

**COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION (PA) NATIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

USCGA, Officers Club
September 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by President Kaye Hollifield.

Members Present: Cassandra Brown, Dan and Helen Crump, Dom and Carolyn DiIulio, Bradford Dykens, Harold Gracey, Linda Gruver, Lou Hepp, Sarah Hafensteiner, Kaye, Hollifield, Julie Jefferson, Stephanni Jones, Paul Kauffman, Bill and Elizabeth Korn, Robert Lally, Lizann Miller, Kelly Morgan, Bob Murray, Craig Nielsen, Judy Olsen, Niles Pierson, Bob Pray, Mike Ramirez, Frank Rodino, Linda Strathman, Krishna Subramanian, Pat Turner, Bill Van Cleave, Richard and Peggy Vihonski, Brock Volkman, Gary Ward, M. Alice Wiest, Ken Winterberger, Angel Womack.

Academy Staff: RADM J. Scott Burhoe, CAPT Susan Bibeau, Dr. Ray Cieplik, Dr. Kurt Colella, CAPT John Fitzgerald, Master Chief John Niece.

Academy Report:

The Superintendent and his staff provided the group with status reports of CGA activities.

RADM Burhoe (Superintendent) noted that he is finishing his second year in this position. In a reflection on the last two years, he stated that the Academy is cadet-centered, preparing cadets for service in the Coast Guard, the focus on character and leadership. A vision statement and a strategic plan (what the Academy will look like in 2013) have been drafted. He noted that there have been moral and ethical concerns about theft of items and trashing of lockers. He referred to mentions of the Academy in several of the national college surveys and noted that there is the need to make the Academy more attractive to prospective cadets. There is a need for attainment of financial resources---\$5 million for capital projects (\$1 million for McAllister Hall and improvements on other facilities). \$5 million is not enough---we need to communicate to all the Coast Guard of the value of the Academy. Facility improvements include the creation of a student union in Leamy (major cadet request is “don’t make it look like Chase Hall”). The Chase Hall E Annex is finished and the rest of the Hall will be renovated in five 2-year phases. Other improvements include a lower track press box, renovation of the Chapel basement and the rowing center (this year), security improvements (fire alarms going off), classroom improvements (simulation classroom), Leamy Hall Auditorium, Waesche Hall, lower and upper weight rooms, and the replacement of the Luders. In response to questions about the proposal to have Congressional appointments, he stated that it doesn’t look like it will be happening this year. However, there is a strong sentiment in Congress for such a nomination process. The Academy is offering suggestions for such a process; one suggestion being that 25% of a class to be appointed through the nomination process. There are doubts whether the proposed nomination process would work any better than current efforts in achieving diversity goals. He has heard from some cadets who said they wouldn’t have applied if it had been a nominations process, as opposed to the current merit-based process. There is concern that it would change the culture of the service. It was noted that an option for cadets and recent graduates is to notify their congressional members. On a final note, the Florida chapter presented RADM Burhoe with a tapestry blanket depicting the Academy.

Dr. Colella (Dean of Academics) noted that the Academy itself, plus several of the programs (engineering and business) will be going through the accreditation process within the next 18 months.

CAPT Bibeau (Director of Admissions) noted that there has been a rapid growth in the number of invitations to congressional academy presentations.

There are two roles that parents can help: 1) chapter social events for prospective cadets and cadet send-offs, and 2) Academy Partners---400+ people have been trained, including 64 parents.

CAPT Fitzgerald (Commandant of Cadets) noted that standards have been raised in the Corps, examples being cleanliness in Chase Hall and the code of conduct. The Corps is respectful and a good model for others, an example being positive remarks from those who attended the CGA-Merchant Marine Academy football game).

There is a current Corps composition of 975 cadets.

Summer cadet training included 12 cadets aboard USCGC Dallas (port call in Africa), cadets on USCGC Tahoma participating in a drug bust, six cadets were at the Law Enforcement Academy (example of good conduct---cadets helping enlisted personnel who had not yet passed physical exams), one cadet at the Great Lakes facility was involved in a high-visibility rescue activity.

He also thanked the Parents Association for all the support---the cadet weight room is very popular and the cadet day rooms (with the microwaves and televisions) provide the right environment for training with a little bit of home.

Dr. Cieplik (Director of Athletics) noted that the vast majority of cadets did extremely well on PFEs. All fall programs are up and running. Men's soccer, football, and cross country all have events this weekend. There is no comparison of facilities from six years ago---there have been positive reactions and experiences from the other academies.

Chief Petty Officer Niece (Command Master Chief) noted that there have been more applicants than slots for company chiefs.

Tamara McKenna (Admissions Office) gave an overview of the Academy Admissions Partner program. One of the major purposes of the Academy Admissions Partners program is to get people talking about the Academy. There are currently 635 partners, of which 83 are parents. There has been a decline in applications over the last 30 years. According to a survey of why applications are declining, the biggest reason is that they don't know the Academy exists. That is an important reason for Academy Admissions Partners---to represent the Academy at college fairs and to get the word out about the Academy.

Council Officer Reports:

Dan Crump (Recording Secretary) reported the minutes of the June 29, 2008 meeting were approved electronically. He gave background on the electronic approval of minutes. The draft minutes will go out to all Council members for review and comments and then will be submitted again electronically for approval.

Kelly Morgan (Treasurer) reported that the main source of funding is the Challenge Fund, pulling in about \$11,000 per month for approximately \$135,000 per year.

Treasurer's Report

\$9,298.00	2007 Dues Paid
430.00	2007 Income
6,978.95	2007 Expenses (newsletters, meeting refreshments, awards, pins, etc.)
\$10,127.00	2008 Dues Paid
785.00	2008 Income
8,849.79	2008 Expenses (newsletter, meeting refreshments, awards, pins, etc.)
	Fund Balances (as of 9/12/08)

\$84,564.72	Parents Gift Fund *
00.00	Challenge Coin Fund
192,845.37	Parents Cadet Transportation Endowment **
205,991.60	Parents Cadet Endowment ***
	*Large Expenditures from Gift Fund 2008
\$ 80,000.00	Transfer of \$40,000 to each of the two Parents Endowments
53,697.51	Cadet Activities for Van Maintenance/Copier Service
6,099.84	Purchase new refrigerators for dayrooms (used funds from chapters that had been placed in Parents Gift Fund
2,500.00	Purchase new furniture for Parents Lounge
	**Funds available to be distributed from Parents Cadet Transportation Endowment in Calendar Year 2008: \$3,718.00. Funds spent YTD: \$0.00
	***Funds available to be distributed from Parents Cadet Activities Endowment in Calendar Year 2008: \$4,149.00. Funds spent YTD: \$0.00

Cassandra Brown (Vice President) reported that Linda Strathman will be the Listmaster for the Class of 2012.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees to serve on the Council for the 2007-09 term:

From the Class of 2009: Frank and Carol Rodino

From the Class of 2011: Krishna and Lakshmi Submaranian and Stephanie and Douglas Prefer

From the Class of 2012: Duncan and Martha Pitcairn, Phil and Eileen Hipe, Rhonda Baldwin, J. David and Shawna Beshoar, Harold and Donna Gracey.

The slate was accepted. Voting for the Council members will be at the General Meeting tomorrow.

Craig Nielsen (Corresponding Secretary) expressed thanks to Paula Smith for being interim listmaster for the 2012 listserv. As noted by several attendees, Paula "walks on water." Kudos were also given to David Anderson for the transition from the listservs to the new message system.

It was also noted that the current website is being updated. There might also be the need for additional funding for the hosting of the website.

The 2012 list will become members-only in November and the other listservs will transition to message lists in November.

Chapter Reports:

Delaware Valley

Parents from the newer classes are taking over leadership positions; picnic on June 1 at the Atlantic City Air Station for incoming cadets---19 new cadets, plus a potential 2013 cadet who was going to AIM, co-sponsor (along with the Chesapeake & Potomac Chapter) in hosting the pre-R Day reception/social; All-Academies Ball will be in Philadelphia.

Florida

Swab sendoff on June 7 in St Petersburg-10 cadets, including a tour of a cutter; presentation of a tapestry to Dom and Carolyn DiIulio.

Upper New York

All-Academies picnic---CGA had the largest contingent (also had two firsties); fund raiser, especially note cards---approximately \$1000/year; will be hosting the All-Academies Ball.

CAPT Foye Chapter

Information is in the latest newsletter; focused on succession management---concern that much of the leadership in class of 2009.

Chesapeake & Potomac

Need to prepare for line of succession; chapter prospective cadet events are important; also important to make sure that parents become involved in chapter activities.

Greater Los Angeles

Hail and farewell in June at Sector Long Beach with a tour of USCGC Cobb---five swabs attended; also welcomed the Barque Eagle on its West Coast tour.

San Diego

June farewell---five for class of 2012; visited high schools and college fairs; Eagle came to San Diego during Swab Summer.

Rocky Mountain

22 cadets at the Academy, nine from 2009; picnic held at a sailing club in the mountains; hosting the All-Academies Ball (along with MMA) at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Spring; stress-release goody bags, especially for final exams---good time to get parents together.

Carolina Icarus

Recruiting---16 new appointees from North Carolina; picnic at Charleston Sector; visit of the Eagle in June 2009.

Greater New York

22 cadets for 2012 from New Jersey; picnic at the end of April at Eatons Neck Station on Long Island with seven cadets in attendance; shoebox care package for R-Day (more than 100); annual membership meeting in July at the Fire Island Station; goody bag handout (850 bags) at the MMA game.

Great Lakes

Sendoff picnic; several All-Academies balls in the chapter area

Golden Gate

12 incoming cadets; picnic in June at the Yerba Buena Station; planning an event for Fleet Week in October.

Old Business:

Day Room Project Status

With the expansion of Chase Hall, the refrigerator and televisions have been moved into the new dayrooms.

Parents Lounge Status (Niles Pierson)

Substantive progress has been made. However, there have been carcinogenic factors discovered with the removal of carpet and ceiling in the area. Additional renovation of this area will occur in 2010, including painting of the room, cleaning of the carpet and the addition of four pieces of furniture. The plaque honoring the DiIulios will be presented at the review on Saturday.

New Business:

There is a request of \$5000 from the Alumni Association. It was proposed that this funding opportunity be presented to the chapters for contributions (first five of \$1000 each) with any shortfall to be funded by the Parents Association. The CAPT Foye, Upstate New York, Florida, Delaware Valley, Greater New York, Great Lakes, and Rocky Mountain chapters expressed interest in funding the proposal.

Leadership 44

The Alumni Association is looking for a commitment from the Parents Association for the funding of one of the boats (\$600-750,000).

The following statement was approved: "The Parents Association supports the leadership programs of the Academy and strongly endorses the Leadership 44 project. The Association will encourage independent contributions from and through the membership of the Association. This will be separate and distinct from the existing mission of the Association."

Alumni Association Staff Request

A request was made for staffing of the Alumni Association membership tables on the Friday of Parents Weekend and the Monday of R-Day. The CAPT Foye chapter agreed to coordinate this staffing.

Resignations:

Hollifield received resignation of Lou Hepp as president of the Chesapeake & Potomac chapter, but will try to get him to reconsider.

Other:

Past President DiIulio expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Parents Association and thanked his wife, Carolyn, for all her involvement in Association and other Academy activities.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted.

Dan Crump, Recording Secretary