

U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Thu., Aug. 18, 2022

Board members attending: Jerry Papazian (presiding), Elizabeth Ambrose, Jeffery Clark, Peter Darby, Michael Esposito, Kelly Hitchcock, James Nuzzo, Jason Rae, Shelley Thomas, Dr. Sean Tucker.
Excused: Kate Abbott. Not attending: Audrey Scagnelli.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. EDT, quorum verified.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of April 21, 2022, meeting approved 10-0 (Papazian motion, Darby second).

House Page Program Committee, James Nuzzo

- The committee is mindful that 2022 elections could change the dynamics for page program restoration.
- Initial conversations have taken place with (who the committee expects may be) the new Speaker after mid-term elections, explaining it deferred action thus far due to current Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in her then-role of Minority Leader, having joined with Speaker John Boehner to end the House program. It's felt that someone taking up a new action will be easier than someone reversing a prior action.
- Committee has taken up the plan for alumni to visit their Members' district offices after the mid-term elections. The committee has prepared information for those meetings.
- Committee suggests seeking help from retiring Rep. Bobby Rush to identify a successor "champion."

Treasurer's Report, Jerry Papazian

- Jerry Papazian delivered a summary of the financial reports—expenses presently at a minimum.
- Summary of membership numbers—adding one or two new Life Members per month.
- IRS Form 990 for 2021 has been filed.

Events (and Homecoming) Committee Report, Peter Darby

- Events hopes to build on RAdm. Jim Johnson Page Talk success—seeks new, nonpartisan speakers.
- Fall luncheon will be at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Sept. 23. Special rate \$199/night. Sponsorship opportunities will be made available soon. Opportunities between program and board meeting for new volunteers and board members to meet informally.
- Queen B golf outing/fundraiser moves to Arizona, details TBD.
- Homecoming now planned for May 25-28, 2023.

Membership Committee Report, Jason Rae

- Jason Rae delivered a brief report, next meeting coming soon.

Marketing Committee Report, Shelley Thomas

- New merchandise in the works.
- Homecoming communications planning in progress.
- (Michael Esposito) Newsletter story ideas and volunteer writers sought.

History/Fundraising/Philanthropy Committees, Jerry Papazian

- Jerry Papazian delivered brief reports.
- Looking for possible Civics-themed classroom presentation opportunities.

Good of the Order (business not on the agenda, but brought before the board)

- Peter Darby noted that yearly memberships will carry members through Homecoming and suggested that selling point for a membership push.

Adjournment at 7:34 p.m. EDT. Next meeting to be held Sept. 23, 2022, in Washington, D.C.