



December Monthly Meeting December 1, 2008 – GMU, Arlington Campus

Board Members Present (alphabetically): Stephen Anfield, Melissa Coughlin, Elaine Freedman, Mike Hanpeter, Anthony Jones, Chris Maurer, Bekah Meyerowitz, Dan Nguyen, Steve Piekarec, Lamont Rooker, Aaron Steffensmeier, and Mark Tallarico.

Schools Present (alphabetically): Arizona, Arizona State, BU, Cal Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon, Christopher Newport, Clemson, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell, Delaware, Duke, Elon, Florida State, Georgetown, GMU, Indiana, Johns Hopkins, Kenyon, Maryland, Miami, Michigan, Michigan State, NC State, Ohio State, Penn, Pittsburgh, Providence, Purdue, Richmond, Seton Hall, Stanford, Syracuse, Tennessee, Tulane, West Virginia, William & Mary, Wisconsin, Xavier, and Yale.

Meeting began 7:17PM

I. Attendees' Introductions and Sign-In

- a. Handout of all upcoming publicized chapter events was distributed
To be included on this list in the future, please be sure to post your event on your chapter page on the website by the 15th of every month. These are also visible on the Chapter Events Calendar of the homepage.
- b. Introductions – name, school and upcoming events.

II. Organizational Status Report

- a. Strategic Plan
The Board plans on approving the final document at the next Board meeting, to be made effective January 2009.
- b. Articles of Incorporation
Due to a new address for CAN, these needed to be amended, as well as to reflect the new leadership and other necessary changes. The amendment has been drafted and approved by the Board and will be voted on at the January Monthly Meeting by the AC.
- c. RFP Process
 - i. An Ad Hoc Committee is being formed to gain a broader perspective of bars that should be approached to serve as the 2009 softball sponsor bar. It is not a large time commitment, but more of an opportunity to supply feedback and suggestions. If you are interested, please get in touch with Lamont through the www.dcalum.org site.
 - ii. The data from the softball survey has been compiled and will be used by the Ad Hoc Committee to help the Board determine which bars to approach beginning in January.
- d. Sponsorship
Board members have met with representatives from both Bud and Miller who are interested in a full-year sponsorship for 2009. Sponsorship Proposals have been sent to both and a second round of meetings will be held to further discuss the terms of CAN sponsorship.
- e. Elections
 - i. Elections will occur at the February monthly meeting (February 9) for the positions of President, Treasurer and one Advisory Committee Director. To vote at these elections your school must be a member of the Advisory Committee.

- ii. Those currently in the above positions are able to run again, however Aaron Steffensmeier will not be re-running for Treasurer due to a planned move out of the area.
- iii. Emails will be sent by Communications and AC reminding all of deadlines.
- iv. Timeline:
 - December 15 – applications for President, Treasurer and AC Director posted on www.dcalum.org
 - January 19 – deadline to submit Advisory Committee applications (to vote in the elections)
 - January 23 – candidates' applications due
 - Week of January 26 – first 'get to know the candidates' Happy Hour
 - Week of February 2 – second 'get to know the candidates' Happy Hour
 - February 9 – elections

III. Committee Updates

a. AC

- i. If your chapter is not a part of the AC, the application is online and we encourage all that are interested to apply (there is a 'rolling' application, but to vote in the upcoming elections, new applications need to be in by January 19). All AC schools have the privilege of voting and thus need to fulfill the commitment of having one representative on one of the Committees (Social, Communications, Sports, Community Service or Business Development).
- ii. The AC Directors will send reminder emails pertaining to the elections two weeks prior to any deadlines
- iii. A question was asked regarding voting: if one person is a representative for two schools, will they be allowed to vote twice? It is up to each chapter president to determine who their proxy will be, however, it will not be feasible for one person to be proxy for more than one school and vote twice.
Another question was asked about the budget and it was explained that it was discussed at a prior Monthly Meeting. Lamont said that he would send out the 2009 budget for all to see. This will be done the week of December 1 to all AC members who will have through December 13 to review and comment, and the Board will then approve by December 19.

b. Community Service

- i. There is a lot going on and the Committee is already underway in planning upcoming events. The plan is to unroll a full calendar and strategy in January for the year ahead.
- ii. Stephen will be attending an orientation December 6 at Walter Reed to find out what is needed of volunteer groups and will relay the information back to the group and CAN at-large. The hope is to establish a once-a-month commitment to them of CAN volunteers.
- iii. A large event is being looked into – having an art expo involving local students as well as locally known artists. A suggestion was made that once we decide on the charity the event will benefit, if we make that known to the venue, perhaps they will reduce the cost.
- iv. To use the existing competitive spirit that exists in CAN, a competition for community service hours will be implemented – the details of which are still being worked out to ensure fairness to varying size schools.
- v. A question was asked if the successful NPS clean-up day that occurred last year will take place again. Stephen is looking into it.

c. Membership

- i. Thank you to all who participated in the survey last month to determine what kinds of membership sessions people would be interested in attending – from how to establish a chapter board to how to grow your chapter to how to deal with chapter leadership turnover. Bekah is putting a calendar into place that will have one session occurring the second Tuesday of every month for all of 2009 and involve speakers to properly address the issue at hand.

- d. Social
 - i. The end-of-season football party is scheduled for January 9 at CCSP. Cost to attend for players is included in the Tournament fees; guests will be \$25 and can register until January 7 on the website.
 - ii. Elaine inquired as to the interest of doing promotional deals with the Caps. It was suggested to have discounts schools can pick and choose from to allow for fans of various teams.
 - iii. She is in the process of planning a happy hour and broom-ball tournament at the Caps practice rink at Ballston Mall.
 - iv. Elaine is also working on setting up a Financial Planning session hopefully to take place the beginning of 2009.
 - v. Union Jacks has opened at Ballston Mall and is having specials on Thursday, December 4 for all who would like to attend and check out the new venue.
- e. Sports
 - i. We still have vacancies for one (1) commissioner in each Soccer and Softball. If you are interested or would like to find out more information, please contact Chris Maurer through www.dcalum.org.
 - ii. The flag football tournament begins December 6.
 - iii. Basketball and volleyball applications are due December 3! Please be sure to get them in and have correct chapter leadership information. Volleyball games will be played on Sundays in Chantilly this season.
 - iv. Permits for softball: the DC Department of Parks and Recreation will be accepting early applications for field permits for softball (Ohio Drive fields). Applications can be submitted online at <http://dpr.dc.gov>. The permit calendar is as follows:
 - December 29 – January 23: Early Bird Permit Application submission, customers can submit 2009 Spring/Summer athletic field applications.
 - February 9 – February 13: Permits will be issued.

IV. Highlighted Committee: Communications

- a. Mike has established a committee made up of 5-6 dedicated people who will focus on helping him properly disseminate information to all participants.
- b. One main area of focus is the website. The plan is to make it more compatible, consistent and correct in terms of information posted and use by all whether viewing meeting schedules, using the boards or paying fees.
- c. A new schedule has been put into place for CAN Happenings – it will be going out the fourth Wednesday of every month. Please ensure all of your chapter events (for the next 6 weeks) are on your chapter page by the middle of the month to be included. To do so, you must be listed on your chapter page either as the President or point of contact. If you have any trouble, please contact Mike through www.dcalum.org.
- d. Please be sure that you have registered on the site to receive the CAN Happenings and any additional Committee communications you would like to receive – and relay the information to your chapter members.
- e. One long-term goal is to establish a comprehensive end-of-year report.

V. New Business

VI. Next meeting date:

Monday, January 5 – highlighting the AC and voting on the Articles of Amendment.

Meeting adjourned 8:17PM

Respectfully submitted by Bekah Meyerowitz, CAN Secretary/Membership – 12/02/08

Motion to approve by Chris Casto, CAN Advisory Committee Director – 12/03/08

Motion seconded by Mark Tallarico, CAN Vice President – 12/03/08