

**MINUTES OF THE
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018 TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Papazian at 4:04 p.m. Pacific time.

Attendance

On the rollcall, answering were Elizabeth Ambrose, Camilla Bosanquet, Chris Cobey, Tim Hill, Kelly Hitchcock, Jim Nuzzo, Jerry Papazian, and Shelley Thomas.

Not answering were Jeff Clark, Peter Darby, Jason Rae, Audrey Scagnelli, Duane Taylor, and Sean Tucker. Chris reported that Jason was absent because he was receiving a community award prior to tonight's Milwaukee Brewers game.

Welcome of New Board Members

Kelly and Camilla introduced themselves and commented on their hopes and plans as Association directors.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 19, 2018, board telephone meeting were approved conditionally, pending confirmation of attendance for the meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Jerry reported that the Association roster, including 2018 meeting dates, had been updated and distributed. Jerry also reported that the updated committee lists have been distributed. He said that anyone wishing to switch committees should check with him. Jerry will be contacting the chairs of each committee individually by phone within the next two weeks to discuss activities and goals. Jerry is still working on distribution of DVDs of "Democracy's Messengers" to members of the Supreme Court and selected Congressional members, but the logistics of doing so are daunting.

Beth reported on her attendance representing the Association at the Class of 1968's 50th anniversary reunion dinner in Washington, D.C. Fourteen members of the class were in attendance. Dr. Thomas Keahey organized the weekend activities, with the help of Jim Oliver.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry report for Jeff in Jeff's absence. The Association has just under \$30,000 in the bank. The membership renewal rate down, perhaps because we have not generated a newsletter or membership letter recently. We will be generating another joint membership mailing with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, perhaps as soon as next month, which typically generates new and renewed

memberships. The Association remains very dependent financially on continuing memberships.

House Page Program Committee: Jim reported that Speaker Ryan is now a lame duck, and the committee is in a holding pattern until we learn the results of the November election. It is possible that there may be a new Speaker before November. Which party controls the House has a huge impact on what we are able to do. He will have a memo to the Committee for a phone meeting later this summer.

Events Committee: In Peter's absence, Jerry reported that we are still trying to find a Northern California event purpose and venue. Unfortunately, two potential speakers have declined. The US Association of Former Members of Congress has been queried as to former Members in the region as possible speakers, and there are some. Former House Member (and Budget Committee chair there), CIA Director, OMB Director, Defense Secretary, and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta may be a possibility. We are concerned about attendance, cost, and location for any Northern California gathering, and will not produce an event just to so we can say we did so.

Our annual in-person Washington, DC meeting of the Board will be on Friday, October 12. Jerry is in discussions for a possible Board visit and tour on Saturday, October 13, of the new Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, in Mt. Vernon, Virginia. Peter will be coordinating hotel logistics for the October meeting so watch for his emails soon.

We are discussing a possible fall event in New York City.

Membership/Marketing Committee: Jerry reported for Jeff that we had obtained more than enough orders for Jostens for Capitol Page School class rings for a mold to be made, and rings to be generated.

Jerry reported that Tim and he will be further trained to update the website, and that Jason still working on social media.

Newsletter: Jerry reported that Mike Esposito is completing the newsletter than Ellen Blakeman had mostly completed at the time of her passing.

Fundraising Committee: Chris remarked that the Association needs to reduce its financial dependence and support on annual dues, as they are unpredictable, and fluctuate. The Association should make itself an easier target of bequests from members, and encourage them.

Philanthropy Committee: Camilla reported that we are seeking partnerships with nonprofit civics associations, and are just starting work on this aspect. Chris volunteered to send to Camilla a link to a recitation of high school civics requirements by state as possible assistance.

Open Discussion

Jerry remind the Board that the next telephone meeting will be Thursday, August 16, and the following meeting in person in Washington, DC on Friday, October 12.

The date and location of the 2020 Homecoming were discussed. Beth noted that Memorial Day weekend this year had been quite warm, and that there are conflicts using a Memorial Day weekend meeting date with graduations and beginning-of-summer events. The Association may wish to try a fall Homecoming date, such as Columbus Day weekend. Jerry stated that we are starting to check with various possible hotels to ascertain rates, which vary depending on whether or not Congress is in session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PDT.

*The next two meetings will be Thursday, August 16 (telephone)
and Friday, October 12 (in person; DC), 2018*