

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

Board Meeting—Thu., July 20, 2023

**Attending:** Jerry Papazian (presiding), Kate Abbott, Jeffery Clark, Peter Darby, Michael Esposito, Dave Lenox, Shelley Thomas.

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**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT via Zoom.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved minutes of March 1, 2023, and March 29, 2023.—Darby motion, Papazian second, 6-0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Jerry Papazian reported Homecoming videos and photos are ready. Emails will go to attendees to visit/download as soon as possible.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jerry Papazian presented the financial report dated June 30, 2023.

### **Homecoming and Events**

- Peter Darby presented a Homecoming recap, plans for an event “post mortem,” and plans for August Events Committee meeting.
- Shelley Thomas provided a report on merchandise sales at Homecoming and identified a pinch point—having just one cellphone for credit/debit card sales—which will be remedied for future events.

### **House Page Program**

- Kate Abbott presented an update on program restoration efforts amid evolving House leadership situation in the present Congress.
- Reported on successful messaging to Association membership about how to approach in-person meetings between alumni and current officeholders.
- Plans to engage Association membership in ways to engage without adding to turmoil on the Hill.

### **Membership Committee**

- Dave Lenox reported that administration and organization tasks are moving forward and that point people soon will be appointed to lead various efforts.
- Board discussed past use of Class Whips to help with class-by-class engagement.

### **Marketing Committee**

- Shelley Thomas provided a report on Homecoming and coming website store.
- Jerry Papazian reported that two of the 20 boxes of excess merchandise that shipped via FedEx to his residence were lost in transit (boxes believed to contain water bottles and baseball caps).
- Michael Esposito reported that newsletter assignments were made and he will work with authors to provide copy ASAP. Many photos are available.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

- Board meeting via Zoom, Thu., Sept. 14, 2023.
- Board meeting in person in D.C., Fri., Oct. 27, 2023—Peter Darby reports rates/hospitality negotiated with Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. EDT.