



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 11, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
ZOOM Meeting: 784 410 2596; Passcode: 8hUXed

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Carl Orvis (President).

Attendees: Carl Orvis (President), Mike Young (1st Vice President), Penny Canamas (2nd Vice President), Cheryl Williams (Director), Dixie Barons (Director), Kelly Fenton (Director–At-Large), Jim Parthenais (Treasurer), Bill McLaughlin, P.P. (Past President), Ted Kaufer (Sergeant-at-Arms), Bill Lane (Chaplain), Betty LeDoux & Debbie Lane (Reunion Hotel Chairpersons), Margaret McLaughlin (Reunion Decorations Chairperson), and Kathy Malin (Office Manager).

ZOOM Attendees:

Bosco Hoyte (Director), Ray Husum (Bylaws), David Dahlstrom (Legislature Rep), and Jacque Vowell (Editor)

Carl welcomed all and informed us that the US State Department is having problems with an external link to passports. He asked if everyone had read the October 5, 2024, minutes. Cheryl Williams made a motion to approve the October Executive Board meeting minutes, Dixie Barons seconded, and the motion carried.

Penny Canamas approved of the 2 new members, Mike Young seconded, and the motion carried.

Financials:

The Board reviewed the Check Detail. Cheryl motioned to approve paying the bills, Jim Parthenais seconded, and the motion carried.

Jim reviewed the 2024 P&L comparison to 2023 and informed us where we saved money, especially in reducing the Directory to the December *Canal Record* and charging member credit card processing fees. Members made donations throughout the year and sponsorships at the Reunion helped with the bottom line. The financials are materially correct with possibly a few changes to accounts, but the Society is in the 'black' for 2024.

Kathy Malin went over the two CDs which both mature at the end of the month. Jim motioned to reinvest the interest in the CDs and move all the funds to a 12-month CD, Bosco seconded, and the motion carried.

President's Report:

Carl explained that the website and Facebook should have no political or religious statements expressed. The PC Society wants to keep its integrity of maintaining friendships among members. John Husum will remove these types of post and Carl will write a statement to be published on Facebook.

New and Old Business:

A few ideas for the 2025 Decals were shown. Board wanted the decal with 2 flags but per Ray Husum, we are changing the Panamanian flag to the Seal of the Canal Zone Isthmus.

The Board agreed to have the President as the point of contact on our credit card processing system. Kathy will compose a letter to PaymentsHub to have that changed.

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Kathy suggested after the Reunion that we need a new database. The current one is ancient and there is no IT person to fix it. Bosco will assist with database and website administrator.

Ray talked about trademark infringements on Facebook. He also investigated the Code of Ethics ByLaw change that Bosco requested in the October meeting. He will send out the final version to the Board before it is published in the March book.

Reunion Reports:

Bill McLaughlin sent out the Event Plan, Floor Plans, and Schedule of Events to the Board. He made a change to the Registration layout per Kathy. He will add Yoga to Schedule of Events now that it is firm.

Everything is set for golf, luncheon, Murga, dances, etc.

There will be a Cornhole tournament on Friday from noon to 2pm. Kurt McQuillen, CHS 82, will organize it.

VA will have a table outside the Vendor room again this year.

Bill discussed Security and that there should be security at all 4 dances, and we will use the hotel security team. Each class will pay for their security, \$35.00 per hour.

Event insurance will be renewed in March/April.

Kelly Fenton will take over finding sponsors for the Reunion.

Jacque Vowell is looking into the coloring books and asked if we had any suggestions of artists.

The Board decided on red/white/blue pens for the volunteers. The registration bags have arrived and the Bentleys are sponsoring the bags.

Officer Reports:

Ted Kaufer asked if the hotel could reduce pricing for class reunions. Betty LeDoux explained the hotel does discount classes the 25% off food especially from the Market Place. The \$500 spending fee from hotel is just a rumor.

Ted complimented David Dahlstrom on a great job on the SCN Friday podcasts.

Alex Reyes stated the Society could have a table at the Canal Zone Reunion in January. Instead, Carl will speak at an event to promote the Panama Canal Society.

Cheryl Williams volunteered to assist the office. Mike, Penny and Ted volunteered too.

Cheryl motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:11, Dixie Barons seconded, and motion passed.

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Upcoming Events:

PCS Space Coast Potluck is February 22nd

Next Board Meeting is March 15th

PCS/UF Luncheon is March 29th

PCS Gulf Coast Potluck is May 3rd

Last Board Meeting before Reunion is June 7th

Load U-Haul on June 30th

Reunion is July 2-6th



Carl Orvis, President



Kathy Malin, Office Manager