

**Minutes
of the
National Council Meeting
of the
U.S. Coast Guard Academy National Parents Association
October 24, 2003**

This meeting was held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Officers Club. Ric Waechter presided with our outgoing president Frank Garcia in attendance. Ric Waechter began the meeting at 8 a.m. with a brief introduction to the agenda and immediately turned the meeting over to the Senior Management Team of the Academy, each of whom gave a brief update of their areas of responsibility.

Academy Management Team Discussion

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Dr. Ray Cieplik provided a summary of the successes experienced by recognized fall sports programs. The varsity track team experienced quite a success in qualifying for the NCAA championships and is coming off a very successful spring season. This is a repeat from last year where they received a bronze medal. Many of the varsity members participate in both fall and spring sports. In addition, the club sports program supports the vast majority of cadets, which enthusiastically participate in the athletic program.

The newly instituted Internet broadcasts have been received very well as well as the rollout of the Internet web-pages in support of all varsity sports. This topic elicited several positive and supportive comments from the Parents in attendance that appreciated and acknowledge the great improvements in sports information available.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Q: Can team results be made available any quicker through the athletic program website: cgasports.com?

A: Dr. Cieplik responded that since the site is not linked to the official Academy site and is not supported through appropriated funding, these updates cannot be directly managed as an Academy program. He acknowledged that the sports updates may still be a little behind owing largely to the volume of manual entry that needs to be done on a weekly basis.

Live broadcasts of CGA Football games and other events has been contracted by a local, low-cost provider who is able to make live Internet broadcasts of CGA events available real-time. These have been well received and access to this facility needs to be broadcast to all parents interested. Dr. Cieplik requested that the link to this service be made available directly on the National Parents Association website.

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Captain Bibeau introduced LCDR Pat Knowles, as the Full-time Coordinator for all volunteer organizations such as the National Parents Association. In this role LCDR Knowles will be coordinating the communication and efforts of any volunteer organizations assisting in the USCGA recruitment process. One of the major activities of these organizations is the planning and conducting of social events. Planning for fall socials is now underway. Coordination of this program through the admissions office has provided the names and addresses of prospective cadets to the Academy. A new information-tracking program has been instituted to increase the flow of information and communication. For the upcoming year,

- 12,800 inquires have been received.
- 508 of these have completed the Part I application—up from approx. 350 this time last year.
- 2,600 applications are still in the pipeline.
- These 3,108 will be about a 50% increase.

An additional package to be acquired will be “Chat University” – with capability to reach out and communicate with prospective candidates researching on-line.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Q: Can AIMS leads be provided to the chapters?

A: Yes, the details of queries that can be extracted from the system are being modified and headed by LCDR Pat Knowles.

Q: Can an electronic version of the Parents Handbook be made available prior to Reporting-In day next June, and is there publication help needed?

A: Most certainly. We can provide the name of a local company that has offered to do this at no cost with local advertising to be included on the cover.

Q: Has the recruiting film been updated, and if so, can we obtain the latest copy for Parent Association chapter events?

A: Resource allocation vs. need indicate that the current films available are adequately performing and are relatively good as compared to other collateral. There is more than one video available and the USA Foundation video is the better of the set.

Q: Can we get a list of marketing and recruitment material approved and available?

A: Feel free to contact the Admissions office at any time, especially LCDR Pat Knowles.

Q: Are there any brochures available online?

A: Not beyond those available via the USCGA web page. The best quality material is available in hardcopy.

DEAN OF ACADEMICS

Howard Dunn (Interim Dean of Academics) reported that his tenure should be approximately 1-2 years while the academy recruits for an individual to permanently occupy the position. His remarks would positive, stating that his wish was that his position would be longer.

His office is actively pursuing programs to keep the retention of qualified cadets as high as possible. He described the introduction of a "4-5-2" program to assist those identified as having academic challenges. To assist these cadets, a reduced workload will be designed at the expense of losing an elective class and postponing the morals and ethics course to a customized class to be taught in the latter years. The program entails taking an introductory English and Math with the 1st semester containing 4 courses and 5 in the 2nd semester. This will require the cadet to take 2 courses during the summer academic program. To retain the best qualified; the academy continues to work on support programs for all cadets. The academy is currently grooming 2 Rhodes scholar candidates and applying for Marshal scholarships.

As in past years, the parents were invited to attend the Engineering picnic. This year, reduced funding required the department to request the parents support the cost of the picnic with a nominal fee for the lunch.

COMMANDANT OF CADETS

Captain Doug Wisniewski introduced himself as an Academy graduate of 1979 and former commander of the Cape May, NJ training facility. Since taking command CAPT Wisniewski has challenged the cadets in a few ways;

1. Embrace the core values as a fundamental part of their character: Honor • Respect • Devotion to Duty.
2. Take charge in the leadership of the organization. The 2004 class runs the corp. – a real challenge!
3. Uphold 100% of the standards, 100% of the time. While some cadets may approach this topic as somewhat of a "joke" they still need this to support their role as future leaders.
4. Follow what he likes to term the "GOAL Model": Guide to Officer And Leadership development.

The latter presents quite a big challenge. It will entail an ongoing documentation, in a behavioral fashion, of their growth and development process during all 4 years at the Academy. This process is still in its infancy and when and if it is completed, it will be the 1st of its kind for any of the U.S. military academies, and the Coast Guard will be the 1st to have accomplished it. CAPT Wisniewski wants the Cadets to be "heads-up" and involved in their growth and development rather than simply be on a treadmill to completion of the Academy program.

CAPT Wisniewski concluded with accolades to Ric Waechter and LT Joe Sunland for their work in keeping communications open and honest with the Parents Association and the Academy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q What are the underlying reasons for the slightly higher attrition rates and the USCGA? Is it coincident with the fact that congressional appointments are not required?
- A CAPT Wisniewski responded; there is no hard data collected to explain the slightly higher rate. It may be possible that expectations are somewhat different given there is no congressional appoint required and the assumption might be the other academies are tougher. Perhaps the newly appointed cadets are surprised when they actual experience the challenges upon arrival. No conclusions can actually be drawn. CAPT Bibeau noted that the result has been a very much better retention rate of officers from the Academy once they enter the fleet as compared to commissioned officers of the other services.
- Q How is the Coast Guard Academy handling of the publics perception of the Coast Guard now that it has merged with other agencies under the Department of Homeland Security?
- A CAPT Bibeau responded that there is no change as a result – the Academy is still recruiting and marketing the Academy as a top level, high quality education. One of LCDR Pat Knowles’ goals is to change and improve the process surrounding communications during admissions and interviews.
- Q How does Sr. Management deal with similar issues as those faced by the Air Force Academy?
- A CAPT Wisniewski’s response was that the CGA culture is fundamentally different. Therefore the character of the issues facing the CGA is different. He believes the values and culture of people attracted to the CG Academy are different. The corps is self-run and there are several programs quite active to address such issues. The prime example is the Sexual Assault task force, which is 70 people strong. All takes the taskforce seriously.

Without any further questions offered, CAPT Wisniewski concluded the Sr. Management discussion with a request that members of the Parents Association give long-term consideration to potential philanthropic endowments to the Academy. He underscored that this request could not be taken lightly but he requested the Association consider the possibility for a long-term plan of support for the Academy. He used an example of an endowment as a way in which the Parents Association might be able to expand their support to include a long-term plan for support for the Coast Guard Academy. A brief discussion ensued wherein Wayne Gronlund explained that the Alumni Association has a Parent Gift Fund in place where such monies go for immediate use as well as a Parents Activities Endowment for longer term support of the Academy.

Association Business

Ric Waechter took CAPT Wisniewski’s advice under advisement and the meeting proceeded with the remainder of the formal agenda. Ric began introductions and noted that LCDR Pat Knowles would be available for questions.

REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF RECRUITING SUPPORT FOR 2003 & 2004

Chapter presidents were requested to setup and manage “Socials” and will be provided lists of contacts, phone numbers and email addresses for chapters to contact. He and his office will be available for advice and assistance in the logistics of conducting socials for Academy recruiting prospects. Carolyn will be the point of contact for this program for the USCGA Parents Association. The recruitment process is beginning with an expected 90,000 interested parties. Of those it is our challenge to contact and recruit the most interested and qualified people. The structure of socials is up to the local chapters to decide.

As the liaison for all volunteer recruitment programs with the Academy, the admissions office can tailor information to be provided to the chapters for the phone numbers and locations of prospective candidates. Carolyn will be the main conduit of communications for the Parents Association. Information to be provided can be gleaned by town, zip code, state, etc.

- Q: Is the CG Auxiliary on board with this focus on recruiting? Is the path for obtaining recruiting support and information changing?
- A: LCDR Knowles: Yes, there was a planning meeting with the Auxiliary and communications with CGATE is ongoing. Requests for material can go directly through the Academy.
- Q: Is there a fixed structure or format for the socials?
- A: LCDR Knowles: Not as yet but we will be working with Carolyn to create suggestions and templates for use.

Q: What is the timeframe desired for socials?

A: LCDR Knowles: No later than January in order to be effective. The post-Thanksgiving recruiting drive is a good opportunity to follow up with prospects. The Academy can provide contact information for those peoples that have interest and live in the areas of Parents Association chapters. LCDR Knowles emphasized the need for assistance in the “conversion effort” — wherein approximately 90,000 prospects of varying levels of interest are eventually *converted* into qualified candidates for final admission.

Kathy Dopkin (Delaware Valley Chapter) proposed an additional recruitment tool – a Book Award to be awarded to a high academic achieving 11th grade student. Several top-flight schools in the country often give such awards. The purpose of this award would be to;

- Get the name and prestige of the Academy known in local communities through the announcement at high school aware ceremonies.
- Benefit receiving schools insofar they have a good student.
- Inexpensively generate market recognition.

Ric Waechter requested that LCDR Pat Knowles research the coordination of this program and its potential and make the Academy’s recommendations at the Parents Association spring meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Report-In Day reception went very well and was well attended. We’ve continued our success with the coffee corner. Many parents provided very positive feedback. While well attended, we need to look at moving the location of this event away from the commotion of the day and activities that occur in the lower level of Leamy Hall.

Ric Waechter has met with CAPT Wisniewski, and there have been no issues raised since those addressed by CAPT Wisniewski’s written response—sent by email to all members of our email groups. The response hopefully addressed the rumors that had been circulating among the parents.

On the issue of the recent van accident, Ric related the information regarding insurance of equipment acquired through the MWR program (of which the vans are a part). The vans are self-insured. Over the course of the 30+ years the Parents Association has donated vans, this method of insurance has saved a significant amount of money. To insure the vans for replacement in the event of collision would require a separate policy which the group feels is expense and is not warranted based upon the accident history of the vans. The Academy is requesting that the Parents Association replace the van as soon as feasible. No insurance policy is recommended.

The additional program of focus for the upcoming year will be the institution of the aforementioned *social program* now underway.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Regarding the upcoming 2004 graduating class: are the sufficient billets in the fleet for this years graduate?

A: (Dom DiIulio) In having worked within the personnel organization of the Coast Guard for some time, it is a certainty that there are sufficient billets for all graduating members. There remains an open question of whether or not all graduates will initially receive a sea-billet. The 2004 class may be the 1st class where *everyone* does not go to sea

Other possibilities include Flight school or Group Operations. Going to sea is still seen as a prerequisite for a successful CG career however this is a misnomer. The CG career is changing such that “boat drivers” are no longer the exclusive means of have a successful career. CG Headquarters will be communicating with cadets directly on how this may affect their career choices within the service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2003 MEETING

The minutes of this meeting were unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Doug Butterworth summarized the Treasurer’s report, which included summaries for Dues, Expenses, Dayroom donation collections & expenses. The most immediate need is for the replacement of a Liberty van wherein the current balance of this fund currently stands at \$2,462.50. Additional chapter financial statements were also reported with most chapters reporting their balances and current officers.

Wayne Gronlund outlined uses and allocations of monies. Any monies received *must* be designated to a particular fund and thereby a particular use. For example, the Library reading room fund still shows a balance of \$4,601. These monies must be spent on the fund intent although a complete renovation has been postponed indefinitely; the monies could be used for other minor renovations, as the use would not change. Likewise other funds must be used for their established purpose. The current Parents Cadet Activities Endowment Balance is \$53,894, of which 4% is available annual for discretionary spending on Cadet Activities. (The calendar year 2003 balance is \$2,280.)

Parents Association financial information:

2003 Parents Association dues paid	\$ 6,750.00
2003 Parents Association expenses: (Newsletters, meeting refreshments, pins, awards, etc)	\$ 5,690.29
Total Dayroom money collected	\$ 14,600.00
Total Dayroom expenses: <i>Bob's discount furniture</i>	\$ 15,469.00
Dayroom plaques:	\$ 229.70

Breakdown on Cadet Day Room contributions so far:

Delaware Valley Chapter	\$ 3,400.00
Great Lakes Chapter	\$ 2,200.00
New England Chapter	\$ 2,000.00
Florida Chapter	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Chesapeake and Potomac	\$ 4,500.00
Greater New York Chapter	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 14,600.00

Balances as of 10-21-03:

Parents Gift Fund balance:	\$ 20,546.80
Library Reading Room balance:	\$ 4,601.00
Van/Transportation Fund balance:	\$ 2,462.50
Challenge Coin Fund balance:	\$ 535.00
Parents Cadet Activities Endowment balance:	\$ 53,894.80

Funds Available to be spent from Parents Cadet Activities Endowment in calendar year 2003:	\$ 2,280.00
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The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greg Zike reported on the work necessary for producing the next slate of *Members at Large* for the Parents Association. One single-yr. Position needs to be filled and two 2-year positions need to be filled. The terms for the following members will need to be filled:

- Kathy Scarbalis
- Chris Dahl
- Tim Van Cleef
- Ann & Lewis Plocker.

The Nominating Committee will be working on the nomination slate this day for a spring recommendation.

Greg Zike also lauded the Academy for its ongoing management skill, in light of the sexual harassment issues now so prevalent in the news. He thanked the Academy staff since when discussing the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with others; he is confident he doesn't have to "apologize" for the behaviors seen at other service academies. As parents we continue to be proud of the association of our sons and daughters with this institution.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The membership report was included as part of the latest USCGA-Parents Association newsletter. The details of which can be found within. The focus of Dom DiIulio's report was a proposal for discussion involving

how to include participation from past members of the Parents Association. As a large pool of resources, there are several past parents who would still enjoy participating in the organization.

Frank Garcia (Past President) has spent some time looking at the possibility of developing “Associate Membership” for *Graduate PA Members*. The possibilities have been distilled to 3 main proposals:

- 1) Lifetime membership at an amount to be determined. This idea was discussed with the Alumni Association, which has looked into this with other like-minded organizations. Wayne Gronlund expressed grave concerns regarding lifetime memberships. Other service associations have tried this with these memberships becoming very expensive to support. The single fees for these memberships do not even cover expenses.
- 2) Augmenting the current structure wherein the dues are \$50 for the time ones child is at the Academy and \$15/yr thereafter. This fee structure was deemed too expensive to support the accounting expenses necessary for management.
- 3) Proposed dual Parent & Alumni Association at a rate of \$250 for a 5-year membership. The dues to be split:
 - \$180 towards the Alumni Association
 - \$ 70 towards the Parents Association
 - If the council is interested, a By-Law change would be required to accommodate this 5 year dual membership. Under this proposal members would continue to receive the Bulletin (7 times/yr) and the PA Newsletters.

The 3rd of these proposals appears to be the most viable. It is the recommendation that this proposal be more fully developed. Further research will be conducted with the Alumni Association with a report provided at the Spring Meeting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How would this affect Alumni support for local chapters?

A: (Dom DiIulio) The experience we have at the Chesapeake chapter is a clear division of responsibilities. The Alumni Association is used by parents for keeping in touch with what is happening in the Fleet. The Parents Association is focused on what is going on within the Academy.

Q: Could we receive the newsletters electronically? If these are made available electronically or on the web, then would that diminish the value of dues-paying membership?

A: We will be working with Jeanne—Editor of the newsletter to get PDF files (Acrobat Reader) for content to include “teaser” information posted on each newsletter. *February 10th is the cut-off for information to be included in the next PA Newsletter.*

A: Will memberships be available on-line?

Q: Ric Waechter will be working with the Alumni Association to be able to accept Parents Association memberships on-line. This requires an on-line Merchant Account, which the Parents Association should not afford. One already exists for the Alumni Association.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS & JOBS

Ric Waechter outlined several upcoming critical positions that need to be filled.

- Virtual Chapter President – Lynn Butterworth has admirably handled this extremely important position for the past 2 years. She proposed and developed this role in order to help those parents who live in areas, which are impractical to form traditional chapters. Through the resulting on-line contacts, she has assisted others in resurrecting chapters which had become less active:
 - VADM Nelson Chapter
 - Florida ChapterLynne will need to cede these duties to someone as soon as possible.

- Membership – Dom DiJulio will be stepping down after several years of service in many capacities. Tim Van Cleef has been in communication with Dom to take over management of the membership.
- Fundraising
- By-Laws

VIRTUAL CHAPTER REPORT

Lynne Butterworth reported on the activities of the *Virtual Chapter*. (For anyone considering handling the Virtual Chapter, Internet access is required.) The Parent-To-Parent (P2P) On-line Forums have been used for communication and membership in the Virtual Chapter. These activities have led to some parents from Georgia discussing ways in which to form their own chapter. Prior fears that the Virtual Chapter would possibly undermine membership in local chapters has actually had the opposite effect.

On-line communications have fostered ideas for new chapters and the re-establishment of old ones. The resurrection of the Florida chapter is a good example. Harvey Burger has recently been elected online as President of the Florida Chapter. Harvey Burger now has a very active chapter. All in the Florida chapter are very appreciative of Lynne Butterworth's assistance in establishing a very active group.

BY-LAWS REVIEW

Tom Boghosian had volunteered for the ongoing review of Association By-Laws. As part of his duties he is now actively seeking nominations for his replacement in this role. As part of this report, he has submitted 3 changes or amendments to the by-laws:

- 1) The Vice-President will be the "president-elect".
- 2) Members can cast a ballot for elected officials of this group via electronic means to be decided as new technology occurs.
- 3) To create a special membership consisting of parents, and guardians of graduates of the USCG Academy and establish an appropriate dollar amount for dues for this group.

Supporting proposal # 1 will insure a smooth transition of leadership for the National Council. Supporting proposal #2 will allow those voting members that are in geographic areas removed from the New London, CT area, who are unable to attend but who have the right to vote. Supporting proposal #3 will include a group in our organization that has a wealth of experience and talent that will enrich our effort toward excellence.

Tom expressed the need to have the most recent and up-to-date copy of the By-Laws available. A discussion of the use of the web for this purpose and the use of the P2P-Forums for voting was discussed without a final recommendation approved. The matter will be continued in discussions and at the Spring Meeting.

Ric Waechter asked that Chapter presidents communicate with the Corresponding Secretary so that the National Organization can "get the word out" and monitor whether or not specific chapters are viable and have voting rights at National meetings.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Jim Buckley started the report by indicating that we had been successful in recruiting another webmaster to complement Jim Crouch in the further development and maintenance of our website. Chris Dahl (Delaware Valley) has the requisite spirit and technical acumen to assume the duties for the coming year (or more?). Jim and Chris had already met and discussed the transition. As of this meeting, these gentlemen will be working together in support of our site.

Jim Crouch presented the status of our website and reviewed the overall statistics. Jim Crouch had been performing the bulk of the site updates over the past year with Jim Buckley performing the behind-the-scenes maintenance and server coding. Chris will be assuming that role with Jim Crouch continuing in his role.

The Listmaster for the class of '08 will need to be acquired during the upcoming summer. The '04 Listmaster (Roger Mason) will be responsible for transitioning whoever is recruited to this post.

WINDJAMMER'S PRESENTATION

Members of the WindJammer Marching Band made a great presentation outlining their need for additional funding. The presentation was conducted by 2/c Barnett, 3/c Crouch, and 4/c Spillane. They explained that much of the equipment has long outlasted their expected lifespan and specific areas of in desperate need of replacement of some instruments and cases to protect existing equipment. Specific examples included the Horn Section, Drumline, Flags, and a case for the Vibraphone. In total the Windjammers requested a Parents Association donation to cover these extraordinary expenses.

After the presentation, the council discussed the issues of propriety in making a donation to one specific group rather than to the overall Cadet Activities Fund or the Gift Fund. In addition to this request, the Academy has

requested the Parents Association fund the purchase of copy machines as outline from the last meeting. The discussion summarized the immediate financial requests as follows:

- Cadet requests for copy machines \$1,000 / Company office
- Support of the Windjammer Equipment replacement
- On-going need for Liberty Van replacements and maintenance

\$2,081 is available in the Parents Gift Fund, and these monies would be rolled over into the Endowment Fund on the 1st of the year. It was motioned that \$2,280 be funded for the Windjammers. The motion passed 20-4. Ric Waechter will report to the Academy administration that \$2,280 will be provided to the Windjammers with the Administration to supply any balance to this request.

FUNDRAISING

Lynne Butterworth asked that the Association research the potential for private funding. She and Wayne Gronlund will look into this and report back on the spring meeting.

CADETS REQUEST FOR COPY MACHINES

Ric Waechter requested the local chapters continue fund-raising for the purchase of copy machines for the company offices. The Treasurer will set up a Fund for this purpose so that monies can be donated for this specific purpose. When enough for 8 copiers is accumulated a purchase will be made for all offices at once. Further research by cadets has found adequate copiers at a cost of \$900 / machine. This is a better price than \$1,200 originally estimated.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUILDING PURPOSE & FUNDRAISING

John Maxum and Peter Dane made a presentation for the fundraising efforts in the construction of a new Alumni Association Building. The presentation included brochures describing the facility and architectural concept drawings.

The Alumni Center will be a three-story, 18,000 sq.ft. building located at the south end of Leamy Hall. It will provide a permanent home for the Alumni Association, a place for returning alumni to gather, as well as conference and function space. The \$4.5 million campaign goal includes design and construction of the Center as well as \$500,000 for the operating and maintenance endowment. The Alumni Staff carried a banner across the football field at half time that showed the home team fans what the building will look like and where it will be built.

The project requires a budget of \$4.5 million wherein \$3.3 million have already been raised. A fundraising campaign is to begin immediately to raise the remaining monies. The budget includes a \$500,000 endowment for maintenance and operations. The facility will offer great expansion for the current 35 employees of the Alumni Association as well as the meeting and function facilities. The Alumni Association is looking for help in obtaining developmental funding in whatever way the Parents Association can offer.

LIBERTY VANS

The need for Liberty Vans has once again increase with the demise of one of the newer vehicles. The historic rate of use for these vans is roughly 4 vans every 5 years. Dom DiIulio proposed an endowment be started to achieve a requisite goal of \$500,000 to support annual van purchases. In keeping with the tradition of support for the Academy in an ongoing fashion, an endowment fund is recommended by all. Specific recommendations to achieve this goal will be the subject of reports and discussion at the spring meeting.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter presidents (or their representatives) presented summaries of their recent events. Chapter representatives are encouraged to submit written reports for attachment to these minutes. Please e-mail reports to Records@uscgaparents.org. A *very* brief synopsis of each chapter report is listed below. As meeting time was running out, the pace of reporting became succinct and the reporting of this material may be questionable.

CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC

Major meeting in November. Recruiting shall be a focus. This past summer noted a large tidewater contingent with the possibility of this forming a new chapter. The chapter participated in the All-Academy Ball.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Conducted a brunch with approximately 20 members. The All-Academy Ball was held in Seattle. Conducted an *information night* with other service academies.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Conducted a *Social* in August with 3 potential cadets attending. Additional recruiting fairs planned for November and May. These activities are conducted jointly with the Naval and Merchant Marine Academies.

ROCKY MT. CHAPTER

The meeting on 20-Sep had 10 members. The chapter is active and is selling pins at the table during this weekend.

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER

Conducted a June *Social* and a parents meeting in October.

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

Conducted a fall meeting with 11 out of 12 members attending. Donating \$2,500 for copiers and \$100 for activities.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Held June "*Hail & Farewell*" meeting for incoming and outgoing Academy cadets.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

Will know by end of weekend how the chapter is forming. Actively involved in All Academy ball.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

September Parents meeting conducted with approval of \$2,600 for vans & copiers.

GREATER NY CHAPTER

Actively selling merchandise during Parents weekend. Recruited author of book featuring Coast Guard Academy to attend Parents Weekend and will be available for book signing in Leamy Hall.

CAPT PAUL FOYE (CT) CHAPTER

Local Transport of cadets and conduct annual swab picnic, and sponsor the Stars Desserts.

CONCLUSION

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M. The next meeting will be June 29, 2003, beginning at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Buckley, acting Recording Secretary

ATTENDEES

Academy Staff:

CAPT Jim Thomas	Assistant Superintendent
CAPT Doug Wisniewski	Commandant of Cadets
Howard Dunn	Interim Dean of Academics
CAPT Susan Bibeau	Director of Admissions
CAPT Kevin Marshall	Leadership Development Center
Dr. Ray Cieplik	Director of Athletics
Wayne Gronlund, USCG, Ret	President, Alumni Association
John Maxham USCG, Ret	Alumni Association VP for Development
LCDR Pat Knowles	Chief of Recruiting, Admissions Division
LT Joe Sundland	CGA PA representative

National Council:

Ric Waechter	President
Gregg Zike	Vice President
Doug Butterworth	Treasurer
Larry Hall	Corresponding Secretary, Member-at-Large
Jim Buckley	Recording Secretary, New England Chapter
Dom & Carolyn DiIulio	Members-at-Large, Chesapeake/Potomac
Harvey & Lynn Berger	Member-at-Large, Florida Chapter
Kristine Garcia	Member-at-Large, Delaware Valley Chapter
Donna Waechter	Member-at-Large, Delaware Valley Chapter
Tim VanCleef	Member-at-Large, New England Chapter
Gerry Van Derlaske	Member-at-Large, Greater New York Chapter
Chris Dahl	Member-at-Large, Incoming Webmaster
Jim Crouch	Webmaster
Angelika Harder	Listmaster '07
Bob Sauerbrunn	Listmaster '06; CAPT Paul Foye Chapter
Peter and Ellen Barnett	Co-Presidents, Northwest Chapter
Jean and Ken Ward	Chesapeake & Potomac Chapter
Frank Garcia	Past President
Janet and Cliff Meeks	Past President, Delaware Valley Chapter
Cathy and Steve Dixon	President, Rocky Mt. Chapter
Billy Hood	President, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
Bob and Barbara Wescott	President, Golden Gate Chapter
Patricia Shuck	President, CAPT Paul Foye Chapter
Lynne Butterworth	President, Virtual Chapter
Bill Armstrong	President, New England Chapter
Mary and Gary Murphy	President, Delaware Valley Chapter
Shirley and Richard Howard	President, Greater Los Angeles Chapter
Ann Roller	President, Upstate New York Chapter; CG Auxiliary
Gary Symansky	President, Greater New York Chapter
Tom Boghosian	Upstate New York Chapter
Ann Cooley	Upstate New York Chapter