

**COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION (PA) NATIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING
Munro Hall, USCGA
July 2, 2006**

Present:

Sue Cridland, Dan and Helen Crump, Doug and Joan Daeffler, Carolyn and Dom DiIulio, Jan Francis, Sarah Hafensteiner, Peggy Jordan, Kaye Hollifield, Paul Kaufman, Chris Morello, Kelly Morgan, Anne and Lou Plocker, Frank Rodino, Fred and Sue Toepfer, Peggy and Richard Vihonski, Gary Ward.

Guests:

Pete Dane (development officer, USCGA Alumni Assn), Jim Silvester (president, USCGA Alumni Assn), Pat Turner (Webmaster)

The meeting was called to order by Dom DiIulio at 1:05 pm.
Dom welcomed all the attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.

Dom noted that the senior CGA management team will not be addressing us today as they are preparing for addressing the new cadets tomorrow. The senior management will address the Association at our September meeting.

Dom then invited Jim Silvester and Pete Dane to report on the activities of the CGA Alumni Association (CGAAA).

1. 2005 was a great year for the CGAAA, with \$940,000 being given to the Corp of Cadets, and they are on track for over \$1 million in support this year.
2. The Challenge (formerly the 1%) pledge program will be increased from \$2500 to \$4800 per pledge. 2010 parents will be contacted shortly after Parents Weekend about the \$4800 program
3. For the first time, the CGAAA will be holding a reception at 4:30 pm on R-Day for the parents of incoming cadets---one purpose is to spotlight the involvement and visibility of the CGAAA in R-Day activities.
4. Of the 206 graduates of the Class of 2006, 186 members of the Class of 2006 have joined the AA, and 165 of those 186 new members are contributing in excess of dues.
5. Just launched a program asking parents of graduates of the classes from 1995 to 2005 to support a weight training facility in the basement of Chase Hall. This project grew out of brainstorming of Capt Wisniewski and the assistant commandant. The basement area has been used as a lounge area, but is now in disarray. The gym is overburdened and this would be great to have a place for cadets to exercise. The calling program reached out to about 1300 parents, suggesting \$1000 contributions and naming opportunities for parents or officers, and have already raised over half the amount (about 25% of those contacted have contributed). About \$50,000 is needed. If contributions go over that amount, then the moneys would be used for the replacement of equipment as needed. They have had about an 80% fulfillment of pledges once the first payment has been made. There has been an 80% positive response from parents and about a 2/3 positive response from alumni.
6. Will provide text to PA chapters and class listservs about AA activities for inclusion in chapter newsletters and on the listservs (this was in response to a question from a chapter president).

President's Report

This past year has been very productive:

1. The parents cadet transportation endowment was established (in place with \$60,000).
2. Cadet activities requests in AY 2005-06 for \$34,000—van maintenance, copier maintenance, cadet sponsor program were authorized with over \$21,000 reimbursed to date; expect additional reimbursement requests at year end close out.
3. This year, we tried something different—in May, the 2010 listmaster was set up; webmaster/website content including FAQs for new cadets and parents.
4. Working on cleaning up PA constitution and bylaws. The objective is to have them ready for approval by the general membership at the PA general meeting at Parents Weekend.
5. Need to maintain autonomy in relationship with Alumni Assn and the Academy staff. Maintain healthy dialogue and advocate for parents' interests.
6. Cadet handbook originated by C&P Chapter now under Admissions Office. CGAPA has opportunity to review prior to printing each year.
7. Will be interested to hear comments on having the welcoming reception on campus (as opposed to previous venue of Connecticut College).

Recording Secretary's Report

None

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Anne has been working with the class listmasters and PA webmaster to formalize some of the activity that goes on the lists. The 2010 list was started a month earlier than usual—created some problems (Anne needs to discuss with Dom and Sue Toepfer, interim 2010 listmaster). Congratulations to Sue for selecting suitable material for 2010 listserv.

Treasurer's Report

2005 Parents Association Dues Paid: \$9,022.00

2005 Parents Association Income: \$130.00

2005 Parents Association Expenses (Newsletters, Meeting Refreshments, Awards, Pins, etc): \$8,273.02

2006 Parents Association Dues Paid: \$368.00

2006 Parents Association Income: \$0.00

2006 Parents Association Expenses (Newsletters, Meeting Refreshments, Awards, Pins, etc): \$1,283.99

Fund Balances as of 6/14/06:

Parents Gift Fund Balance:	\$88,125.71
Van/Transportation Fund Balance:	\$ 1,895.83
Challenge Coin Fund Balance:	\$ 0.00
Parents Cadet Transportation Endowment	\$72,310.41*
Parents Cadet Activities Endowment Balance:	\$85,529.98**

*Funds Available to be distributed from Parents Cadet Transportation Endowment in calendar year 2006: \$2,976.00 Funds spent YTD: \$0.00

**Funds Available to be distributed from Parents Cadet Activities Endowment in calendar year 2006: \$3,404.00 Funds spent YTD: \$0.00

A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Web Master's Report

Three parents stepped forward to take on webmasters' duties---Pat Turner ('09), Ken Winterberger ('09) and David Anderson ('08)

David---systems work; Ken---webpage update, Pat---photo master

Revamping web page slowly--- looking at what is useful to parents and PA

A motion was made and approved to accept webmaster report.

Chapter Presidents' Reports

Carolina Icarus: still in first year; swab picnic on June 17---three cadets from 2010, also had some ensigns from '05---great to see them connect with incoming class

Golden Gate: Memorial Day Weekend barbeque picnic on Yerba Buena Island---four incoming cadets with families, one 2011 cadet who will be attending NAPS, several '07 cadets, tour of San Francisco Bay on USCGC Pike; planning for Fleet Week activity in October

C & P: chapter picnic on May 21, about 6-8 families attended

New England: "hail and farewell" celebration on May 10 at the Alumni Center---80 people in attendance, 15 new members from 2010; from class of 2006; buffet lunch; Q&A from graduates for 10 cadets; over 50 volunteers to help with picnic tomorrow; July 22 meeting to elect new officers

Upstate NY: gave gifts for seven '06 graduates; 15 swabs reporting, attending two welcome events, one in Rochester and one in Watervliet; fundraising---note card project (using William Cook illustrations); recruiting events---attended two service academy fairs and an AIM Seminar; Member-at- Large Doug Daeffler presented Laura Gadziala with her Appointment for the Class of 2010.

CT---gifts for firsties (15 graduating) hand-delivered gift; swab welcome lunch for six 2010 cadets and two NAPS first weekend in June, included one-on-one talk (without parents); worked with Admissions Dept. on Congressional academy event; work with Admissions Dept. on AIM summer---work with parents when they come in on Thursday; continue to support MWR program; Cadet's Edibles-available online; hosting 20 swabs that are coming in for R-Day

Delaware Valley:

Hosted Glee Club; membership meeting on April 14---eight 2010 cadets attended and two '07 cadets came to talk, gave out survival packet (lint rollers, swifters); upcoming---All Academy ball; tonight's social event along C&P; rotate meetings around area---PA, northern NJ, southern NJ; sixteen 2010 cadets from New Jersey and eight from PA.

Great Lakes: eighteen new cadets; three swabs came to June 10 picnic; also a new ensign (talked with parents, then talked with swabs); family picnic in August

Greater New York: three events---All-Academy ball (5 cadets in attendance), welcome picnic fell victim to being too early (April)---only had one cadet that could attend, summer picnic in early August, in addition to current families, we are also inviting AIMsters; challenge in generating more interest with new incoming families---how to generate new interest

Florida: swab picnic in St. Petersburg; citrus sales still going on web

Old Business

CGAPA Constitution and By-Laws Update:

- To make work usage consistent through out the documents
- Clarify relationship with Alumni Association (operations)
- Clarify regular membership and dues structure—parents of cadets and parents of alumni
- Allow the use of electronic media for voting

Motion was made and approved to change the wording of a sentence in Article 2, Section 2 of the By-Laws, from “Chapter Presidents shall take office between June and August” to “Chapter Presidents shall take office between May and August.”

Motion was made and approved to accept changes to constitution/bylaws and approved draft changes for submission to general membership at Parents Weekend.

Funding Requests for Remainder of AY 2005-06

Need to make sure that billings do not exceed \$13,000

Cadets’ Company Day room Upgrade Proposal

Request TV upgrade (flat panel, wall mounted) in each of eight day rooms

Council approved:

1. LG, 42" TV, cable card ready (no setup box needed), DVR (digital recording)
2. two year warranty
3. 178 degree viewabilty
4. 60,000 hours half-life service
5. \$2300/unit for 10 units
6. 8---day rooms
7. 1—Reg staff day room
8. 1---Admissions/Visitor’s Center
9. vendor crew will install
10. Local chapter support:
 - no minimum
 - plaques in place by Parents Weekend
 - payable to CGAAA, with note that it is for Parents Gift Fund

Motion was made and approved to purchase 10 TVs and installed between August and Parents Weekend, funded through the Parents Gift Fund.

Athletic Dept Webcast Sports Announcer

Web casting has been discussed as an opportunity to present student events which would be of interest to parents and others.

A committee was formed to investigate the possibility of web casting cadet events and report back to the PA Council at the next meeting—Fred Toepfer, Carolyn DiIulio, Chris Morello

A motion was made to authorize up to \$1000 to web cast cadet events that are sponsored by the Athletic Association and the Cadet Activities Division. After discussion, this motion was tabled.

Admissions Visitors Refreshment Support

Deferred

Web Site Content and Update

There is a lot of spam on the Parent-to-Parent forum. After some discussion, it was decided to close the

forum and to archive it.

New Business

- Nominations of Council Officers for the 2006-07 Council:

Harvey Berger and Helen Crump served as the nominating committee. Helen reported on the slate of officers:

President—Dom DiIulio
Vice President—Fred Toepfer
Corresponding Secretary---Anne Plocker
Recording Secretary—Helen Crump
Treasurer: not filled

The slate was accepted. The officers take office as of today.

- '06-08 Members-At-Large

There is the need for a slate of candidates to serve as members-at-large for the '06-08 term, as the terms of the '04-06 members-at-large expire at Parents' Weekend.

- New fundraising opportunities:
 - corporate outreach
 - local chapter sales through web site
- Nomination and approval of Dale Cotch for honorary PA membership
- Acknowledgment of plant in memoriam of Mike Hollifield.
- Request to reimburse webmaster bill for \$450. Approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 29, 2006 (Parents Weekend).