



November Monthly Meeting November 3, 2008 – GMU, Arlington Campus

Board Members Present (alphabetically): Stephen Anfield, Chris Casto, Melissa Coughlin, Mike Hanpeter, Bekah Meyerowitz, Lamont Rooker, Aaron Steffensmeier, Mark Tallarico.

Schools Present (alphabetically): Alabama, Arizona State, BU, Christopher Newport, Clemson, Delaware, Drexel, Florida State, Georgetown, GMU, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Rutgers, Stanford, Tennessee, Tulane, West Virginia, Western Michigan, Xavier.

Meeting began 7:21PM

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. These are also visible on the Chapter Events Calendar off of the homepage.
- b. Introductions – name, school and upcoming events.

II. Organizational Status Report

- a. New Monthly Meeting format. Each month, one of the Committees will be highlighted – plans and events gone into in more detail. This month is Community Service and Communications will be highlighted in December.
- b. Business Development Chair
 - i. The Board of Directors has voted and made the nomination to the AC of Dan Nguyen, Maryland, as the Business Development Chair.
 - ii. The AC will receive additional notification regarding the nomination and will have until COB Friday, November 7 to respond with their vote.
- b. Strategic Plan
 - i. The Plan was emailed to AC members 2 weeks ago asking for feedback. A limited amount of comments were returned, all of which were positive. Some thought it was over-ambitious, but felt going in the right direction.
 - ii. At the next Board meeting, the updated document incorporating all feedback will be reviewed and voted on to present as a final document to the AC at the December Monthly Meeting.
- a. RFP Process
 - i. A survey was put together by select Board members to obtain feedback from all participants regarding sponsor bars. They are currently in the process of compiling the feedback.
 - ii. The next step is putting together an ad hoc committee. This committee will review the results of the survey and move forward with identifying potential sponsor bars for the 2009 softball season. In addition to select board members, the committee will be made up of at least one male and one female from the membership at-large, who are active in softball, objective and interested in assisting in the process. Anyone interested in serving as an at-large committee member should contact Lamont at blrooker@gmail.com.

III. Committee Updates

- a. AC
 - i. An email will be sent within 24 hours outlining the process for the Business Development Chair; it will be a new format and votes will be due by COB Friday.
 - ii. If your chapter is not a part of the AC, the application is online and we encourage all that are interested to apply ('rolling' application). 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). To vote in the upcoming elections (February 2009), your school must have a representative on the AC.
- b. Communications
 - i. A new schedule is being put into place for CAN Happenings – it will be going out the middle of the month. Please ensure that your chapter page has information regarding events for a 6-week period to ensure inclusion in the CAN Happenings.
- c. Membership
 - i. In order to move forward with a speaker series that will address requested topics relevant to chapters, a handout was distributed to obtain a better sense of exact topics that are desired, as well as best days and times for the series. The thought is to begin in January and have one every month. As results are compiled a schedule will be put into place and distributed.
- d. Social
 - i. The Halloween/mid-season football party was on October 31 and had a decent turnout.
 FEEDBACK:
 - 1. A comment was made regarding the start time of the party. The thought was that the party started too early and the window to take advantage of the open bar was too small; which may have had an impact on attendance. The response to this comment was that since it wasn't a private party, Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control laws mandate that any specials had to end by 9:00 PM.
 - 2. A question was asked pertaining to how the Halloween was communicated and to whom it was sent. It was clarified that in addition to the party and details being included on the site and talked about at the October Monthly Meeting, it was also included in CAN Happenings and an additional email to chapter leaders.
 - ii. There are discounted tickets available to a Capitals game on November 14 – details are on the website.
 - iii. The end-of-season football party is scheduled for January 9. Fee for players is included in Tournament costs, guests will be \$25.
- e. Sports
 - i. The Basketball commissioner position has been filled by Ryan Braden!
 - ii. 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 via the website.
 - iii. Basketball applications were posted today and the Chairs and commissioners are working on confirming the court locations.
 - iv. The National Cathedral School is no longer available for volleyball courts so the Chairs and commissioners are looking into other options. Applications will be posted once a decision has been reached.

IV. Highlighted Committee: Community Service

- a. The Committee has met and has great ideas for upcoming events:
 - i. Establishing a relationship at Walter Reed so that chapters can hold events on base
 - ii. Building a list of local nonprofit contacts that will be published on the site for all chapters to access

- iii. Establishing local charities to be supported by our efforts
- iv. One large CAN-run event – perhaps an art show featuring local student artists and involve local professional artists – to become a known organizational yearly event, and benefit those to-be-determined local charities
- b. Why should people participate?
 - i. A point-system is being created to track hours of community service involvement by chapters and individuals in order to create a competitive atmosphere; upon which CAN thrives. All community service activities will count and the events do not have to be CAN sponsored. In order to keep a level playing field (accounting for the various chapter sizes within CAN), points will be based on a percentage of chapter's members that are involved in service.
- c. QUESTION:
 - i. In addition to supporting local charities, will chapter scholarship funds benefit from funds raised? The thought as of now is to solidify our efforts and establish a foundation for service first, and then in the future, perhaps after a year, use funds to also benefit chapters' scholarship funds.
- d. Upcoming events:
 - i. Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon – info on website

V. New Business

- a. Articles of Incorporation
Lamont and Mark are working on re-filing our AOI with our new address, Directors and Officers.

VI. Next meeting date:

Monday, December 1 – the Communications Committee will be highlighted.

Meeting adjourned 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted by Bekah Meyerowitz, CAN Secretary/Membership – 11/05/08

Motion to approve by Mark Tallarico, CAN Vice President – 11/06/08

Motion seconded by Lamont Rooker, CAN President – 11/06/08