



## January Monthly Meeting January 11, 2010 – GMU, Arlington Campus

Board Members Present (alphabetically): Beth Frank, Melissa Green, Mike Hanpeter, Amy Landry, Bekah Meyerowitz, Kate Phillips, Lamont Rooker, and Mark Tallarico.

Schools Present (alphabetically): Alabama, Arizona State, Clemson, Delaware, Emory, Florida State, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Miami (FL), Miami (OH), Michigan, Millersville, Minnesota, Navy, Penn State, Pitt, Providence, Purdue, South Carolina, Stanford, Syracuse, Tulane, Virginia Tech, Wisconsin, and Xavier.

Meeting began 7:20PM

- I. Attendees' Introductions and Sign-In
  - a. Introductions – name, school and upcoming events.
  - b. **Please be sure to post your chapter events on your chapter page to be visible on the Chapter Events Calendar of the homepage and some will be included in the monthly CAN Happenings e-newsletter.**
  
- II. Speakers: Angela Bugayong and Brett Lowitz, DC College Success Foundation (the "Foundation")
  - a. The Foundation provides support and mentoring to high school juniors and seniors in Wards 7 and 8, along with scholarships to attend schools of their choice. Employees of the Foundation who work directly with the students serve as advisors (focused on curriculum, tutoring, etc.) while volunteers serve as mentors who commit to one hour a month to serve as a support and positive guidance for the students during their junior and senior years, as well as freshman year of college. Individuals involved in CAN would be ideal mentors considering we represent the span of schools that students are currently applying to schools represented in CAN.
  - b. Mentors are an invaluable influence for the students and are matched based on interests and hobbies – men with men and women with women. Initial meetings with the paired mentee will occur at the school and after the first meeting, sessions can be in the evenings and on weekends in approved public locations.
  
- III. Committee Break-Out sessions
  
- IV. Break-Out recaps
  - a. Communications
    - i. The focus of the Committee will be on evaluating and tweaking the website.
  - b. Community Service
    - i. January is National Mentoring Month. In addition to the speakers from DC College Success Foundation, CAN is also working with Alexandria Mentoring Partnership to facilitate volunteer opportunities.
    - ii. Special Olympics. Games will be held in DC in May so Amy and Melissa are looking into possible volunteer opportunities – perhaps having the Director at the March Monthly Meeting.

- iii. Hands On DC. Event date is May 15 and Amy is working to become site coordinator to better ensure that CAN chapter teams are able to work together.
  - iv. Relay For Life. Amy and Melissa are looking into ways of supporting this event.
  - v. The Community Service portion of [www.dcalum.org](http://www.dcalum.org) has been updated with current contact information at local nonprofits. Be sure to sign up online to receive the monthly newsletter that encompasses all upcoming volunteer opportunities.
- c. Social
- i. End of Season Flag Football Party – Friday, January 29; CCSP; 8-11PM
  - ii. CAN Night at the Opera – Monday, February 1; Kennedy Center
  - iii. Softball survey. The feedback from the survey conducted at the end of the season has been compiled and will be discussed at a meeting with The Exchange in the next week or two. Note: Renovations are ongoing and should be completed before the start of softball season and will allow for more space this summer.
  - iv.
  - v. Shamrock Fest – Saturday, March 13. Twenty-two chapters have signed up to receive codes for tickets. If your chapter would still like to do so, please contact Cindy Dudzinski at [luneclair@gmail.com](mailto:luneclair@gmail.com).
- d. Sports
- i. Softball
    - 1. The NPS application will not be posted until around February 1. Requests from commissioners to submit applications will be sent then.
    - 2. Parties. This year there will be a 60-day party as well as a 30-day party – dates TBD.
  - ii. Golf – Rob Walter proposed that CAN create a ‘golf series’ comprised of existing chapter golf tournaments. The series would serve as an inter-chapter competition and help increase participation in the respective tournaments.
  - iii. Flag Football
    - 1. Congratulations to Purdue – 2009 Flag champions! Purdue defeated Tufts 34-9 in the championship game.
    - 2. Someone raised the question as to why there wasn’t a sponsor bar for flag football – CCSP serves as a de facto one but people would like to see more involvement, such as coupons for players as was done in the past. But it was explained that it is more difficult for a flag football sponsor to receive a return of their investment as opposed to a sponsor for softball. Players frequent the bar less, due to their own chapter’s game watches on Saturday or NFL football on Sunday.
  - iv. Volleyball/Basketball
    - 1. It was mentioned that parties for these two sports have not be held in recent years and participants in these sports would like to see a joint party of some sort either this year or next.
    - 2. A gym downtown has offered practice space (volleyball) in exchange for promotion.
  - v. Miscellaneous
    - 1. A member of the sports committee suggested that CAN begin a boot-camp class or something similar once a month for people to participate in together, outside of the leagues.
    - 2. A broomball game/tournament was also suggested. Some chapters have participated in broomball games in the past, with Kettler – the Capital’s practice rink – being the suggested location.

## V. Organizational Status Report

- a. 2010 Budget. Was approved by the Board on December 16.

b. 2010 Elections

- i. Per the bylaws, four (4) positions are up for re-election in 2010: Vice President, Secretary/Membership, and two (2) of the Advisory Committee Directors. All of the information is posted on [www.dcalum.org](http://www.dcalum.org). Candidate applications are due January 22. At this time only one person has submitted an application for one of the ACD positions. The election timeline is as follows:
  - ♦ January 22 – applications for positions due
  - ♦ January 25 – first Meet the Candidates happy hour; BlackFinn, DC; 6PM
  - ♦ February 2 – deadline for AC school applications to be a part of the elections
  - ♦ February 3 – second Meet the Candidates happy hour; Liberty Tavern, Clarendon; 6PM
  - ♦ February 5 – deadline for identifying AC proxies
  - ♦ February 9 – elections will occur at the Monthly Meeting
  - ♦ April 1 – terms begin for new Officers
- ii. PLEASE NOTE: Elections will occur on TUESDAY, February 9.

VI. Next Meeting:

TUESDAY, February 9 – Board of Directors elections will be held.

Meeting adjourned 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted by Bekah Meyerowitz, CAN Secretary/Membership – 01/14/10  
Motion to approve made by Beth Frank, CAN Advisory Committee Chair – 01/14/10  
Motion seconded by Mark Tallarico, CAN Vice President – 01/14/10