

**MINUTES
OF THE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 ZOOM MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Call to Order

The telephone meeting was called to order by President Jerry Papazian at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time. It was noted that this was the first formal meeting of the Board since February 2020 as a result of the COVID pandemic. Informal unofficial board meetings were held in April and June only of a social basis

Attendance

Participating by Zoom were Kate Abbott, Beth Ambrose, Camilla Bosanquet, Jeff Clark, Chris Cobey, Peter Darby, Michael Esposito, Patrick Green, Kelly Hitchcock, Jim Nuzzo, Jerry Papazian, Jason Rae, Audrey Scagnelli, Shelley Thomas, Duane Taylor and Sean Tucker.

Not participating were: NONE – 100% Attendance

Approval of Minutes

No minutes from the February 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved. They will be available at a future meeting for approval.

Committees and Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Jerry reported that he had attended Donn Anderson's Memorial Service in Sacramento earlier in August, along with one other former Page. We plan to work with the executor of his estate to help organize a memorial service in Washington, DC when COVID permits. Jerry reported that he had been contacted by Roanoke Professor Todd Peppers about his research on the first African American Supreme Court Page, Charles Bush. We connected Peppers with many other former Pages and colleagues of Bush. Peppers is hoping to have his work published soon. The directory company PCI has been delayed publication of our directory but plans to have it published in early 2021. This has provided us more time to assembly the names of deceased former Pages going back to the 1800s. Finally, it was noted that there have been some personnel changes with the US Capitol Historical Society but our

relationship with them remains strong.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reported on the 2020 financials as of August 24, 2020 noting that we had offered refunds to anyone who had registered for Homecoming. To date, only \$1,690 worth of registrations were refunded and the remaining \$5,110 is carrying over to the rescheduled Homecoming by request of the registrant. In addition, the Homecoming invitation which was printed and paid for, but not mailed, is being held by our printer and we will re-purpose it for the rescheduled event. Both the carry-overed registrations and the printing bill will show up on our balance sheet as pre-paid expenses. The 2019 Form 990 was distributed to all Board members for review.

House Page Program Committee: Kate and Jim reported on their efforts for the restoration of the House Page Program. Given the COVID pandemic, most work on this was put on hold as all of Capitol Hill is shut down and the existing Senate Page Program has been put on hiatus. We have been assured by our friends in the Senate program that Senate Pages will return once it is safe. Chris Cobey distributed his thoughts and form letters to use to send to current Members of Congress about their Page experience to help pave the way for a restoration of the program.

Events Committee and 2020 Homecoming: Peter reported that the 2020 Homecoming had been postponed because of COVID without any financial issues with the Hyatt Hotel and only the mailing and registrations being an issue, as discussed in the Treasurer's report. Our plan as of now is to reschedule to Memorial Day weekend 2021 – COVID permitting. The Hyatt Hotel is cooperating with us and anxious to have us return next year. The decision was made to cancel the in-person Ken Smith luncheon scheduled for October 2020 with a few Zoom alternative programs discussed.

Membership/Marketing Committee: Camilla reported activities on marketing, website development, and merchandising, and urged board members to contact her if they want to help on the merchandizing function.

Jason reported that the MMC has proposed extensive changes to the concept of levels of membership and benefits for various levels, tiered memberships. A preliminary draft of these changes was discussed at the meeting, with further review required by all parties. It was agreed that no significant changes will be made until after the next Homecoming weekend.

On the newsletter, Mike reported that the committee is developing story ideas, and will include a year end solicitation letter with the newsletter

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Philanthropy Committee: No report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Pacific time.

The upcoming meeting of the Association's Board of Directors will be by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time either on October 15 or 16, 2020.