

COAST GUARD ACADEMY PARENTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Alumni Center, USCGA

September 29, 2006

Present: Chris Ambors, David Anderson, Doug and Cindy Beck, Cassandra Brown, Sue Cridland, Dan Crump, Doug and Joan Daeffler, Carolyn and Dom DiIulio, Linda Gruver, Kaye Hollifield, Peggy Jordan, Jim and Sally Judycki, Paul Kauffman, Bob Lally, Donna McElroy, Carl and Chris Morello, Kelly Morgan, Robert Murray, Doug and Debby Parker, Niles Peterson, Lou and Anne Plocker, Pat Prado, Patricia Reilly, Frank Rodino, Elena Salinas, Sue and Fred Toepfer, Pat Turner, Uli and John Twomey, Bill Van Cleave, Tim Van Cleef, Richard and Peggy Vihonski, Gary Ward, Nevin Wiest, Ken Winterberger.

Guests: CAPT Susan Bibeau, Dr. Ray Cieplick, CAPT Kurt Colella, CAPT Judy Keene, CAPT Daniel May, Tamara McKenna, Jim Sylvester, RADM James Van Sice

The meeting of the Parents Association (PA) was called to order by President Dom DiIulio at 8:00 am. Dom welcomed all the attendees to Parents Weekend. He introduced the Superintendent, RADM Van Sice, and the CGA Senior Staff.

RADM Van Sice---CGA Superintendent

RADM Van Sice extended his appreciation to the parents groups for all their support of the CGA and its activities. He also acknowledged the generosity of the PA and the chapters in funding for the cadets.

RADM Van Sice mentioned the task force that is being formed in response to having a new commandant and looking at everything that we are doing---ninety days to look at all of our training, academic and athletic programs to see how they meet the needs of the service. He also advised that parents could provide input to the task force. Details would be provided separately.

Dr. Ray Cieplick – Athletic Director

New and renovated facilities include state-of-the-art track and field complex, all-weather synthetic field turf, lights, and brand new sod for the softball and baseball fields. The CGA is beginning its first year in new athletic conferences with similar academic and athletics aims

The next step for Internet webcasting is to add video; there are also infrastructure requirements.

CAPT Susan Bibeau – Director of Admissions

The new Academy Admissions Partner program consists of more than 500 graduates, CG auxiliary, parents and friends of the academy

She introduced Tamara McKenna (class of 1987) who will be coordinating volunteer support for the admissions program. Admissions is putting out an exciting website and has worked for about two years on a communications flow that will focus on the faculty (featuring eight faculty members), educating leaders, athletics, and a guide for parents.

The Admissions Department is thankful for the PA donation of flat screen TV---it will be in the reception area of the Admissions office. The Admissions gift needs list includes a refreshment center (coffee and soft drinks for prospective students).

CAPT Kurt Colella – Dean of Academics

The purpose of the program is to develop “educated leaders of character” and his goal is to ensure the

quality of every interaction of faculty with cadets. His mantra to faculty is “availability”---that faculty is always available to cadets.

With respect to undergraduate education, we must be responsive to CG’s need, to what the 21st century post-911 CG needs. Our core curriculum of 23 courses is the smallest core curriculum of the service academies. We need to ensure that we treat core curriculum as “everyone’s major,” providing a launching pad to all eight majors. Active learning and assessment are two very important components of the Academy academic experience. We want to go forward with the honors program.

Accreditation of the engineering programs by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) is coming up.

CAPT Judy Keene – Commandant of Cadets

We need to ensure that cadets are well-prepared to face challenges before them---there are more demands on the Coast Guard than when the Academy leadership graduated in the 1970s and 80s. We want to see that cadets have all the tools that they need to become officers.

There are three areas to focus on---1) raising standards, adhering to higher standards than before (working harder and raising morale), 2) focus on the good (vast number of good things for the cadets to do), focus on the core values (honor, respect and devotion to duty), and 3) addressing ongoing concerns about irresponsible drinking and actions thereafter, including a proper understanding of senior/subordinate relationships and the hazards of fraternization.

CAPT Daniel May, Assistant Superintendent

There will be a renewed focus on professional development and core values that emphasize what is expected of a CG officer

The addition to Chase hall, the new E wing recently begun (at a cost of \$15 million) will add 150 more rooms. After that, a \$50-60 million wing-by-wing renovation for the rest of Chase Hall

He is working with CAPT Bibeau on enrollment and bringing the right candidates to be students. He also noted the positive reflections on the CG due to the CG response to Hurricane Katrina and *The Guardian* motion picture.

Questions and concerns from attendees included: 1) Please send publications to chapter presidents; 2) how can a club sport become a varsity sport? (need to study what is being played at high school level, NCAA support of the sport, can CGA support it---coaching, facilities, 70% cadets play in intercollegiate sports); 3) can club sports be linked to official USCGA athletics website? (totally revising website---link to activities, athletics, etc, looking at the possibility to include club and intramural sports; 4) is there a process for replacing 44-foot Luder yawls? (on the needs list---cost of \$6.6 million; money appropriated to provide new engines)

In regards to admissions, he noted the need to increase visibility and size of applicant pool---less than 50% of high graduates meet physical requirements and there is less interest in sciences and math.

Jim Sylvester---President of the USCGA Alumni Association

Last year, the Alumni Association raised \$2.6 million. The Alumni Association conducts the Parents Challenge Pledge drive (formerly known as the 1% Pledge) on behalf of the PA. The Pledge was originally \$2500 in 2004, then \$4000, and is now \$4800 for class of 2010. Over 60 percent of all parents have committed to a pledge through this drive!

The PA is conducting a feasibility study to do a \$20 million+ campaign. Approximately \$133,000 was raised (parents of classes of 1995-2005) for the Chase Hall Fitness Center. Since opening last fall, there

have been two wedding receptions for people without a Coast Guard affiliation in the Alumni Center---the rate for such an event is \$1000.

President's Report

The plan is to have senior Academy management attend the Parents Weekend General Membership meeting.

Almost \$31,000 fund donated to Cadet Activities fund (past academic year), including \$16,000 for van maintenance and \$8000 for copier supplies. The Great Lakes chapter funded cable TV in dayrooms.

Installation of the flat screens in the dayrooms will start next week (as per Rich Vihonshki) depending on the condition of the dayrooms.

There is the opportunity for chapters to donate to the cost of the flat screens (sponsorship will be noted on a plaque next to the flat screen).

There is the need for an upgrade and provide for a more secure website in order to provide current information.

A motion was made and approved to appoint Kelly Morgan as PA treasurer

Recording Secretary's Report

A request was made for the approval of minutes for the July PA meeting. It was also noted the zip code on the ballot for the PA constitution/bylaws changes was incorrect.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

One major responsibility is to be the liaison with the listmasters for each of the classes. Sue Toepfer was interim 2010 listmaster. Terry Greer (Colorado chapter) will be the permanent 2010 listmaster. Dom expressed the thanks of the entire PA for the work Sue has done this summer.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report (note: Treasurer's Report is at the end of the minutes for this meeting)

Webmasters' Report

We need to find a replacement for the forum, provide a closer link between CGA alumni and the PA websites, and develop an internal operations calendar. .

Old Business

Webcast of Cadet Sports & Activities---the CGA does not currently have real-time capability and is looking at delayed play time. Further discussion of this topic will continue at the next meeting.

PA Web site content and update---a motion was made and approved to establish a committee to update and add content to the PA website. Suggestions at the meeting for new content included a listing of lodging in the area.

Council Officer Nominating Committee for 06-08 council---Vice President Fred Toepfer put forward a

slate of recommended at-large members for the 2006-08 term. A motion was made and approved to accept the recommendations. Voting on the nominations will take place tomorrow at the general PA business meeting.

New Business:

General Business Meeting Agenda---items at the general business meeting tomorrow will include presentation of the executive council and members-at-large (current 05-07 and prospective 06-08); voting on the proposed changes to the PA constitution and bylaws, and a presentation of a plaque to Dale Cotch as honorary member of the Parents Assn

Cadet Activities Funding requests for 2006-07 Academic Year

Copier and Printer Supplies	\$16,760
Cadet Van Maintenance & Gasoline	\$14,000
Corps Wide Morale (Cadet Activities Council)	\$10,000
Sponsor Family Program Gathering/Training	\$1,000
Cable TV	\$1,500
Summer Cadet Eagle Morale	\$3,000
Summer Cadet CATP Morale	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total	\$49,260

The following chapters agreed to defer costs towards the LCD TV's (already purchased) as follows:

Delaware Valley	\$2,000
Greater NY	\$1,000
New England	\$2,000 (received)
Paul Foye	\$2,000

Additional funding from chapters:

Paul Foye	Cadet Activities Council	\$1,500
Paul Foye	Cable TV	\$1,500
Delaware Valley	Sponsor Family	\$1,000
Great Lakes	Eagle Morale	\$2,000

A motion was made and approved the expenditures with the knowledge that local chapters will be defraying some of the expenses.

Chapter Reports:

Chesapeake & Potomac---the chapter newsletter has been restarted and is sent out electronically (and limited postal mail) to all eligible parents.

Delaware Valley---held the pre-R Day social (along with the C&P chapter); looking for a new webmaster, balance in treasury is \$5900; considering sponsoring one of the dayroom TVs

Carolina---completing first year; first R-Day fundraiser was successful.

Rocky Mountain---provided goody bags for exams

Greater New York---establishment of new officers and committees; putting together a calendar of events; goody bags for the Merchant Marine game; will be sponsoring one of the dayroom TVs.

New England---670 served at R-Day picnic; hosting the box lunch special today; 19 new families joined at the July meeting; will be sponsoring one of the dayroom TVs; will donate key chains to 2007 graduates tomorrow.

Golden Gate Chapter---successful Memorial Day BBQ picnic on Yerba Buena Island and cruise of San Francisco Bay on the USCG Cutter Pike; planned Fleet Week (October) on the USCG Cutter Aspen

Upstate New York---50 swabs at the pre-R day reception; fundraiser items of note cards and framed pictures; goody bags for exams; newsletter is going out by postal mail.

Great Lakes---hosted a welcome picnic for the 2010 cadets.

Northwest---active core group; picnic in June for incoming swabs; picnic later in summer for parents of incoming swabs

San Diego---trying to do recruiting with high school students; yearly activities built upon recruiting cycle (team up with auxiliaries); dependents cruise; tour of local CG base in January/February; cadet accepters get helicopter rides in April/May; hail and farewell dinner.

Georgia---t-shirt fundraising sale

Florida---citrus fruit sale (fundraising); swab sendoff social (last held at Sector St. Petersburg; gift certificates to cadets (movies, snacks, treats)

CAPT Foye---host sponsor family program (19 swabs and 13 families); presence at AIM program; Ensign Edibles is major source of fundraising; will sponsor one of the dayroom TVs; working with New England Chapter on a cadet cookie exchange to send to all cadets.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2007 (the weekend of the Cadet Musical)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$9,022.00	2005 PA Dues Paid
\$130.00	2005 PA Income
\$8,273.02	2005 PA Expenses (newsletters, meeting refreshments, awards, pins, etc)
\$5,971.00	2006 PA Dues Paid
\$5.00	2006 PA Income
\$4,754.16	2006 PA Expenses (newsletters, meeting refreshments, awards, pins, etc)
	(note: does not include expenses for July and September PA meetings)

Fund Balances as of 9/25/06:

\$98,402.70* Parents Gift Fund Balance
\$1,895.83 Van/Transportation Fund Balance
\$150.00 Challenge Coin Fund Balance
\$72,442.41** Parents Cadet Transportation Endowment
\$85,529.98***Parents Cadet Activities Endowment Balance

* Large Expenditures from Gift Fund 2006:

\$31,301.58 to Cadet Activities for Van Maintenance/Copier Service
\$15,760.00 to purchase LCD TVs for dayrooms
\$20,000.00 transferred to Cadet Activity/Van Transportation Endowments

** Funds Available to be distributed from Cadets 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 (funds spent YDT: \$0.00)