

- **CBAA Council Meeting Minutes (regular, winter quarter meeting)**
- **Saturday, February 7, 2015 1-3pm, BRH, Berkeley, California**
- **Call To Order:** 1:10 by President Tara Castro, followed by introductions.
- **Councilors present:** Pete Alvarez '71, Juliette Bettencourt '76, Patricia Cañada '08, Andrew Capule '95, Tara Castro '05 (President), Jason Clark '99, Briana Connell '79, Colin Downs-Razouk '05, Eric Dezendorf '05, Rick Flier '67, Tori Hirata '06, Andy LaBatt '90, Phillip Parent '05 (Vice-President), Wade Williams '77.
- **Other attendees:** Elizabeth Campos '07, Nitzya Cuevas-Macias '04, Alex Dominitz '12 SM '15, Delia Peterson '12, Director Bob Calonico '72
- **Cal Band Report (Alex Dominitz SM)**—PRD Gabrielle Calderon is currently studying abroad in Rome. Drum Major is Sam Cappoli, Student Director is Ross Greer.
  - **BRH:** setting up a permanent sound system.
  - **Asia Tour 2016:** 12 days during the summer
  - **Building Security:** changed locks on BRH, working on changing locks on other room and installing security cameras.
  - **Fall Practice Facility:** currently nothing set. CBAA offered to help in any way necessary.
- **TH Report (Wade):** The house is full. Looking to replace 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor windows along with library windows.
- **Minutes** from 11/01/14 Andrew C moved to approve, Briana C second. No discussion **MSP\***
  - **Merchandising Update: (Patricia)** We need shirts and we are low on hats. Requesting funds to purchase merchandise. We should sell remaining stock of blue and gold polos before purchasing more. Eric D Motion to approve funds to restock merchandise. Amount to be determined at 02MAY15 meeting. **MSP\***
  - **Events/Performance Committee Report (Eric):** Thanks to all who attended winter basketball games. Nothing coming up performance-wise. Looking for ideas to generate more participation at alumni band performances. Rick F asked if any and all requests for performance are considered. Yes all requests are entertained but council must approve performances. People are more apt to go if there is something in it for them. Rick F asked about our insurance coverage for performances. Jason remembers checking with CAA and that it is a blanket coverage that covers anything we do that is approved. Tara will get a copy to Rick who will review the policy and report back at next meeting. Andy L stated that we register every event with the CAA's insurance company's website.
  - **NeXT-Comm** workshop slated for Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will make sure to attend this event. Phillip taking lead on this
  - **Career Night:** Alex Dominitz confirmed that this would be happening, Date to be determined
  - **Performance Comm:**
    - o **Young Alumni Weekend** at Lair of the Bear Aug 27-30. Young alumni defined as '05 and younger. Motion to participate in this event. No football conflicts. **MSP\***
    - o **July 4<sup>th</sup> performance in San Jose:** Eric shared materials provided to him by the organizer. This would be separate from Sausalito. Are we interested in discussing doing this performance. While Sausalito is joint performance with Cal Band, this would not. This would be a standard parade very different from Sausalito though it will be a bigger parade, hometown atmosphere in downtown San Jose. Organizer has offered a small donation.

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Briana suggested polling the southbay people to see if there is interest as we really have no idea what the interest is. There would need to be someone to take the lead and be band organizer/director. If we can get someone to champion this event, we would then send out feelers to see if we can get at least 30 people to participate. No decision needs to be made now; we can table this until the spring meeting

o**Motion to approve Sausalito 4<sup>th</sup> of July event:** do we need money for this? **MSP\***

o**Baseball game:** will we be doing a game this year? Athletics hasn't asked for this yet. If we do it will probably be April 12 vs. Stanford at 2pm. 1pm call time, do the game, then go to Pappy's. Motion to approve a joint performance at the baseball game. **MSP\***. Second motion: approve up to \$600 (if not already in the budget) for post-game event at Pappy's. **MSP\***

- **Meeting w/ ExComm '14 regarding Alumni Band Day 2014 (Briana):** Tara, Briana and Pete met with ExComm to debrief Alumni Band Day

o**Show Aspect:** agreed that both bands should be on the field at the same time. It would sound better. Suggested playing familiar music. Make sure music for ABD is not part of the Cal Band's current Cut-Tape selection process

o**Playing in the stands:** ExComm thought that Alumni Band played too much. They weren't pleased that so many comments were made on social media on this. Marketing restricts Cal Band. Alumni Band's excessive playing gave an impression of Alumni Band thumbing our nose at Athletics. Given all of this, we need to be more coordinated with the Cal Band throughout the entire day. We also talked about having more communication between the leadership of the two groups. We need to be more intentionally collaborative (it is not a competition). Andy L had spoken to the student director that morning. They agreed that AB wouldn't play during any time outs. AB played between downs (didn't get play much of a song but did play). Cal Band has gotten out of the habit of playing between downs because of Tedford. Dykes is so far not opposed to band playing between downs. Complicating matters was that the Washington Band was also there; they did complain so AB played less. Visiting bands don't seem to be held to the rules that Athletics/Marketing imposes on the Cal Band. In any case, lets make sure we are on the same page with the Cal Band as to when and when not to play. We also talked about sitting much closer to the Cal Band, as in, right next to. This would facilitate communication and collaboration. Rick F felt that there was a bit of tension between the two groups. Alex Dominitz felt that the Cal Band's attitude toward Alumni Band has gotten a lot better in the last couple of years. The attitude toward Alumni Band seems to ebb and flow. We should take it upon ourselves to make the initiative and reach out to members of Cal Band.

o**ABD should not happen if the visiting band plans to attend.** For 2015 that would mean either Grambling or San Diego State. We need to determine the date that works for ABD. Washington State may also be possible.

o**ABD 2015 should be on agenda for the ExComm workshop.**

o**Overall, the meeting was positive.** Both groups agreed that we need to put in the effort to make ABD work better for all.

- **Archiving and History:** There is a new oral history on AB website. Katie Fleeman says that there are several dozen oral histories in queue that need to be published. If Dan Cheatham interviewed you, please contact Katie to finalize and publish your interview.

- **NTE (Colin):** Last issue was mailed late even though it was ready to go in time. There was some sort of problem with getting addresses from CADS. We have no control over how the CADS list gets updated which is done via CAA.

oSoliciting ideas for articles for the next issue. If anyone would like to participate in the production of NTE please let Colin know.

oEchoes: requires a lot of work. Social media has largely replaced this section. We send out a call for Echoes but folks don't really respond. We have plenty of content that could take the place Echoes. We'll send out a call for Echoes but if there are none, there are none.

oNext issue will come out sometime between mid-May and mid-June.

- **Nominating Committee:** Raul Lopez has decided to resign from Council. We have a number of potential candidates. We also have upcoming openings. There are people on council who live far away and don't really participate. Tara wondered if she could contact these people to see if they are willing to give up their council spot to people who live locally. Briana suggested contacting all council members and inquire of their interest in continuing. Elizabeth Campos and Nitzya Cuevas-Macias expressed interest in being on council. Tara suggested that Elizabeth Campos fill the currently open spot. The group agreed. Peter Symonds sent a text declaring if someone were interested in taking his council spot, he would not be opposed. It was suggested that Nitzya take his spot and she accepted. Tara moved to approve the council slate for upcoming election: Alvarez, Campos, Cañada, Capule, Clark, Cuevas-Macias, Down-Razouk, Goodson, Hirata, and Mart. MSP\*

**New Business:**

- **How do we get more recent grads to join our group? (Eric):** Why don't they participate? Number one excuse is because they didn't know about it. Asked ExComm if at their end of season policy meeting or at FTP check-in they'd be willing to add a form to inquire if people would want to sign up for the CBAA mailing list. Especially Seniors or those exiting the band. Alex D suggested including upcoming events on the form and to ideally do it at end of season. She is willing to add it to the spring survey. Tara wants to make it clear that you don't have to be a sustaining member to participate in AB events. Eric will create this form.

Next Meeting: May 2<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon in BRH. MSP\*

- Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pete Alvarez Jr.

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