

**Bergen Academies PPO**  
**May 23, 2006 7:30 PM**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Nancy Lagomarsino called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

- Nancy Lagomarsino, PPO President discussed the following topics
  - Introduced the concept of class meetings after the general meeting
    - Current freshman parents will meet with current sophomore parents to learn what to expect next year
    - Current sophomore parents will meet with current junior parents to learn what to expect next year.
    - Current junior parents (and students) will meet with current senior parents and current seniors to discuss the college application process, concept of remaining as stress-free as possible, and senioritis
    - Current seniors and their parents will meet with current college freshmen and their parents to learn what to expect the first year of college.
  - Budget
    - Nancy mentioned that due to lower membership, we had a shortfall of \$7,700.00 this year
      - The PPO Executive Board was successful in holding almost every line item below budget in order to compensate for shortfall
      - One line item went slightly over budget (approximately \$25.00)
  - PPO dues will increase next year
    - This is the first increase in dues since the inception of the PPO thirteen years ago
    - The Academies have grown tremendously in 13 years
    - The scope of the PPO has grown tremendously
    - The number of and scope of programs offered by the PPO have increased tremendously
    - Dues will increase from \$50 per Academy Family to \$65 per Academy family for Academic Year 2006 - 2007
      - There will be an “early bird special” price of \$55 per Academy Family if paid by September 8, 2006.
      - This will allow for an easier transition from \$50 to \$65
      - Earlier payments will allow the PPO to produce and disseminate the Directory earlier.
    - The PPO still pledges to not fundraise (this does not include class fundraising or fundraising by other Academy Groups)
  - PPO Bylaws Revisions
    - At the last General Membership Meeting on April 11, 2006, the General Membership voted unanimously to accept two revisions
      - One revision replaced one VP on the Board with a First VP and a Second VP.
        - This is to better distribute responsibilities
        - There are many committees to keep track of
        - This amendment needed to be passed prior to the announcement of the slate of PPO executive Board officers on April 11, 2006
      - Second revision allowed bylaw changes to be voted on and approved by 2/3 of the General Membership, instead of 2/3 of the Board of Trustees
        - Board of Trustees no longer exists

- Board of Trustees included parent liaisons and program liaisons, but we no longer have program liaisons, hence the Board of Trustees does not exist
  - Both changes passed
  - New amendments constitute a complete revision to the bylaws
    - The current bylaws were no longer applicable
    - Structure of the Board has changed
    - Added electronic means of notifications
    - Meeting times have changed
    - As such, they have been entirely rewritten and they have been posted on the PPO website since April 11, 2006, and have been available to the General Membership.
      - A motion was made and seconded to accept the new bylaws
      - The bylaws revisions were passed unanimously by the 85 members in attendance
- Nancy Lagomarsino introduced Mrs. Marina Kozumi, co-chair with Mrs. Karen Sanchez of Project Graduation 2006
  - Seniors will leave for PG right after graduation on June 22
  - Buses will leave at 9:30 PM with two chaperones on each bus.
  - Buses will return to BCA at 5:30/6:00 AM on June 23
  - The event is structured
  - Can not reveal any details to maintain the element of surprise
- Senior Awards
  - Senior Award money is comprised of donations from Academy families and \$4,000 donated by PPO
  - The \$4,000 from the PPO is reserved for children of PPO members
  - All eligible seniors will receive an equal portion of the money comprised of family donations
  - Any award winners who are also children of PPO members will receive an additional equal portion of PPO funds
- Senior Exhibitions
  - Heather Lawler needs volunteers to help out as Seniors give presentations regarding their Senior Experience
  - Bagels, pastries and other baked goods are needed
    - These will be served to seniors and their mentors.
- Volunteer of the Year Award
  - This award goes to a Senior Parent who is not a current PPO Board member, and who has given outstanding service over the years to the school
  - Our winner this year served on the PPO Board as Treasurer and as VP
  - She did not limit her activities – she assisted at all PPO events and was also in charge of the directory and Project Graduation 2006.
  - This year's award winner was Karen Sanchez
    - She was awarded a plaque and her name has also been inscribed on the plaque displayed outside the auditorium, along with previous award winners
- Nancy Lagomarsino's last remarks as Presidents
  - It has been a pleasure to serve as PPO President for the past two years
  - She thanked everyone for helping out
  - Thanked the building administrators, Pat Cosgrove, Russ Davis, Linda Eickmeyer, Rona Gabin, and referred to them as the Dream Team
  - Thanked the existing board for their help and support

- Nominating Committee
  - Before re-introducing the Nominating Committee, Nancy informed the Membership of last minute changes to the nominating committee's slate
    - Brian Asserson withdrew from the slate yesterday (Corresponding Secretary)
      - It was too late to post another nomination
      - Nominating committee reconvened and assessed other candidates
      - Current recommendation of the committee is Sharon Pierson as Corresponding Secretary
    - The slate of officers is presented as a one year term, from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
    - No officer can be in any one position for more than two years
  - Nancy asked for nominations from the floor
    - Nominations were closed with no additional nominations
    - The following officers were each voted in separately and unanimously by the General Membership:
 

President:	Shiaoling Paxson
First Vice President:	Susan Bromberg
Second Vice President:	Lalitha Ramakrishnan
Treasurer:	Hala Saardi
Recording Secretary:	Parul Rawal
Corresponding Secretary:	Sharon Pierson
- Nancy thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work
- Gifts were presented by the Current PPO Executive Board to outgoing President Nancy Lagomarsino, outgoing Treasurer Mindy Ho and outgoing Corresponding Secretary Seungah Kim for their hard work and dedication
- Nancy Lagomarsino presented gifts to the current board for their hard work and dedication
- Nancy introduced Principal Pat Cosgrove
  - Pat read a passage entitled "Success" to describe Nancy's tenure as PPO President
  - Construction on cafeteria will begin after January 1, 2007
  - Construction on North Building will begin June 23, 2006
  - Construction on Nurse's Suite will begin June 23, 2006
  - Lower parking lot will be re-stripped
- After adjournment of meeting, class meetings, as described at the start of tonight's meeting will take place in the following locations:
  - Freshman will be in the auditorium
  - Sophomores will be in the Commons
  - Juniors will be in the Grill
  - Seniors will be in Room 120
- Nancy wished everyone a good summer and reminded everyone that the first PPO meeting next year will be on September 28, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM and broke into Class Meetings

Respectfully submitted,  
 Susan Bromberg  
 Recording Secretary