

MINUTES
OF THE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018, TELEPHONE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Papazian at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time.

Attendance

On the roll call, answering were Chris Cobey, Peter Darby, Tim Hill, Kelly Hitchcock, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, and Shelley Thomas. Not answering were Elizabeth Ambrose, Camilla Bosanquet, Jeff Clark, Jim Nuzzo, Audrey Scagnelli, Duane Taylor, and Sean Tucker.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2018, Board telephone meeting were approved.

Committees and Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Jerry reported that he had had conversations with each of the committee chairs on their committee's goals for the coming year.

Treasurer's Report: Reporting for Jeff, Jerry noted that the Treasurer's report had been previously distributed. In summary, there have been few changes to the Association's finances since the last such report; our revenues are sufficient to cover expenses, but no more.

House Page Program Committee: Reporting for Jim, Jerry reported that the reinstatement effort is holding, pending the resolution of which party will control the House after the midterms. Jerry and Jim expect to meet with the administrator of the Senate Page Program (Kathryn Weeden) to confirm, in preparation for incorporating the best practices into the Association's proposed renewed House page program. Jerry noted that Weeden has always been helpful to the Association, such as by providing the Association with copies of past Senate Page yearbooks, and putting the Association on the list to receive a copy of each new Senate Page yearbook published. Jason offered to help with interfacing with Weeden.

Chris asked whether there was a tally of all Page yearbooks published and acquired. Jerry said he would update the list, and that the Association was missing only

a very few House yearbooks, and some early Senate ones. Jerry reported that the Association has managed to acquire a near-complete set of Page yearbooks.

Events Committee: Peter reported that there had been no events since the last Board meeting. The next Board meeting will be in person in Washington on Friday, October 12. The Association's representatives have begun talking with the Hyatt Capitol Hill concerning possibly being the host hotel for the 2020 Homecoming. Jerry noted that the format for October 12 would be standard format: the Smith luncheon, the Board meeting, followed by a dinner. Peter asked any director to advise if they were aware of an available space for Board meeting, and that there would be a mid-September call on 2019 event planning.

Membership/Marketing Committee: The Committee is in the process of posting the new Directors' pictures and bios. The Committee is also working on a marketing calendar. Jason reported that the Committee was working on a joint membership letter with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society (USCHS) to go out shortly.

For Jeff, Jerry reported on our current frustration with Josten's about class rings. Our contact there appears to be MIA. On the renewal of memberships, we are reconsidering nature and frequency of email and postcard reminders. Anecdotally, we are getting a good response to postcard reminders. Tim observed that the USCHS schedules seven reminders, include other calls to action to keep interest strong.

Peter asked whether a headcount of active members was available. Jerry responded that a current active headcount was not available right now, but he will have one compiled and have for the next Board meeting. Peter requested detailed data on membership ups and downs.

Fundraising Committee: Chris referred to his previously distributed committee report, said the committee would have a phone meeting in September, and would be looking at various techniques for fundraising.

Philanthropy Committee: For Camilla, Jerry reported that this committee is currently concentrating on a connection with civics education. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please advise Jerry.

Open Discussion

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PDT.

The next two meetings of the Association's Board of Directors will be Friday, October 12 at 3:00 pm EDT at the Hyatt Capitol Hill in Washington (in person), and December 21 at 4:00 pm PST (telephone), 2018.