

U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association

Board Meeting (on-site at Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill)—Fri., Oct. 27, 2023

Attending: Jerry Papazian (presiding), Kate Abbott, Beth Ambrose, Jeffery Clark, Peter Darby, Michael Esposito, Kelly Hitchcock (remote), Shelley Thomas.

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Called to order and quorum confirmed at 2:40 p.m. EDT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved minutes of Sept. 14, 2023.—Thomas motion, Darby second, 7-0 (Hitchcock joined after vote).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee—Jerry Papazian

- Election of David Lenox to fill Board vacancy—Darby motion, Esposito second, approved 8-0.
- Supply of membership brochures is exhausted, update/revise brochures before next printing.
- Donald Anderson memorial from Capitol marble installed Oct. 25. Alumni Association and various dignitaries will attend the Congressional Cemetery at 2 p.m. Oct. 28, 2023, for remarks/dedication.
- Anderson memorial funded by Association to be reimbursed by donations for that purpose from Association members and friends of Donald Anderson—donation pledges match/exceed spend.

Treasurer's Report—Jerry Papazian

- Presented financial statements dated Sept. 30, 2023.
- Presented new-member report—Association now has eight years of detailed membership data.

House Page Program—Kate Abbott and Kelly Hitchcock

- House leadership situation remains less than optimal for our push, but we will begin grassroots efforts to raise the profile of the Page Program, including encouraging direct Page Alumni-Member contacts.
- Having a paid Page Program is critical to enable inclusion of Pages from all socio-economic backgrounds.
- Grow Alumni involvement through class reunions, host “lunch and learn” sessions (live or Zoom) about ways to have an effect on restoring the program, opportunities to visit home-district Members' offices.

Homecoming and Events—Peter Darby

- Expectation is that Homecoming will remain on a quadrennial schedule—next in 2027.
- Next Events Committee meeting will be in November with a focus on potential regional events to showcase value of Association membership.

Membership Committee—Jerry Papazian, Kelly Hitchcock

- On-line Directory Access—solving safety issues to allow Association members to search for friends.
- Increase connections with potential Association members through class reunions, restore Class Whips.

Marketing Committee—Shelley Thomas

- Merchandise/Store—is on the verge of going live.
- Newsletter—Esposito reports one story needs to be submitted, but an alternate plan exists for immediate publication, if desired.
- Website updates are ongoing.

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- Class of 1983 reunion dinner at 7 p.m. Oct. 27, Bullfeathers, 410 First St. SE—all Board invited.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. EDT—Esposito motion, Clark second, approved 8-0.