

# **U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Wed., Jan. 25, 2023

**Board members attending:** Jerry Papazian (presiding), Kate Abbott, Peter Darby, Michael Esposito, Kelly Hitchcock, James Nuzzo, Shelley Thomas, Dr. Sean Tucker.

**Not attending:** Elizabeth Ambrose, Jeffery Clark, Audrey Scagnelli.

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. EST, quorum verified.**

## **House Page Program Update — moved to top of agenda**

McKeon Group will continue pro bono efforts on our behalf. USCPAA board member James Nuzzo is now of counsel to McKeon Group. Speaker McCarthy has no set position on page program. We'll seek a current member of the Congressional Black Caucus to take up now-retired Rep. Rush's efforts to restore the program. Minority Leader Jeffries has been a member of the CBC and we will ask Rep. Rush or another friend to remind him of CBC's longstanding friendship to the program, as bipartisanship is critical to success. We must walk into any meeting with the House leadership with a presentation of how a restored page program will operate, including "best practices" from the Senate program.

The Committee will meet the week of Jan. 30 to create a comprehensive document, including financials, Senate program information, duties and opportunities, impact on pages lives, etc.—a complete proposal.

## **Approval of Minutes – Sept. 23 and Nov. 17, 2022**

Minutes for both meetings approved without objection (Darby motion).

## **Executive Committee Report – Jerry Papazian presented**

1. Jason Rae stepped down due to DNC duties. New Membership chair/co-chairs sought.
2. 2023 Update.
3. Board Members up for re-election: Abbott, Ambrose, Clark, Darby, Esposito, Scagnelli, Thomas
4. Officers up for re-election – President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.
5. Elections of Officers and Directors – next meeting.

## **Membership Committee – New Committee Chair/Co-Chairs needed**

### **Treasurer's Report — Jerry Papazian presented**

1. Year-End Financials
2. New Member Report

### **Homecoming & Events Report – Peter Darby presented**

1. Peter delivered a report titled "Events / Homecoming Committee Report" dated Jan. 25, 2023
2. Homecoming remains scheduled for May 25-28, 2023, in Washington, D.C.

### **Marketing Committee – Shelley Thomas**

1. Merchandise/Social Media
2. Newsletter – Michael Esposito

### **History Committee, Fundraising, and Philanthropy Committees – Jerry Papazian**

Pretty much on hold for now.

### **Open Discussion — None**

### **Next Meetings – TBD in February**