

U.S. Coast Guard Academy National Parents Association
National Council Meeting-USCGA Officer's Club
Recording Secretary Report-DRAFT
September 10, 2004

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions-President Dom DiIulio opened the meeting at 0830.

2. Senior Management Team Presentations-Dom introduced the following Academy leadership:

ADM Olsen-Superintendent- reports the class of 2008 is doing well, thanks to the powerful communications of the Parents Association. This is an intangible support, providing capability for other parents to understand. A strategic objective is to improve Green Space at the Academy. The new football/soccer/sports field is impressive. There is hope for ground breaking for a new track in Spring '05; it would be funded by alumni, Coast Guard Foundation, Appropriated Funds. Liberty transportation was mentioned briefly and will be covered in detail later in this meeting.

CAPT Wisniewski-Commandant of Cadets- thanks the Alumni Association for their tremendous contribution to the new sports field. Two 21-person vehicles will start the new liberty service contract on 15 OCT. Additional funds will be needed to cover driver pay and maintenance. There is a copier available in Echo Company for all cadets. The promise of the Academy is a Cadet Run Program; company officers are no longer in the chain of command. Cadets are planning for next semester now and they have planned a successful parents weekend. Remember that cadets may not maintain a car within 100 miles of the Academy. For voter assistance, cadets are assigned to assist in Chase Hall. Each cadet chooses a home of record and forms are available.

Dean Campbell-Dean of Academics-core curriculum will be reviewed soon; once reviewed this will be the mainstay to allow for continuity. There is a stress for all cadets to manage time, go early for academic assistance.

Dr. Cieplik-Director of Athletics-all cadets participate in physical education classes. PE is a four-year program to meet graduation requirements. The new field is a great enhancement provided by a partnership between appropriated and non-appropriated funds. It will be used year round for football, soccer, club sports. Currently 90 cadets are transported off campus for track, there may be a new track ground breaking this spring. The sports website is updated daily for better contact, visit www.cgasports.com there will be internet broadcast of football, basketball, volleyball, softball, maybe soccer.

CAPT Bibeau-Director of Admissions-stress to increase the number of quality applications to contribute to the Corps of Cadets. The IT infrastructure is still being built. A new associate director is being hired to coordinate volunteer programs, should be in place in one year. Volunteers must tailor requests to meet Privacy Act requirements. The goal is to have more parent and alumni involvement; a PDF form is available for those interested in inclusion on the volunteer database. Call the Academy and request the "Academy Admissions Volunteer Contact Form". Pascal-

Stapleton-Ward was contracted for market based research to help people better understand the CGA. To date, there have been 13,000 inquiries for the class of 2009, up from 6,000 three years ago. Very successful campus visitation and AIM programs this past year to include more information sessions for parents. Admissions continues to strive for more diversity, class of '08 has 2% minority. Many promotional materials are available to be mailed: business cards, "Bear Tracks" newsletter, AIM flyers.

Mr. Sylvester, CGA '71-President USCGA Alumni Association-The group has 5200 members. The association is not paid by CGA; support is from membership dues and donations to unrestricted funds. The goal is to make a great school greater by assisting with high cost requests to better the margin of excellence. CGA Class of '53 donated +\$400K to assist with the new football field. Fundraising letters will be sent to each current CGA class to support a 1% Pledge Drive. The 1% amount was derived from the \$250K value of the academy education, so the goal is \$2500 per family to be a tax-deductible donation over the four-year experience. The Parents Association would receive the donations the first three years and the fourth, transition year, the funds would go to the Alumni Association. A separate fundraiser, the Brick Project is beginning to assist with funds for the new alumni building. This idea was developed to allow alumni, friends, cadets, or family to leave a footprint on the academy by donating \$1000 to have an engraved brick in the new building.

CDR Pulver-Cadet Activities-explains the new livery service. The Parents Association has provided liberty vans for 30 years. To improve transportation, safety and reliability, decrease liability, and better utilize cadet time; the Academy has recently signed a "great" three-year contract with a professional livery service. This contract begins 15 OCT 04. It will provide professional CDL certified drivers and two 21-passenger vehicles for \$150K/year. Scheduled service runs will be coordinated by Echo Company for weekend liberty hours. There are 500 additional hours built in to the contract for undetermined use at this time. Each vehicle is equipped with GPS so the Watch Office will know the location at all times. There will be an increased cost to each cadet in their cadet activities fund but cadets were agreeable due to the improved service.

3. President's Report-The theme for this year will be "Act Now and Plan for Tomorrow". For now, we have funds available through the Cadet Activities Endowment Fund to help with current needs. For the future, there is a need to establish a Cadet Transportation Endowment Fund to assist with the new livery service contract and eventually fund the entire service. This should be a feasible financial goal since the Parents Association has provided five vans over the past four years. These future funds could be directed to the new endowment since the current one does not provide for transportation needs. A draft of the new transportation endowment will be presented before the council's spring meeting for approval at that meeting time. There are ~\$40K in requests today: \$15,200 van maintenance, \$9200 copier lease and support, \$5000 cadet sponsor program, \$1500 day room cable TV, \$10,000 for 10 mascot costumes purchase and maintenance. Goals for this year: (1) establish Cadet Transportation endowment fund with \$50K (2) fund current cadet activity needs with \$40K (3) increase Cadet Activities endowment to \$100K from

current \$65K. These goals seem reasonable if classes support the 1% Pledge as outlined above by the Alumni Association.

4. Secretary's Report-Minutes from the June 26, 2004 meeting were e-mailed to all members. There was a motion to approve the corrected minutes, it was seconded and approved by voice vote.

5. Treasurer's Report-see attachment

6. Members-at-Large slate-the proposed slate of members for the National Parents Association Council for 03-05 and 04-06 was presented. There was a motion to accept the slate, second and voice vote approval. General membership voting will take place at the afternoon meeting today. Members must attend 2/3 meetings.

7. Report on Amendments to Bylaws and Constitution-Changes to the bylaws and constitution were explained and discussed. Proposed amendments to by-laws: (1) to allow for 5-year membership dues, (2) voting methods to include e-mail and fax. Proposed amendments to constitution: (1) members eligible to vote in elections or be candidates (2) joint membership with Parents Association and Alumni Association (3) voting methods to include e-mail and fax. These amendments will be published in detail in the Parent Newsletter prior to presentation for a vote by the general membership.

8. Request for Maintenance Funding-There is a request for van (\$15,200) and copier maintenance (\$9200). Local chapters would like to share this information with their members to earmark chapter donations for these requests. The cadet sponsor program and day room cable TV were added to these funding requests. A motion was made and seconded to fund the van and copier maintenance as funds become available. The vote was approved by voice. Costumes requests will be handled at local chapter level.

Due to time restraints, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45

Next meeting will be Spring 2005, in conjunction with CGA musical.

The following chapters have provided written input:

Captain Paul F. Foye, Connecticut Chapter-provided Defensive Driver Training for 200 cadets; sponsored a well-attended chapter welcome luncheon for 11 incoming 2008 cadets; continue to provide host families for cadets from all over the country; assist with admissions requests for parent involvement for AIM.

Upstate New York-published an initial chapter newsletter for the current 28+ families and will continue member newsletters, well organized group with established fundraising efforts.

Virtual Chapter- current membership is 32; the virtual chapter has helped revitalize the Florida chapter and establish a Georgia chapter; effort now to seek assistance with organizing a Carolinas chapter. Discussion forums, previously popular, have been quiet-would like to invigorate.

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