for substituting as Secretary for the meeting.

**III. Committees and Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee (Miles Taylor/Jerry Papazian):**

- 1. President's Report (Papazian):** Association archives now have a home with the Washington, D.C. Historical Society. Currently included are 12 boxes of Page-related materials collected by Jim Oliver and donated to the Association, plus the Association's near complete Capitol Page School yearbook collection. Some of the yearbooks will be brought to the 2016 Homecoming Hospitality Suite for attendees to peruse.
- 2. Democracy's Messengers (Taylor/Papazian):** The Documentary is close to completion and is planned for showing at the Capitol Visitor Center on the Thursday of our Homecoming (May 26<sup>th</sup>). Jerry and Miles have worked hard with Director Eric and are pleased with the result. Jerry extended kudos to all concerned.
- 3. Washington Leadership Academy (WLA) (Taylor):** There was much good news about the WLA charter school. The school will open August 16<sup>th</sup>; has a large backlog of student applications; and the prospective students' families are "ecstatic" that their students will inherit part of the former Page program. WLA has signed a lease on a former Catholic University building that is very suitable and attractive. Miles will try to arrange a tour of the property for Homecoming attendees.

**B. Finance Committee: (Jeff Clark):**

- 1. Treasurer's Report (Clark):** Jeff announced that there has been an extraordinary response to the Homecoming which has generated a great deal of income (over \$35,000). A complete current Financial Report was provided to all Board members prior to the meeting. Jeff urged us to try to keep the momentum going following the Homecoming.

### C. Events Committee (Peter Darby):

1. **Homecoming** (Darby): Peter emailed an Events Committee report to Board members prior to the meeting.
  - a. Registration. Postcards were mailed to all reminding Pages about the upcoming Homecoming, especially important for those who do not receive emails. ***He also reminded all Board members who have not yet registered to please do so.*** According to Ali, 226 have signed up to date, 160 of whom are alumni.
  - b. Donations. We seek \$10,000 from sponsors for the Homecoming; \$4,000 has been donated so far.
  - c. Volunteers. *Help, especially from Board members, will be needed at the Hospitality Suite, the Registration Desk, on tours, and for other tasks.* Page 3 of Peter's report lists specific tasks where help is sought. Peter asked Board members to let him know when they plan to arrive in DC.
  - d. Program. *Thursday*: two Panel Discussions: 1) with Cokie Roberts as moderator and former Page-Congressmen Tom Davis, Paul Kanjorski, and former GW Bush speechwriter John McConnell; and 2) House and Senate Historians will discuss Page-related matters. There also will be the Reception and a showing of the Documentary on the auditorium. *Friday*: Capitol, Library of Congress, and Supreme Court tours. Plans continue for a possible (Old) Executive Office Building tour. *Saturday*: Group Photos on the Capitol steps at 3pm and that night the gala Reception and Banquet will be held. *Sunday*: A picnic on the Mall. *Children Program*: Shelley agreed to lead a children's program for the weekend if there is any need expressed. She led the last Homecoming's children program but few, or in some cases none, participated.
  - e. Hospitality Suite. Hours for the Hospitality Suite have not yet been determined but it must be manned at all open times to maintain decorum and to protect any historical artifacts on display.
  - f. Tours. Senate Floor tours may be a last-minute option and limited to one set of 100 participants. One Library of Congress tour is limited to 60 maximum participants. The Supreme Court tour and panel discussion is limited to 100 participants. There are waiting lists for these events with first-come registrants on the current attendee lists. Unfortunately, others will have to arrange their own tours. The Capitol Historical Society is being approached to see if other tours may be available.
  - g. Class Dinners. Board members were asked to help organize class dinners for their respective decades. Decade events can be publicized if the information is provided and Peter will follow up for coordination.
  - h. Publicity. A photographer will take still photos of all possible official events and will take the Group Photos on Saturday, including decade photos. CSPAN will cover the Cokie Roberts Panel and the Supreme Court plans to video the Court Page

Panel but this probably will not be made available for external distribution. Attendees will be encouraged to share their own photos and videos of events where photography is permitted.

- i. General Discussion. *Jerry asked Board members to be prepared during the next month to respond to requests for help; this is a larger and more complex Homecoming than 2012. Participation and recognition of former Page School teachers was discussed. Jerry announced that Speaker of the House Paul Ryan will not be attending as hoped because he will be on travel for the holiday weekend (election year). Other former Page-Congressmen will be invited to the reception on Thursday.*

2. **Regional Events (Darby)**: No other events are happening this spring but *Board members should contact Peter in the next two coming weeks with their ideas or plans for future 2016 regional events.*

**D. Membership/Marketing Committee (Blakeman/Davis):**

1. **Membership Development** (Blakeman/Davis): The committee provided a complete report to the Board members prior to the meeting. Ellen pointed out the t-shirt design options presented in the report; decision will be made soon. The Capitol and flag graphic and the slogan (“KEEPING DEMOCRACY RUNNING SINCE 1776”) appear to be suitable. Jason mentioned that the Association is getting good traction, and especially the Homecoming, on Facebook, as demonstrated in the report.

2. **Class Whips**. Not discussed.

**E. Long Term Strategy Committee (Cobey):** Not discussed.

**IV. Open Discussion.** (See above paragraph IV.C.1.i)

**V. Next Board Meeting** (Papazian): Thursday, June 16, 2016

**VII. Meeting Adjourned:** 7:46 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vance H. Morrison  
Secretary