

**COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Alumni Center, USCGA

July 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Dom Dilulio.

Members Present: David Anderson, Cassandra Brown, Dan Crump, Carolyn and Dom Dilulio, Joan and Doug Daeffler, Sarah and Marc Hafensteiner, Kaye Hollifield, Lois and Tim Jarman, Robert Lally, Donna McElroy, Kelly Morgan, Frank Rodino, Debby Parker, Paula and Niles Pierson, Sue and Fred Toepfer, Rick Tongue, Tim Van Cleef, Gary Ward, Ken Winterberger.

Guest: Jim Silvester, president, CGA Alumni Association

President's Report:

Dom noted that he did not invite the Superintendent and staff to the meeting as they will be addressing members of the class of 2011 tomorrow morning. He also noted that the requested agenda item about the Academy Admissions Partners program will be deferred until the October meeting as staff is busy this weekend with R-Day activities.

The Parents Association (PA) has completed a successful year in both fund raising and the funding of activities for the cadets, including van, printer, TV flat screens for all the day rooms (in conjunction with the local chapters). A continuing goal will be to encourage and facilitate local chapter outreach to incoming parents.

We also need to look at web policy and webmaster functions for the PA website---where do we want to go, how to add value, how do we support each other, how to best use technology to work together and keep in touch. We need to make it more interesting to visit website, with timely and useful information.

Recording Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the February 24, 2007 Parents Association meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was approved. The Treasurer noted that he had received a request for air conditioners in each of the day rooms.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

In lieu of a Corresponding Secretary's Report, the webmasters gave a report.

Winterberger---the PA website being updated, we need to inform local chapters about availability of pages on the website for each of the chapters. We are still having challenges with Comcast, asking them to unblock sites. Anderson---want to get it to be a tool to be useful; need input for content---let's us know what is missing on the website.

Chapter Reports:

Greater New York---held a welcome picnic several weeks ago at CGA Station Fire Island for six incoming cadets; a CGA mother took the female cadets aside for a discussion of gender-specific issues. The chapter has good parent support and will hold elections during the summer picnic in August.

Upstate NY---change of officers during spring with Sarah Hafensteiner as the incoming president; there are six incoming cadets---one in the Albany area and the others in the Rochester/Buffalo. The incoming cadet from the Albany area went to the all-academy gathering---three 2/c cadets were there to talk with him. There was also an incoming cadet gathering at the CGA Station Rochester where they had a helicopter ride.

New England---very successful in fundraising (over \$3500), which allowed the funding of one of the flat screen TVs; hail and farewell activity at the Academy---gift bag, including a booklet of information for the parents, was handed out to incoming cadets. Six out of 12 swabs were in attendance (plus one from Texas). Eight out of 19 graduates were also in attendance. The NE chapter will be busy tomorrow with putting on the R-Day picnic.

Chesapeake & Potomac---Tim Jarman is the new president. May---the chapter set up a tailgate reception for the women's lacrosse team; June 3---picnic for the incoming cadets---rain limited the turnout, but incoming cadets that were there were able to talk with current cadets; working (along with the Delaware Valley chapter)on the incoming cadet/parent reception tonight; July 28---social at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Joan Howard is the new contact for parent name tags---many thanks to Carolyn DiIulio for the many years she put in to that job.

Georgia--- nine incoming cadets; four met in Atlanta for Governor's Sendoff (with appointees from the other service academies). *Eagle* is making a stop in Brunswick and there will be a welcoming get-together.

CAPT Foye CT---18 incoming cadets this year. The chapter is hosting and funding the Stars dessert for the cadet recipients of the military, academic or physical fitness stars; participated in GGA graduation ceremonies with the presentation of the CAPT Foye award; gift to each Foye graduate---clock and a new \$50 bill; responsible for the Sponsor Family and the Ensign Edibles programs (service and principal fundraiser); June 3---swab welcome picnic---12 out of 18 attended (four cadets were there to talk with them).

Golden Gate---BBQ and get-together on Yerba Buena Island on the Saturday of Memorial

Day weekend---two incoming cadets, 1-NAPS, 1-NMMI, several current cadets were there on assignment---able to talk with the incoming cadets. Cruise around San Francisco Bay; hoping for a Fleet Week activity in October.

Carolina Icarus---June 16---five incoming cadets, three current cadets were in attendance. Fundraiser---swab food packs

CGA Alumni Association:

Jim Silvester gave a report on Alumni Assn. activities. He sees the alumni as integral experience of cadet life. He noted that the Alumni Center provided \$38,000 worth of space for cadet events. The Alumni Center was also the staging area for the President's visit for the graduation ceremony.

The Pledge amount has increased from \$2500/year to the current \$4800/year and will be \$6000/year next year.

The licensing program for the CGA is almost underway. He noted that the rings from Josten's have been exempted from the 10% royalty of the licensing agreement, but that replacement rings will fall under the licensing agreement. The CGA PA logo does not fall under the licensing agreement.

There is also the start of a new program by the Alumni Association---the Link in the Chain. It will be a link between the classes of 2011 and 1961. Nine representatives from class of '61 will meet with parents of the class of 2011 tomorrow. It is also anticipated that '61 grads will be present at significant events for the class of 2011 during the next four years. He is meeting with the Alumni Center building contractors to discuss the finishing up of the third floor of the Alumni Center. This will be funded by the class of the 1958 and will be known as the '58 Deck. Most of the third floor will be for the Institute for Leadership and the north third of the floor will be used for cadet activities. In response to a question, he talked about the murals by local artist Tony Falcone. There are currently seven murals that are situated in the main meeting room of the Alumni Center. There will be fourteen when completed and they will all go to the library reading room in the Alumni Center when the museum (which is currently in a room in the Alumni Center) moves to Fort Trumbull location.

Old Business:

Admission support:

Based on an unofficial report by Carolyn DiIulio, it is not known if the Admissions Department has yet started beverage provision program---the funding of this program by the PA was approved at the February meeting. The Admissions Department is very grateful for the PA support.

Web issues:

A meeting was held yesterday to discuss issues in regards to the PA website and its use in helping maintain the institutional memory of the Association (as approximately 25% of the membership changes each year due to graduation) and to provide information to parents of cadets. Attendees included David Anderson and Ken Winterberger (PA webmasters), Dom DiIulio and Kaye Hollifield (PA Exec members), Michelle Maitland and Tamara McKenna (CGA), and Jean Wilczynski (CGA Alumni Association).

Issues discussed at that meeting included online registration for PA membership, portions of the website being membership-based with password access, what chapters want/need on the website, need to revisit/revise web and email policies, guidelines for new webmasters and class listserv masters.

Suggestions brought forth at today's meeting included FAQ for new chapter officers, keeping the PA website as open site and make a PA page on the CGA Alumni Assn. website as the password-protected/value-added website.

A motion was made and approved for the PA webmasters to work with the Alumni Assn. to develop a mechanism for online PA membership application. The webmasters were directed to come back to the October 2007 PA meeting with a prototype.

A motion was made and approved that, beginning with the class of 2012, that access to the class listserv would only be available to paid members of the Parents Association after the first Parents Weekend for that class. (note: after the motion was passed, it was suggested the listserv for each class would have a different name at different times---Swab Listserv from the time of a cadet's acceptance of appointment until the first Parents Weekend, which would be accessible to all, and Class Listserv, which would continue from the first Parents Weekend until graduation, which would be accessible only to paid PA members).

Election of Officers to the Parents Association for 2007-08:

Vice President Toepfer presented a slate of candidates:

President---Dom DiIulio
Vice President---Kaye Hollifield
Treasurer---Kelly Morgan
Recording Secretary---Dan Crump

A motion was made and approved to approve the slate of candidates as officer of the Parents Association for 2007-08. Nomination for the office of Corresponding Secretary will occur at the October PA meeting. The election of officers will take place at the PA General Meeting in October (Parents Weekend).

Funding Requests:

The Cadet Activities requests were in the following categories:

Support for Cadet Sponsor Family Program
Corps-wide Cadet Morale Activities
Chase Hall Copier Service Contract and Supplies
Cadet Activity Van maintenance and fuel

The total amount requested was for \$57,000 for the 2007-08 Academic Year

The Council approved a motion to authorize up to \$57,000 in reimbursement to the Cadet Activities Fund for expenditures in these categories.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm