

U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association

Board Meeting—Thu., Feb. 22, 2024

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

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Called to order and quorum confirmed at 7:03 p.m. EST.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved minutes of Oct. 17, 2023.—Darby motion, Esposito second, 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee—Jerry Papazian

- Election of Kelly Hitchcock, Jerry Papazian, Sean Tucker—Lenox motion, Darby second, approved 8-0.
- Appointment of officers: President/Papazian, 1st Vice President & Treasurer/Ambrose, 2nd Vice President/Darby, Secretary/Esposito—Lenox motion, Darby second, approved 8-0.
- Appointment of new directors: Janay Eyo (Senate-2010), Berry Mersky (House-1968), Karla Raettig (Senate-1987), John Wahlig (Senate-2019)—Esposito motion, Abbott second, approved 8-0.
- Update: Donations for Donn Anderson's Capitol marble marker met the Association's costs. Capitol contacts report subsequent requests for Capitol marble and expressed thanks for our leadership.
- Speaker's Lobby newswire ticker tape from the day President Ronald Reagan was shot was donated by an Association member, further strengthening our relationship with the House History office.
- An additional Capitol history donation: A jar of "dome polish" from the Capitol physician, which was part of a prank played on new pages.

Treasurer's Report

- Presented Balance Sheet dated Dec. 31, 2023, and P&L statement for 2023.
- Presented member report for current year and historical data 2009 through Jan. 31, 2024.

House Page Program—Kate Abbott

- Reaching out to James Nuzzo and the McKeon Group, since the Speaker situation has changed.
- Will begin planning for program restoration efforts no matter the status of the House after elections.

Homecoming and Events—Peter Darby

- Next Homecoming will be in 2027.
- Exploring "Happy Hours on the Hill" to engage with large D.C. alumni community.
- Ken Smith Memorial Luncheon is scheduled for Fri., Oct. 18, at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill.
- Seeking opportunities for regional events.
- Will explore possibilities of coordinating with events such as the Queen B golf outing (for ALS research) that's run by Ellen McConnell Blakeman's sons in Arizona.

Membership Committee—Dave Lenox, Kelly Hitchcock

- Increase connections through Class Whip
- Seek input from 2019 Page alumnus and new board member John Wahlig for best practices to appeal to younger alumni.

Marketing Committee—Shelley Thomas

- Newsletter—Esposito reports one story needs to be submitted, but an alternate plan exists for immediate publication, if desired.
- Merchandise/Store—sales are brisk, several items have sold out/backordered (including some sunk cost items, such as directories and 2016 Homecoming merchandise).

NEXT MEETING—Thu., April 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. EDT/4:00 p.m. PDT.

ADJOURNMENT—Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. EST.