



January Monthly Meeting January 5, 2009 – GMU, Arlington Campus

Board Members Present (alphabetically): Chris Casto, 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): Alabama, Arizona State, BU, Clemson, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell, Elon, Georgia Tech, GMU, Indiana, Johns Hopkins, Mary Washington, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Muhlenberg, NC State, Notre Dame, Ohio, Penn, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Providence, Purdue, Richmond, Rutgers, Seton Hall, South Carolina, Syracuse, Tulane, Virginia Tech, West Virginia, William & Mary, Wisconsin, Xavier, and Yale.

Meeting began 7:21PM

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 15th of every month. These are also visible on the Chapter Events Calendar of the homepage and will be included in the monthly CAN Happenings e-newsletter.**

II. Organizational Status Report

- a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. 2008 taxes were paid on December 31, 2008. More money was paid for both federal and state taxes due to an increase in revenue (about \$3,000 more in federal and \$500 more in state) but the organization is hopeful that it will receive a refund.
 - ii. The 2009 budget has been reviewed by the AC, approved by the Board and will be implemented.
- b. Elections
 - i. Timeline:
 - January 19 – deadline to submit Advisory Committee applications (to vote in the elections). Available on www.dcalum.org.
 - January 23 – candidates' applications due. Available on www.dcalum.org.
 - January 27 – first 'get to know the candidates' Happy Hour at Liberty Tavern in Clarendon, specials from 6:30-9:30PM and candidates present from 7-9PM.
 - February 4 – second 'get to know the candidates' Happy Hour at Bar Louie in Chinatown, specials from 6:30-9:30PM and candidates present from 7-9PM.
 - February 9 – elections
- c. Articles of Incorporation
 - i. CAN recently changed its address. As a result, the Articles of Incorporation were amended to reflect this modification as well as the changes in leadership and other necessary alterations. The Board approved the amended articles and then sent the document to the AC. An overview of the amended articles was distributed for review. Mark outlined the voting process – all of the amendments

could be approved unanimously or if there was a dissenting vote the amendments would have to be approved one amendment at a time.

ii. Questions:

1. Why have we implemented a purpose? Answer: In the hopes of obtaining 501(c)(3) status in the future, the articles needed to state a purpose and one that encompasses a general philanthropic ideal of the organization as required by the IRS – yet vague enough not to commit us to any specific direction moving forward.
2. Why not make it solely about education? Answer: Because we are not a specific alumni association or associated directly with an educational entity, CAN will have to apply for 501(c)(3) for charitable purposes. In doing so, we have specified education as our charitable endeavor given that our colleges and universities is what ties the organization together.

iii. AJ asked if there was a motion to approve the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. Lamont made the motion and Chris Casto seconded it. The amended Articles were unanimously approved (All in favor (including 3 votes submitted earlier in the day electronically): 33. All opposed: 0).

d. RFP Process

i. The Ad Hoc Committee was formed and has been working on identifying possible bars that would serve as the CAN softball sponsor bar this season. In addition the committee has drafted and finalized a RFP and cover letter that will be sent on January 6. The timeline moving forward is:

- January 16 – deadline for proposals back to CAN
- January 25-30 – Committee to set up interviews with RFP respondents
- February 3-7 – Committee to hold interviews
- February 10-14 – Committee makes recommendations to Board
- February 17-21 – Board to make recommendations to AC
- February 28 – Sponsor Bar decided upon

e. Sponsorship

Not a lot has changed since the holidays prevented some meetings from occurring. More information should be solidified by end of month.

III. Highlighted Committee: Advisory Committee

- a. AJ passed out a list of all current Advisory Committee member schools to ensure information is correct
- b. After the elections the AC Chair and Directors will schedule a meeting with the AC members to meet each other and learn further about the AC and the commitments. The structure will be reviewed as well as expectations and penalties.

IV. Committee Updates

a. Business Development

i. Dan is underway! His first order of business is to determine individual chapter goals to ensure the Board is cognizant of chapters' goals for the year. He passed out a survey and asked that it be completed by either the AC rep or the chapter president. The survey will also be posted on www.dcalum.org by January 7 and needs to be completed by January 23.

b. Communications

- i. The new website is close to launching – should be up by the end of the month.
- ii. Mike encouraged everyone to keep posting chapter events on the website under their chapter page.

c. Community Service

i. At the last meeting, Stephen mentioned that he was attending an orientation to do visitations at Walter Reed Medical Center. Stephen attended that orientation and should have more information in the near future.

- ii. He will be in touch by the middle of the month about the next Committee meeting.
- d. Membership
 - i. The first 2009 Membership Speaker Series will occur on January 13 from 7-8:30PM. It will consist of a panel of current CAN chapter leaders to speak to their experience and answer any questions other chapter leaders might have. Stay tuned to the site for more details!
- e. Social
 - i. The end-of-season football party is scheduled for January 9 at CCSP. Cost to attend for players was included in the Tournament fees; the **cost for guests is \$25. If there are guests who have not registered, they can do so until 5:00 pm, January 7 via the CAN website.** Volunteers are needed – please contact Elaine.
 - ii. Information will be posted on the site shortly about upcoming Wizards promotions on January 16 (vs. Knicks) and January 26 (vs. Phoenix) for seats at \$50 and \$20/\$30.
- f. Sports
 - i. Volleyball starts January 11 and Basketball starts January 6.
 - ii. Soccer applications will be up on the site by the end of January. Congratulations to Andy Hyson for becoming the new commissioner!
 - iii. We still have vacancies for one (1) commissioner in each Softball and Football. If you are interested or would like to find out more information, please contact Chris Maurer through www.dalum.org.
 - iv. DPR applications for Softball are currently up; NPS will be up soon.
 - v. A Sports Committee will be officially formed in the next couple of months to assist in implementing all that participants would like to see happen.
 - vi. Thank you Krissy Van Wychen for your time and commitment as Football Commissioner for the past two years!

V. New Business

VI. Next meeting date:

Monday, February 9 – Elections.

Meeting adjourned 8:09PM

Respectfully submitted by Bekah Meyerowitz, CAN Secretary/Membership – 01/06/09

Motion to approve by Mark Tallarico, CAN Vice President – 01/07/09

Motion seconded by Chris Maurer, CAN Sports Chair – 01/07/09