

**CGA Parents Association National Council Meeting-DRAFT**  
**Officers Club, USCGA**  
**June 26, 2005**

**1. Opening Remarks and Introductions**

President Dom DiIulio opened the meeting at 1:00 (1300). He introduced RADM James Van Sice who assumed the duties as USCGA Superintendent on 27 May 2005.

**2. Academy Staff Presentations**

*Superintendent-RADM Van Sice-* The value of good parent information sharing and the great importance of the Parents Association to the Corps of Cadets is immeasurable. This group has been responsible for assisting with transportation, listmaster e-mails and innovative partnerships to reach margin of excellence status above and beyond government sufficiency. RADM Van Sice has also noted dramatic improvements in facilities, such as the new all weather surface on Cadet Memorial Field, the work on the lower field track and sports' now in progress, and the recent Chase Hall renovations – all accomplished since his previous assignment to the Academy.

*Commandant of Cadets -CAPT Wisniewski-*There is continued appreciation for the support the Parents Association provides to the Corps of Cadets for transportation, copier services, and sponsor parent program support. Seventy-five percent of the Class of 2005 that entered 4 years ago will graduate – the final 7 later this year. This is a higher percentage than previous years. There has been a 50% reduction in illness and injury among the Corps of Cadets. The staff believes some of these improvements are due to cadet's increased participation in activities and increased sleep. Retention and overall GPA is greatly improved for Classes 2006-2008.

*Cadet Administration-CDR Pulver-* The Livery Service has been well utilized. The annual contract for this service is \$150,000 and is currently handled by the Academy and the Cadet Activity Fund. The contract includes 3000 hours, which has been sufficient so far. The old liberty vans are still used as activity vans but the annual support costs have been decreased from approximately \$40K to \$17K. He reported that four vans are still operational and the other three vans are in the process of being disposed. The CGAPA has been providing support for two copiers for cadets' personal use in Chase Hall at an annual cost of \$12K and the Sponsor Family Program (luncheon and support staff coordinator) \$6K. Total support = \$35K.

### **3. Alumni Association Update**

*President-Jim Sylvester*-The new Alumni Center is scheduled to open November 2005. Building fund goals have been met. There will be a room available for Parents Association meetings. A telemarketing firm has been hired to assist with the 1% Pledge Drive to current cadet families. Currently \$180K has been pledged for this program. An initial letter was sent to all families asking for a donation over time: first year = \$250 to the Alumni Association, second year = \$1250 to the unrestricted fund, third year = \$1000 to the brick program. As of 2003, the value of a four-year USCGA education is \$302K, so these numbers may be adjusted. World Tech Travel is the contracted travel agent for the Alumni Association. Any travel arrangements made through this company will give a 30% commission benefit on applicable sales. During 2006, the Alumni Association has set a goal to establish several local Alumni Chapters. This should help with Coast Guard esprit as well as fundraising. If local CGA Parent Chapters need assistance with 501c3 tax-exempt status, contact Karen Lictitra at the Alumni office for further information.

### **4. Council Officers' Reports**

*President's Report*- Dom thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and for their efforts to support parents of the incoming class of 2009 during R-Day activities tomorrow. The Parents Association is in sound financial shape and should be able to accomplish its financial goals this year. In addition to addressing the Cadet Administration's requests for support, initial funding of the Cadet Transportation Endowment should become a reality shortly. Dom expressed a desire to achieve this goal by Parents Weekend. As with any volunteer organization that has significant turnover in membership from year to years, he urged the committee to help in actively recruiting new members. Please invite interested parents to join our meetings, volunteer for member-at-large positions, and serve in council officer positions. Cadet administration appreciates the support given by the CGA Parents Association to provide margin of excellence to the Corps of Cadets. It is great to continue livery and copier support. Chris Dahl has resigned his Member-At-Large position. Richard and Peggy Vihonski will fulfill the term.

*Secretary's Report*-After a motion and second, the minutes of the Council meeting of February 26, 2005 were accepted by voice vote.

*Treasurer's Report*-There will be \$2400 from the Cadet Activities Endowment available for distribution this year. The Library Reading Room project has been fully funded by a donation of \$75K was made by the Simon Group, on behalf of by G. William Miller, an Academy Graduate, upon his retirement as a Director. During 2004, a total of \$615K was given to the Corps of Cadets through the combined efforts of the Alumni Association, CGA Parents Association and Friends of the Academy. After a motion and second, the Treasurer's Report was accepted by voice vote. (See attached)

*Web Master Report*-This report is deferred until the fall Council meeting.

## Chapter Reports (10)-

*Several chapters had difficulty getting names for Class of 2009, would like better information flow next year and would like to know prep students*

*Florida-good participation at events*

*Upstate New York-successful "Welcome Aboard" luncheon*

*New England-looking forward to hosting the R-Day picnic, planning on lots of assistance*

*Chesapeake and Potomac-hosted many DC area events, created booklet for Swab*

*Survival Best Bets that will be distributed to new families at this evening's reception*

*CAPT Paul Foye (Connecticut)-check out the new website, lots of support of cadet corps morale activities*

*Georgia-Class of 2009 is the largest in years*

*Delaware Valley-Chris Dahl has resigned as a member at large to assume the duties of Chapter President.*

*Rocky Mountain-new swab picnic well attended, large 2009 class*

*Greater New York-continuing to host meetings at nearby lighthouses, good attendance*

*Great Lakes-good success with attending college fairs, enjoys sending morale mail*

## **5. Old Business**

*Membership Brochure*-will be available for Class of 2009 parents. This brochure simplifies the message for the partnership between the National Parents Association and the Alumni Association.

*Cadet Transportation Endowment*- At the last meeting the Council approved establishing a Cadet Transportation Endowment when the Parents Gift Fund reaches \$60K. The Council would like to have this in place no later than September 1, 2005. Given the current balance of approximately \$43K, there is a current shortfall of approximately \$17K. Please ask your local chapters to contribute to this long-term goal. Recognition of local chapters will be observed in the early phase of the endowment. Remind chapters that the greatest benefit of the endowment to fund on a sustaining basis is the safety of the cadets. The following motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote: Local chapters who contribute a minimum of \$30 per active member for the purpose of funding the Cadet Transportation Endowment by August 31, 2005 will be recognized in the Endowment Agreement and during an appropriate ceremony on Parents Weekend.

*By-Laws Update*-Fred Toepfer and Paula Gannon will chair the update committee. A report and proposal will be presented at the next Council meeting. By-laws to consider include but are not limited to 501c3 status, alumni parent members.

## **6. New Business**

The Council will have an information table in Leamy Hall for R-Day. Please assist, as you are able throughout the day

*Election of officers for academic year 2005-2006*-the slate was presented as follows:

President: Dom DiIulio

Vice President: Harvey Berger

Recording Secretary: Kathy Scarbalis

Corresponding Secretary: Anne Plocker

Treasurer: Fred Toepfer

The council reviewed the slate and approved by voice vote the aforementioned members-at-large to serve in the position noted.

The Council approved assisting in the formation of new chapter in the Carolinas.

The next edition of the Parents Newsletter should be published at the end of August in time for distribution before Parents Weekend. Fall *Newsletter*-article/photos must be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 (1602).**

Next meeting will be **Friday, September 16, 2005** during Parents Weekend.

### **Council Attendees**

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