



**MINUTES
OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Board of Directors
2015**

Jerry Papazian (H '71-72)
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1st Vice President

Chris Cobey (H '65-67)
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Ali Davis (H '91)

Jason Rae (S '04)

Duane Taylor (H '78)

Miles Taylor (H '05)

Shelley Thomas (H '90)

Sean E. Tucker (H '84)

Joe Stewart (S '53)
Senior Advisor

I. Called to order: By President Jerry Papazian at 7:01 p.m. EST via teleconference. Participating: Chris Cobey, Jeffery Clark, Vance Morrison, Ellen Blakeman, Bob Borsari, Peter Darby, Ali Davis, Bill Peard, Jason Rae, Miles Taylor, Shelley Thomas, and Sean Tucker. Jerry welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

II. December 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Approved by voice vote with one correction noted on page two, line 5: change second appearance of "Association" to "documentary."

III. Committees and Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Papazian):

1. House Page Program Update (Miles Taylor): Resubmission of the Charter School project request is on track and will occur in less than a month with the full team participating. The initial proposal will be limited to a request for a day school with the focus on students on Capitol Hill, starting in the summer, with no dormitory – yet. The school will need to demonstrate its ability to function before approval for a larger effort, including a dormitory, is requested. Final approval is anticipated in May and then the team will need a lot of help as the program is implemented.

2. Democracy's Messengers (Papazian/Taylor): Jerry announced that Don Peebles has agreed to an interview for the documentary and that Jerry should be able to accommodate a member's request to add written contact information about the Association at the end of the documentary.

B. Finance Committee: (Cobey):

1. Treasurer's Report (Cobey): Chris, as outgoing Interim Treasurer, distributed a two-page Financial Report to the Board prior to the meeting. The current balance is about \$18,000. Recent collections, mostly in early January, resulted in \$45K income, including \$18K in Life Memberships, \$12K in other dues, and about \$4K for Joint Memberships. A statement reflecting this income will be sent out to the Board. Expenses included the new website development, mailings which included ½ of the cost for the joint mailing, pay-back for the documentary loan (plus \$1850 in gratitude for the Association's loan), and negative income for Regional events, an issue that will be addressed.

C. Events Committee (Darby):

1. Regional Events (Darby): Peter provided an updated 2015 Events

Planning Matrix to the Board prior to the meeting. He summarized the current 2015 plans by region as follow:

- Boston – A new educational facility is being constructed in Boston near the JFK Library that includes an accurate replica of the U. S. Senate Chamber. An opening event there is planned for April 25th and former Pages will be encouraged to attend. Details will follow and attendees will be encouraged to employ our new website for their RSVPs.
- DC – Several Happy Hour events, a Family Event, a Nats Baseball or DC United Soccer game, and events in conjunction with the Annual Board Meeting in October are planned. Board member ideas for the October Saturday afternoon event are encouraged.
- NC – an event is planned in the Raleigh/Durham area in May.
- GA – An event in Atlanta will be pursued.
- San Francisco – A June event in Northern California is planned.
- Chicago – The Ford Library does not accommodate any weekend events so the Committee is investigating an event at the Lincoln Library in Springfield, IL, to see if enough attendees could travel the distance from the major nearby cities.
- Dallas/Ft. Worth - The Third Annual Texas Ranger outing is planned for Saturday, 12 September.
- Little Rock – The team is targeting an event at the Clinton Presidential Center in the fall.
- NYC – A November event is planned. The Committee seeks NYC former Page contact information from the Board membership.

2. Homecoming (Darby): Peter reminded the Board that the 2016 Homecoming will be Memorial Day Weekend. The committee will hold its next planning meeting in March.

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

1. Website (Davis): Ali noted that the new website is up and running now and has been favorably received. The designer will continue to provide assistance in the future but the help may no longer be gratis. She urged Board members to continue to keep populating the site in order to keep up interest.

2. Social Media (Rae): The site has reached over 1000 people recently and responses have included stories and photos. New story ideas are encouraged.

3. New Member Phone Calls (Blakeman): Most have responded, even to voice mails, and many are pleased to make the contact.

4. Lifetime Membership Certificates (Davis/Papazian): The Committee will approve the certificate design and submit it to the Board for their concurrence.

E. Membership Development (Peard): Bill distributed a two-page membership Development/Fundraising Report to the Board prior to the meeting. He noted that 77 new members joined in January and

February. We now have 384 total members but 450 lapsed members who need to be encouraged to rejoin. He will work with the Membership/Marketing Committee to craft tactics to move forward on this issue. He has been talking with members to contact classmates to share the word and, ultimately, to increase fund raising. The Board discussed the value in contacting former Page parents, initially by postal mail, to help identify those former Pages who may be eager to help and to seek financial help, too. Jeff Clark volunteered to assist in contacting lapsed members.

F. Long-Term Strategy (Cobey): Chris reported that the committee's thinking is long-term and the next Long-Term Strategy Report will be at the October Board Meeting.

G. Newsletter (Papazian): Jerry requested the next newsletter be distributed in May at the latest. The committee requested the Board provide inputs to enhance the newsletter content and that 2016 Homecoming information be included in this issue.

H. Other (Papazian): Jerry will send out rosters of the Board Members for review and correction as needed. He also will have a list of invitees to the Boston JFK event. A pitch was made for former Page/Congressman Tom Davis' new book. Ali requested someone submit an article on the book for the next newsletter.

IV. Election of Board Members (Papazian): The following Board Members were up for re-election for a two-year term of office: Ambrose, Blakeman, Clark, Darby, D. Taylor, and Thomas. Joe Stewart declined to run for re-election and is willing to serve as a Senior advisor. A motion to approve all for re-election was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

V. Election of Officers (Papazian): The following Officers were up for re-election: President – Papazian; 1st Vice President – Ambrose; 2nd Vice President – Cobey; Secretary – Morrison. Jeffery Clark was nominated to serve as Treasurer. A motion to approve all for election/re-election was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

VI. Proposed Dates for 2015 Board Meetings (Papazian): Third Thursday of the Month.

April 16, 2015	October 16, 2015 (Friday) – DC In-person Meeting
June 18, 2015	December 17, 2015
August 20, 2015	

VII. Next Board Meeting (Papazian): Thursday, April 16, 2015

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Vance Morrison, Secretary