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"to build the future, we do not have to destroy the past"

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Commemorating the Deceased During the Holidays At Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Cockeysville, Baltimore County

Michael A. Jones, Jr. and Shaniqua A. Tucker

Emory and Margaret Shepard
Pictures by Diane Nesmeyer

Next Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. (We have the meeting room until 5 p.m.)

Miller Branch of the Howard County Library

9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD
http://www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=66

The Board would like more members to participate. Please consider attending.

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New Members This Quarter

There was one new member joining this quarter: Dayle Dooley from Burke, VA. Dayle joined the Coalition at the Peerless Rockville event in October. Welcome Dayle.

In the last issue we wrote that "An organization cannot thrive with stagnant membership levels. Do you know of someone who has an interest in cemeteries that would benefit from joining our group? Pass along our website URL so that they can download an application to complete and send to our membership chairperson, Kristin Kraske." It is an important message that we deemed necessary to repeat in this issue.

Thank you,

The Officers and Board

Editors' Corner

A belated Seasons Greetings to all. In December the area experienced a weather event that broke records for the amount of snow that fell at one time during the month of December. We are sure the snow prevented many of you from placing a wreath or other decoration on the graves of your loved ones. Jeff and I were able to make the trip to Baltimore to place a wreath at my parents' graves on December 12th. We decided to include two pictures from that trip on the front page of this issue. The first one is of an elaborately decorated plot near where my parents are laid to rest. The decorations adorn the graves of a young couple killed in an automobile accident in Pennsylvania. The families of the couple made the decision that the teens would be buried together. The decorations speak volumes about the families' feelings for the couple. As we were leaving the cemetery St. Nicholas caught my attention. I jumped out of the car (after Jeff had put it in park of course) and took the picture found on the front page. We wonder how these elaborate decorations survived the avalanche of snow that fell the next weekend?

We have a new member this quarter that hails from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please join us in welcoming Dayle Dooley to the Coalition.

The plans for the next annual meeting are under way as reported on page 4. Amanda and Lora are working very hard to make this a memorable event for all. If you have time to help please contact Amanda at sec@cpmbs.org. If you are unable to help we hope that you will make plans to attend.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 24th. The Officers and Board would like to remind everyone that the meeting is open to all members. The notice of time and location can be found on page 1.

We would like to thank Amanda Becker, Melvin Mason, Leonard Becraft, Robert Mosko, Brenda McNeal, and Kristin Kraske, for their contributions to this issue.

As we were putting together this issue we realized that the Summer and Fall 2009 issues should be volume 17 (not 18). We were getting ahead of ourselves.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

Board Meeting Minutes

Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.
Miller Library, Ellicott City, Maryland
October 4, 2009

In Attendance

Officers:

President Melvin Mason, Vice-President Jeff Nesmeyer, Secretary Amanda Becker

Board of Directors:

Kristin Kraske, Brenda McNeal, Paul Miller, Robert Mosko, Sandra Wright

Members and Guests:

Leonard Becraft, John Wright

Excused:

Gary Kraske, Thomas Mason

Unexecused:

James Lanier, Lu Moorman, Candy Warden

The Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, October 4th, 2009 board meeting was called to order by President Melvin Mason at 1:20 p.m. A quorum was noted and the minutes of the July 19th, 2009 board meeting was presented by Secretary Amanda Becker. Board member Kristin Kraske made a motion for the Secretary's minutes to be approved and Vice-President Jeff Nesmeyer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Gerhardt Kraske, Treasurer was excused and Kristin Kraske shared the Treasurer's report on his behalf. The total estimated amount the Coalition has as of October 2, 2009 is $9,725.42. The bank balance is $8,441.54, cash in hand is $124.18, and CD

is $1,159.70. The income was $235.00 and the expenses were $148.80.

Director Kristin Kraske shared with the group the Membership Report. As of October 1, 2009 the Coalition has 74 paying members. The total of non-paying members is 13. Total of Coalition members is 87. Ms. Kraske is going to contact a board member who has not paid their membership dues and she is also going to send President Mason an internet search engine for Maryland organizations.

The Outreach Committee Report was given by President Mason. The next meeting for the Outreach Committee was decided to be on October 25, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Wheaton Masonic Lodge. The first version of the Preservation Handbook will be worked on at this meeting and will be shared at the January board meeting. The Outreach Committee hopes to unveil the final product at the board meeting in April.

Events attended by the Coalition will be put on a main Coalition calendar so as not to have conflicting events on the same day.

President Mason shared with the attendees that the Association for Gravestone Studies has asked the Coalition to be one of their affiliate chapters. The AGS is still formulating how this would work and what it would entail. Directors Robert Mosko, Brenda McNeal, and Kristin Kraske expressed thoughts on how this could change the Coalition's structure. President Mason is to attend an AGS meeting to learn more about how this would work and would be able to share more at the next board meeting.

Director McNeal reported on the Office of Cemetery Oversight meeting she attended. She found that their website is being updated and they have minutes up through May. Director McNeal also learned that two legislative bills in Annapolis are pending. These deal with regulating crematoriums. The FTC is also looking into regulating all cemeteries. With the recession people are not paying for perpetual care.

Old Business:

President Mason stated that the Coalition needs to be in good standing with the State of Maryland and to receive a certificate we need to find a lawyer. Member Jim Trader would be a person to contact to suggest a lawyer the Coalition could use.

President Mason visited the St. Paul's cemetery in Granite, Maryland and sent photos to the board. This had been concerning a question about the care of the cemetery.

The Dorsey family had a legal question about their cemetery. They were told they should contact a lawyer.

Director McNeal and Secretary Becker attended Hands on History Day in Howard County. They sold items from the gift shop and had a gravestone rubbing demonstration. Visitors received information about the Coalition.

That concluded the Old Business.

New Business:

Director Kraske discussed having graveyard tours led by Deb McClaussen. Ms. McClaussen has given tours in Pennsylvania. The Coalition would have to pay for these tours. This item was tabled for the moment pending more information.

The Fall issue of the Courier is being sent to the printers by next week.

Member Leonard Becraft shared that the Sandy Spring Museum is hosting a bus cemetery tour on October 24 from two until five. Contact the Sandy Spring Museum for more information.

Since the last meeting the Annual Meeting Committee has been formed and Lora Lake and Secretary Becker visited four Kent Island, MD cemeteries. They visited Matapeek Country Club, Christ Church and Rustico Restaurant for possible place and food venues. They have a quote pending at another possible site. Plans are to have a ten minute power point slide show at the meeting and a speaker on mourning ephemera.

This concluded the New Business.

President Mason called for someone to make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Paul Miller made a motion and Director Mosko seconded it. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Amanda Becker
Secretary

Annual Meeting 2010

Amanda Becker and Lora Lake have been busy checking into locations on Kent Island and Queen

Anne's County where the Coalition can hold the next annual meeting as reported in the minutes. Plans are progressing nicely but not finalized as yet. The Committee would like for you to mark the meeting date on your 2010 calendars. The meeting will be held on April 17, 2010. We will keep you informed in the newsletter and on our website of the details as they become available.

Annual Meeting Committee

Outreach Committee

The Committee last met on October 25th for several hours. We accomplished much but there is still much to be done before the Preservation Handbook is ready for publication. The committee attempted to meet in November but the flu sidelined a few of our members. December is always a bad month for meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 17th. President Mason plans to share what has been accomplished so far with the Board at the Quarterly Meeting on January 24th.

News From Maryland Counties

Baltimore City

Cemetery's upkeep was her passion
By Jacques Kelly
November 28, 2009
Baltimoresun.com

In October Betty Coulson was laid to rest in a mid-19th century cemetery located in the middle of Druid Hill Park. The 85-year-old woman was instrumental for years in maintaining St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery by ensuring that it was fenced and kept tidy. Her work also included drafting a group of volunteers to help out in the cemetery. The volunteers continue to meet about once a month to clean the burial ground. Mrs. Coulson buried her husband in St. Paul's in 2006 and she wished to be buried in the place that had been so much a part of her life.

According to her son, she believed that the "cemetery's upkeep was her personal calling". She did what she could to maintain the grounds and as late as this past summer she was pushing her walker and carrying her oxygen tank over the grounds directing the volunteers.

The burial ground was created in 1854 by three Lutheran congregations. Five years later Baltimore acquired the land surrounding the cemetery. This land would become Druid Hill Park. As the park was developed and amenities added, approximately 1,700 burials took place at the cemetery. The members of Martini Lutheran assumed full responsibility for the cemetery when the other two congregations withdrew.

Young members of Martini Lutheran are the volunteers that meet monthly in an attempt to reverse the vandalism and neglect of the past. Tom Wenck, the treasurer of Martini Lutheran reported that the group was able to get the cemetery in far better shape this last summer than it has been in many years.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Baltimore County

Councilman Wants Pet Cemeteries to Maintain Land
October 5, 2009
Reporting Derek Valcourt
WJZ.com

Baltimore County – Jack Schultz and his dog Salty served together aboard the USS Castor near the end of WWII. Salty has the distinction of being the only dog to serve on board a Navy ship during WWII. When Salty died in 1957 Jack buried him in a pet cemetery in Baltimore County. Now Jack is not happy with the condition of the pet cemetery that contains the remains of his best friend. Graves are toppled and there are overgrown weeds and bushes.

Mr. Schultz got the attention of Vince Gardina of the Baltimore County Council. "Councilman Gardina is proposing a new county law requiring all pet cemeteries to maintain their grounds and keep better records, or face fines and even jail time." The vote will take place on October 19th.

Baltimoresun.com
Baltimore County to toughen pet cemetery laws
By: Mary Gail Hare
October 16, 2009

As a result of complaints against pet cemeteries in Baltimore County, the Council will vote to enact legislation that will require owners to maintain the

cemetery grounds and keep their paper records current or face fines up to $1,000.

Towson Times
Gardina bill would restrict tanning bed use by minors
County Council
By Bryan P. Sears
October 21, 2009

At their meeting on October 19th, the Baltimore County Council voted unanimously to pass regulations governing pet cemeteries. The bill sponsored by Vince Gardina, "requires all pet cemeteries to maintain specific records, including maps of burial plots, the last known address of pet owners, dates of burial and size of each plot, as well as contract for each plot it sells in the future." The law also requires that there be regular maintenance of the burial grounds, sidewalks, and pathways.
The new law will take effect 45 days from October 19th.
Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Charles County

SoMdNews.Com
Data from stones yield information for genealogists
Seeking secrets of the dead
Friday, Sept. 25, 2009
http://www.somdnews.com/stories/09252009/indytop101738_32186.shtml
By Meredith Somers, Staff Writer

For the last five years Joyce Clerico, chairwoman of the Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society Cemetery Committee, and a group of volunteers have been traveling to cemeteries around Charles County transcribing and photographing every headstone. The Cemetery Committee is updating and building on the research Michael Mazzeo, a member of the Charles County Historical Society, compiled in the 1970s. A card index was created as a result of Mr. Mazzeo's work and is housed at the La Plata Campus of the College of Southern Maryland. [Note: An index is available on the Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society web page http://www.ccmdgs.org/cemetery_transcription/CemeteryListing.htm].
Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Frederick County

FrederickNewsPost.com
Halloween event focuses on cemeteries
By Meg Tully

Urbana – The Zion Preservation Committee held a workshop on historic cemetery preservation on Halloween. Robert Mosko led the workshop and discussed preservation treatments and conservation techniques, the resetting of headstones and footstones, and gave hands-on demonstrations.
The Committee has been renovating the exterior of the Zion church since 2004. The workshop on Halloween coincided with the Committee's efforts to restore the cemetery located on the church grounds. The churchyard dates back to 1802 and Mosko Cemetery Monument Services was hired to help with the work.
There were several reasons the Committee decided to hold the workshop. The members hoped that people attending the workshop would volunteer their time to help with the Committee's efforts to restore the cemetery. The members also wanted to offer the workshop to other churches and people who have burial grounds on their properties.
[I received an update from Robert Mosko regarding the workshop. He reported that, "We had approximately 28 people attend. I did do several hands on demonstrations, cleaning with 'general' chemicals and with specific chemicals and resetting one foot stone."]
Previous articles about Zion Preservation Committee can be found in Courier issues Summer 2003 and Winter 2004-2005.
Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer with updates from Robert Mosko

Somerset County

The Daily Times
A lady of many talents
Mystery of corbin Library's golden urn unveiled by Brice Stump
October 25, 2009, section D, page 1

Crisfield – In a niche at the Corbin Library stands a cremation urn holding the remains of Lilian (or Lilyan) Stratton Corbin. Mrs. Stratton Corbin was originally from the Crisfield area. Unschooled and living in poverty she ran away to New York in 1898. She became "an authoress" and a stage and silent screen actress and would eventually become a world traveler, philanthropist, and an investment banker.

She died in a fiery car crash in 1928 near Parsippanny, NJ. Her second husband built a mausoleum "among the people from whom she came". The land was known as "Somers Rest" in Crisfield. While the mausoleum was being built her husband asked his son to design the Lilian Stratton Corbin Memorial Public Library. When the deed was drawn up for the library a stipulation required that the librarian visit the mausoleum once a week and note the condition and appearance in a special book. By 1933 the mausoleum had been ravaged by thieves and vandals. The building was stripped of objects that could be reused or sold, windows were broken, and the interior plundered.

Lilian's husband considered removing her urn to New York but was persuaded to present the urn to the library. On January 16, 1934, the urn was placed in a niche in a formal ceremony. The deed for the library prohibits the property from being sold and the building must remain a library. If circumstances change then the property reverts to the heirs.

When the library was renovated and expanded in the 1980s a niche was created for the urn and three bronze plaques were engraved with the story of the creation of the library.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Washington County

Boonsboro cemetery damaged
October 7, 2009
Herald-Mail.com

Boonsboro – Twice during the first week in October a cemetery in Boonsboro was vandalized. The first time two brass plaques at the entrance were stolen. The plaques were recovered the next day in a neighboring yard. The same day the plaques were recovered four urns were turned over, two urns were destroyed, and someone broke a cross on an old tombstone. The damage incurred is in excess of $1,000.

"The cemetery association is offering a $500 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of whomever did the damage." If you have information you can contact the police at (301) 432-6838 or Tom Bikle of the cemetery association at (301) 432-6028.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Little information exists about cemetery
Final resting place for some 19th century-era blacks are part of county's lost history
By Tiffany Arnold
November 14, 2009
Herald-Mail.com

Boonsboro – James New owns the property where the "black cemetery on Short Hill" is located. Mr. New tells the reporter that the burial ground is located in an inaccessible portion of the woods near a pasture where he keeps his bull. He reports that there are only two marked graves, Elias Washington and his son Samuel. He is willing to allow any descendants of those buried there to visit the cemetery and his intention at this time is, "Not to disturb the cemetery, to let it rest in peace".

Boonsboro is a town with a rich history, many local historians, an historical society, and the Boonsboro Museum of History but unfortunately there are few clues about the "black cemetery on Short Hill". An audit conducted in the 1940s listed the two marked graves Elias' from 1867 and Samuel's from 1864 and noted that there were "lots of graves, no stones".

Old Boonsboro residents may recall the burial ground but anyone looking for the cemetery today would be hard pressed to find it on Mr. New's property.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Office of Cemetery Oversight

Committee Meeting of October 22, 2009

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on December 3, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Choice Hotel Headquarters Community Room – across from the Trader Joes in Silver Spring.

The Department of Vital Statistics collects the initial paperwork cemeteries submit on final disposition. One of the members had inquired of the Vital Statistics office about the new paperwork requirement for re-interment of bodies. Currently they get the initial copy and did not want the updates. Therefore they would only know of the initial interment site. Updates from re-interments outside the cemetery will now go to the State's Attorney's office and updates within a cemetery will go to the Office of Cemetery Oversight. OCO is waiting to see how many they get – not expecting many.

The state will have a crematorium regulation working meeting to consider a compromise of the two bills – Funeral Directors and Cemetery Oversight.

Monument Trust Funds for upkeep of monuments/headstones were discussed. Current MD regulations do not permit Monument upkeep to be rolled into perpetual care funds (these being restricted to the grounds and cutting up to the abutment). Originally this clear delineation was set to allow for more businesses to have the opportunity to provide, maintain or replace monuments. Some cemeteries have been asking about setting up monument care. It is possible to set up Monument care plans if outside contractors are also open to this. Currently this money does not have to be put in a trust. It was stated that some religious cemeteries charge to reset stones and not allow for outside contractors. There was a discussion of what a monument upkeep/care plan might. Would the cemetery then be responsible at all times if the stone fell over or was broken – what if the cemetery was sold – what if the cemetery went bankrupt – would the family then still be responsible?

There was a presentation about costs and trusts for 3 generic classifications of cemeteries: Millennium (newly founded), Active (with sales anticipated to continue), and Historic (near end of sales). The requirements of costs vs. endowments were examined for each.

A discussion ensued on funding in conglomerate cemetery companies moving "perpetual care" funds from one state to another. Florida stopped this practice with cemeteries within their state while another state allowed it.

The new OCO newsletter will first debut on the web with a follow-up with postcards directing interested people to find it there. Only if specifically asked for a mailed paper copy will the office mail them. There was some talk about how representatives and religious organizations would know about this newsletter.

A Cease & Desist order was sent to a cemetery (no name revealed) since it was no longer licensed since June. There had been numerous discussions on many issues with this cemetery prior to this. Should they address these issues, they can re-apply for their license.

There has been an up-tick in complaints to the OCO recently – 14 more than last year at this time (which is regularly around 80-85).

The Investigator has begun routinely asking to see the cemeteries' annual perpetual care trust report which they are required by statute to keep on file. This has come as a big surprise to cemeteries which scrambled to locate these reports. So far these have just been "inquiries" by the Investigator as a test to see if these were available.

Brenda McNeal

News From Our Members

The Old Hoopers Island Graveyard, Inc.
The last time the group was able to send out a newsletter was in 2005. This changed with the September 2009 issue of their Graveyard Tales arriving at the Coalition's post office box. A lack of a newsletter did not mean that the group was not active in their cemetery. According to Jacqueline Hedberg, the group has repaired two stones, updated their website semi-annually, and had the grass cut at the graveyard over 50 times to list of few of their accomplishments.
If you get a chance you should visit the group at their website:
http://oldhigraveyard.homestead.com/index.html

Hidden Cemeteries Historic Tour
Leonard Becraft created and led a tour for Sandy Spring Museum on October 24, 2009. The tour was entitled "Hidden Cemeteries Historic Tour". The tour met and boarded the bus at the St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery. The bus drove past Salem

(Brookeville) Cemetery, Greenwood plantation and cemetery, and the Howard Chapel cemetery. The bus then made stops at the Triadelphia Cemetery, Woodside Cemetery, Mutual Memorial Cemetery, and Sandy Spring Friends Burial Ground. At the conclusion of the tour the bus returned to St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery.
Reported by Diane Nesmeyer

Tombstones

The Daily Times
Tombstones offer a chance to learn about the departed
October 25, 2009, section D, page 1
By Brice Stump

The author of this article is working on a project that involves tombstones. He encountered a tombstone in Accomack County (Virginia) that included a lengthy epitaph about the death of a doctor and his wife in 1818. Since that chance encounter he has been looking for unusual tombstones all over the Shore area. After spending several years looking at and researching thousands of tombstones he has enough information to write several books and hopes to share the information he has found very soon.
Mr. Stump discussed his intrigue with how the values of the deceased come through in their epitaphs. He has seen "What really counts in life" written on these stones. He has seen epitaphs that talk of the deceased's service to the church or to man and he has seen communities honor a doctor or clergyman and children who have praised their parents in death. Lastly, he has read the messages from the dead etched on the stones.
Mr. Stump also touched on the idea that burial grounds are outdoor museums. The stones contain beautiful carvings, fancy calligraphic writing, poetry, bible verses, humor, and genealogy.
He even mentioned the subject of modern stones, especially those that provide their own style of art. The deceased can have his/her picture etched on the stone and paint added to create beautiful "personal scenes".
Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer
[We will keep an eye out for any new books published by Mr. Stump, especially those involving tombstones.]

Cemetery Events and News

St. Mary's County
January 25, 2010 at 7 p.m. The St. Mary's County Genealogical Society will hold a program entitled "Navigating the Find-a-Grave Website" presented by Bill Mitchell and David Roberts. The Society meets at the Leonardtown Library, 23250 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Driving directions can be found at
http://smcgsmd.com/Directions.aspx. The Society's website is http://smcgsmd.com/default.aspx.

Montgomery County
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
Rockville Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Community Meeting at Rockville City Hall. Please come out and meet the Board and share you stories and vision for Rockville Cemetery. For further information please contact Eileen McGuckian at 301.468.7331.

Baltimore City
Saturday, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.
Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore City
Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street
Four guided tours of Green Mount Cemetery will be held during the month of May. Tours begin at 9:30 am from the main gate located at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street. The two-hour tours are led by Baltimore historian and educator Wayne R. Schaumburg. There is a cost for the tour and reservations are required. For information or to make reservations, contact Wayne at wschaumburg@earthlink.net.

Association for Gravestone Studies Conference
June 22-27, 2010
The next conference will be held at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. For more information visit the AGS site at:
http://gravestonestudies.org/conferences.htm

Football Fans: Did you know that Johnny Unitas is laid to rest at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens?

Did you know that F. Scott Fitzgerald is buried in Rockville Union Cemetery?

The Courier

The Coalition Courier is published quarterly by the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc., P. O. Box 1533, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041, (410) 772-8602. Members of the Coalition receive the Courier as part of their membership which runs from June 1 through May 31st of each year. Individual memberships are $10.00, household memberships are $15, student memberships (grade 12 and under) are $5, and organizational memberships are $20.00 per year. Dues should be mailed to the Membership Chairperson at the address listed above.

The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition's Objectives

The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:

Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.

Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.

Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.

Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites--Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.

Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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Winter	December 15

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held quarterly and scheduled by the President. Meetings are first posted on the Coalition's Web Site and announced in the issue of the Courier published just prior to the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

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Membership Form

NOTE: This is *NOT* a renewal *notification*; it is provided for convenience only.

Membership year is June 1 through May 31st

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Organization…… ..$ 20

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