



## November Monthly Meeting November 2, 2009 – GMU, Arlington Campus

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

Schools Present (alphabetically): Alabama, Arizona, Boston U, Clemson, Cornell, Duke, Elon, Florida State, Maryland, Miami (FL), Miami (OH), Michigan, Mount St. Mary's, New Mexico State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn, Pitt, Providence, Purdue, South Carolina, Tulane, Virginia Tech, West Virginia, 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 event on your chapter page on the website by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. These are also visible on the Chapter Events Calendar of the homepage and some will be included in the monthly CAN Happenings e-newsletter.**

### II. Guest Speaker: Emily Davis, Volunteer Fairfax

Emily shared with those in attendance that Volunteer Fairfax is one of many local volunteer centers in the area that focus on pairing individuals and groups with volunteer opportunities (some are specific to government, while others – like Volunteer Fairfax – are open to the general public). Some of the services they offer that CAN participants might be interested in are board matching (connecting individuals who want to serve on the board of a nonprofit to the right organization); skills volunteering (whether it be accounting or dancing, all skill sets can be used in volunteering); group volunteering (perfect for a chapter event); and Volunteer For Change (a program designed for those who have limited evening and weekend time but would like to volunteer). Additional information is available on their website at [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

### III. Organizational Status Report

#### a. 2010 Elections

- i. Per the bylaws, four (4) positions are up for re-election in the spring of 2010: Vice President, Secretary/Membership, and two (2) of the Advisory Committee Directors. The specific timeline will be posted online but some deadlines to keep in mind are:

December 8 – applications will be posted on [www.dcalum.org](http://www.dcalum.org)

January 22 – applications for positions due

February 2 – deadline for AC school applications to be a part of the elections

February 5 – deadline for identifying AC proxies

February 9 – elections will occur at the Monthly Meeting

#### b. 2010 Budget

- i. Per the bylaws, the Board is required to put together a budget for the next calendar year and have it finalized and approved by December 31. The AC has

the ability to review the budget and provide feedback prior to the Board approving it. The timeline for this process is as follows:

November 18 – Dennick will share the proposed budget with the Board

November 23 – feedback from the Board is due

November 25 – the budget will be shared with the AC

December 1 – feedback from the AC is due

December 7 – the budget will be presented at the December Monthly Meeting

December 16 – the Board will approve it

- ii. It was raised that the timeline for AC review and comment might be difficult considering it's around Thanksgiving. The Board will try to speed up the process but we might have to stick to the proposed timeframe in which case we ask for everyone to be aware the document will be coming and set aside time to review it accordingly.

c. Community Service Committee

Last week, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Amy Landry (Alabama) and Melissa Green (South Carolina) as Co-Assistant Community Service Chairs. We are quite excited to have them on board and encourage all who are interested in serving on this committee to get in touch with them directly.

#### IV. Committee Updates

a. Advisory Committee

- i. The SOP has been finalized and will be implemented on a trial basis over the coming months.
- ii. Their next main focus will be the 2010 budget.

b. Communications

- i. Election information will be posted on the website within the next several weeks – including updated position descriptions.
- ii. Please be sure to continuously update your chapter pages with current contact and game watch information as well as upcoming events.

c. Community Service

- i. At the mid-season flag football party this Friday, November 6, there will be a clothing drive to benefit Goodwill of DC. All who bring an item will be entered into a raffle! Details of suggested items can be found here: <http://www.dcalum.org/event.aspx?id=144>.
- ii. The Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon is taking place on the National Mall on Saturday, November 21. Information can be found at [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org) and we encourage everyone to sign up and walk to benefit one of the participating charities.

d. Membership

- i. An audit was done of all the chapters listed on the website (240 in total) in preparation of doing outreach to all of them. They chapters were split into five categories: very active (involved in meetings/committees and sports); sporadic (active in sports but inconsistent with meetings/committees); just sports (no involvement with meetings/committees); inactive (no involvement with meetings/committees or sports); new (newer chapters to CAN with varying involvement). This was done merely to understand the ranges of involvement to craft appropriate emails to send. The goal of this is to be proactive in terms of touching base with chapters – thanking them for their involvement, seeing how we can help them better, etc. In all emails, upcoming events and meetings will be mentioned as well. Emails will be sent to all 240 schools by Thanksgiving. The responses received will shape the next steps taken – whether getting in touch with the school's alumni association to find current chapter leaders, having one-on-one meetings with some chapter leaders, etc.

e. Scholarship Fund

- i. Background: Through the sponsorships obtained for the softball tournament, CAN now has approximately \$4,000 set aside as the foundation for the CAN Scholarship Fund (the "Fund"). The plan is to submit an application to obtain 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in the near future, and to do so we need to show that we present charitable donations – which this allotment of money will provide. The \$700 awarded to chapters' scholarship funds through the NPC 5k has been distributed from this money with the remaining for future awards.
- ii. The Board has created an ad hoc Committee to oversee the Scholarship Fund, with the idea that the Board only controls how much is disseminated per year. The Committee will determine, on its own, the criteria used for the applications, qualifications and the number of scholarships given, on a calendar-year basis – hopefully to begin in early 2010. The Committee currently consists of four (4) interested AC members, along with a handful of Board members, and will be meeting Monday, November 9 at the CAN office in Ballston. If you are interested in being a part of the Committee, please get in touch with Mark Tallarico via [www.dcalum.org](http://www.dcalum.org).
- iii. The question was asked if we have thought of giving scholarships directly to high school students, in light of Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund closing. Down the road, there might be an opportunity to give scholarships directly to area students but for now, efforts are being focused on giving directly to chapters' scholarship funds.

f. Social

- i. The mid-season flag football party is taking place at CCSP on Friday, November 6 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 8-11PM. Entrance fee is \$25 and allows for unlimited beer, wine, soda and food during that time. Clothing donations are encouraged and those who would like to help staff the registration table are encouraged as well and should get in touch with Kate Phillips via [www.dcalum.org](http://www.dcalum.org).
- ii. CAN is partnering with Shamrock Fest in March to offer special ticket pricing to CAN members and to provide an alumni row area for attendees to gather. This is similar to what University Row provides at Gold Cup. Chapter leaders will be getting an email asking if they'd like to participate and they will then receive a specific discount code – that will earn cash back for their chapter from each ticket sold. Those chapters that participate will receive \$4 from each regular ticket sold and \$8 from each VIP ticket sold so long as the purchaser uses the participating chapter's promotional code. Individuals whose chapter are not participating but still would like to attend will have a general code and \$4 from each regular ticket sold and \$8 from each VIP ticket sold using that code will go directly to CAN.
- iii. A CAN Gala is being planned for February or March of 2010. If you would like to be a part of that sub-committee, please get in touch Kate.

g. Sports

- i. There has been some confusion around the payment and roster deadlines for the flag football tournament. The timeline is as follows:
  - November 5 – rosters due
  - November 10 – first payments due (by check or online)
  - November 25 – second roster deadline (these individuals will not receive shirts)
  - December 3 – second payment due (ONLY online)
- ii. Volleyball. Applications are up and are due by November 12. Courts will again be held at Hoops Magic Sports Academy in Chantilly, Virginia (near Dulles Airport) and games will be played on Sundays. It was asked how much the fee would be this year – that won't be determined until they know how many teams will be playing. An initial deposit of \$200 is required with the application. This

amount will be put towards the total team fee which is estimated to be between \$500-600.

- iii. Basketball. Due to some technical difficulties, applications are not yet up but will be soon. The deadline will then be extended to November 20. Games will be played weeknights in Alexandria area school gyms (most likely). Fees are also to be determined based on the number of teams and final decision of location. An initial deposit of \$100 is required with the application. This amount will be put towards the total team fee which is estimated to be between \$500-600.

V. Next Meeting:

Monday, December 7

Meeting adjourned 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted by Bekah Meyerowitz, CAN Secretary/Membership – 11/4/09

Motion to approve made by Beth Frank, CAN Advisory Committee Chair – 11/4/09

Motion seconded by Steve Piekarec, CAN Advisory Committee Director – 11/4/09