



June Monthly Meeting

June 7, 2010 – GMU, Arlington Campus

Board Members Present (alphabetically): Melissa Coughlin, Jonathon Cannon, Beth Frank, Andy Hyson, Amy Landry, Allison Mandich, Kate Phillips, Lamont Rooker, Suzanne Stringfield, Nick Walkosak.

Schools Present (alphabetically): Alabama, Arizona, Boston U, Central Florida, Clemson, Cornell, Delaware, Duke, Maryland, Miami, Miami (OH), Michigan, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Princeton, Providence, Stanford, Tulane, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wisconsin.

Call to Order: 7:25PM

I. Attendees' Introductions and Sign-In

- a. Introductions – name, school and upcoming events.
- b. **Please be sure to use your chapter's events page to post your events so they are visible on the Chapter Events Calendar of the homepage and for possible inclusion in the in the monthly CAN Happenings e-newsletter.**

II. Presentations

- a. Best Buddies/Eunice Kennedy Shriver Challenge - Ted McCartan, a representative and coach for Best Buddies/Eunice Kennedy Shriver Challenge, discussed the overall mission of the organization, the goal's for the DC affiliate and how CAN become involved either as a chapter or as individuals.
- b. XL Communities - Kevin McCallum—CAN's Web designer—discussed upcoming changes to the CAN Web site to increase functionality, enhance the overall look and feel and to make it more user-friendly.
- c. rTailgate.com - Jim Medalia, a representative (designer) of the Web site that is dedicated to the planning and management of tailgate parties and other social events, introduced the site to CAN meeting participants and explained how to access the site and how it might be helpful to chapters.

III. Committee Updates.

- a. AC
 - i. Twenty-four Chapter presidents have not responded to the Presidential Happy Hour invitation, Beth is reaching out to them to find out why.
- b. Business Development
 - i. Jonathon Cannon (UCF) was selected by the CAN Board and approved by the AC as the new Business Development Chairperson.
- c. Communications

- i. Expect the usual monthly Communications Committee output, as well as information pertaining to the Softball Tournament.
 - ii. The Committee is currently looking for an Assistant Communication Chairperson to assist with the day-to-day administration of the committee. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please contact Lamont at lamont@dcalum.org.
- d. Community Service
- i. Recap for Global Komen Race for the Cure-the CAN team had nine participants, and raised approximately \$600. The DC event raised \$4.5 million.
 - ii. Relay for Life-Arlington is June 19-20, 2010. There is a CAN team participating, and there is still time to join.
 - iii. Best Buddies/Eunice Kennedy Shriver Challenge is October 23, 2010. Further information available in the CommServ newsletter and on the website (commserv@dcalum.org).
 - iv. CAN is going to sponsor a Clothing Drive at the mid-season Softball Party, and a Food (or School Supplies) Drive at the Softball Tournament.
- e. Social
- i. World Cup Soccer-USA v. England game-watch at the Exchange. The Exchange is offering a \$20 all you can drink special.
 - ii. Presidential Happy Hour at the Exchange-June 22, 2010, 6:30pm.
 - iii. July 10, 2010-midseason Softball party.
 - iv. July 17, 2010-National Press Club 5k. Information to follow.
- f. Sports
- i. Chris Maurer is stepping down as the Sports Chair after the Softball Tournament. If you are interested in applying for the Co-Sports Chair position, please contact Nick Walkosak via email at nick@dcalum.org. The application process is open until July 9, 2010.
 - ii. Softball running smoothly with only a few weather issues, which have since been resolved.
 - iii. Soccer play-off schedule is currently slated for late June through July.
 - iv. Volleyball schedule is in place and we will be playing at Hoop Magic in Chantilly. We are still looking for other venues, as well as sponsors.
 - v. The flag football permit is in place at Anacostia Park. Season will start September 11-12.
 - vi. The University of Texas received a one-year suspension from CAN athletics (pending a final appeal). The suspension begins at the conclusion of soccer and softball.
 - vii. Applications for the 2010 Flag Football season will be posted on the Web site sometime in late July and are due in August..
 - viii. Nick expressed how important it is for chapter presidents to be engaged with and staying current with chapter activities. Currently there are two chapters that have received a one- year suspension from CAN Sports.
 - ix. Mel C. asked what would happen to a team if they are on suspension (or the suspension is pending) and they make a mistake and receive a strike. There is no repercussion for a team for collecting more strikes after they are suspended other than CAN's leadership taking that into account when they apply for their next sport following the suspension period. This led to a discussion about

chapters creating a Sports Chair position to manage all sports for a respective chapter so that one person is aware of strike situations and the general health of each team.

IV. Organizational Report

- a. Dennick, Jonathon, and Lamont are actively seeking sponsors for this year's tournament. We are still in the process of finalizing the sponsorship materials.
- b. Kaplan, the testing prep company has reached out to CAN in the hopes of developing a mutually beneficial partnership. Kaplan wants access to chapters/individuals who are in the process of preparing for one of the graduate school admission tests that are available. Kaplan wants to plan a happy hour to identify those individuals that might be interested in signing up for a class.
- c. The CAN Board of Directors vote unanimously to rename the Capital Alumni Scholarship Fund to the "Capital Alumni Network, Mark R. Tallarico Scholarship Fund".
- d. The CAN Board of Directors voted unanimously to name Mark Tallarico as a Board Member Emeritus.
- e. As a result of the July 4th holiday, there will be no Monthly Meeting in July.

V. Next Meeting: Monday, August 2, 2010.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Stringfield, CAN Secretary/Membership – 06/11/10