



February Monthly Meeting

February 9, 2009 – GMU, Arlington Campus

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

Schools Present (alphabetically): Alabama, Arizona State, BU, Cal Berkeley, Central Florida, Clemson, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell, Delaware, Drexel, Duke, Elon, Emory, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Hampden-Sydney College, Maryland, Miami, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, NC State, Penn, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Providence, Purdue, Richmond, South Carolina, Stanford, Syracuse, Tulane, Virginia Tech, West Virginia, William & Mary, Wisconsin, Xavier, and Yale.

Meeting began 7:25PM

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. RFP Process Update
 - i. Seven bars submitted RFPs. The Committee rated and ranked all and came up with the top four to interview (in no particular order): Penn Quarter Sports Tavern; McFadden's; Exchange; Bottom Line. Interviews will take place by 2/13, the Committee will then recommend their choice to the Board, who will then recommend the choice to the AC to vote on.
- b. Sponsorship
 - i. The Board tried to procure a year-long sponsorship (as opposed to sport by sport) but due to the economy and both beer companies approached having just gone through mergers, this was not possible. So we will go back to obtaining sponsors by sport
- c. Board Retreat
 - i. The Board of Directors had a retreat on Saturday 2/7 to allow the Officers to meet with the Chairs and Directors to set the framework for the year ahead in relation to the Strategic Plan. The retreat was productive and committee members should look for more activity and communications from their chairs in the near future.

III. Committee Updates

- a. Advisory Committee
 - i. There will be a meeting in March to allow all current and new AC chapter members the opportunity to meet each other and the AC leadership. The meeting

will also give the AC leadership the opportunity to discuss expectations for the Committee moving forward.

- b. Business Development
 - i. The Committee is taking shape and actually dividing into multiple sub-committees to address all aspects of organizational business development. Business development for sports is the subcommittee that currently takes top priority. Additional sub-committees will include organizational development for community service activities and one for social activities. If you are interested, please get in touch with Dan.
- c. Communications
 - i. Mike is moving forward with his Committee and is auditing the website, as well as critiquing current communication strategies for improvement.
- d. Community Service
 - i. A Committee meeting will occur in the next couple of weeks
 - ii. Stephen has created a dynamic Community Service newsletter, which outlines all upcoming events – if you would like to be included, please reach out to him.
- e. Membership
 - i. The Membership Speaker Series was launched in January and was quite successful. The goal is to address concerns/areas multiple chapters have raised in a group session – the first was a casual round-table with current CAN chapter leaders but future sessions will have professional speakers to address the issue at hand. It had been planned to hold these monthly but the feedback was to have every other month so the next one will take place in March. More information will be on the website and in the CAN Happenings.
- f. Social
 - i. The proposed Broom Ball is in the works with the Capitals
 - ii. Involvement in the Make-A-Wish scavenger hunt will continue again this year, date of the event TBD
 - iii. Tickets to the Washington, D.C. Food and Wine Festival taking place on Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, were raffled off at the end of the meeting. Congratulations to the winners!
- g. Sports
 - i. Applications for Soccer and Softball will be up on the website in the coming week, with a due date of 3/6
 - ii. Permits for Softball – those for Ohio Drive are being given out and we are still awaiting word from NPS
 - iii. Softball Commissioners – Dan Dugan (continuing his term), Melissa Coughlin and Pam Krieger. Congratulations to Melissa and Pam.
 - iv. Chris and Nick are going to work with others to begin assessing and editing the current strike system and welcome all constructive input
 - v. Question:
 - 1. Prices for Soccer? Will be set once the fields have been determined (probably similar to last year - \$560 for the Sevens and \$875 for the Elevens)
 - 2. Prices for Softball? There will be a \$100 initial fee that will NOT go towards the tournament, but to cover costs

IV. Elections

a. RESULTS:

President – Lamont Rooker (Clemson)

Treasurer – Dennick Skeels (Richmond)

Advisory Committee Director – Melissa Coughlin (Boston University)

V. New Business

- a. Three of the Committee Chairs terms are up for reappointment – Social, Communications and Advisory Committee. Applications will be posted early March; once applications come in, the Board will meet with the applicants; and then recommend their choices to the AC for consent. The term for these positions will begin on July 1.
- b. The Gold Cup is coming up and CAN chapters are quite involved. If interested in helping out, contact Dave Timmons (Cal Berkeley).

VI. Next Meeting:

Monday, March 2 – Highlighting Business Development Committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Bekah Meyerowitz, CAN Secretary/Membership – 2/12/09

Motion to approve by Mike Hanpeter, CAN Communications Chair – 2/12/09

Motion seconded by Steve Piekarec, CAN Advisory Committee Director – 2/12/09