



THE CUSHING ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 26 July 2026

Members in Attendance: Shannon V. Mickens, Gene Lavastida, Zach Trueblood

Members Absent: Amy Laetzsch, Jon Moulton, Cat Bartrug

Reunion Planning (Gene)

- Gene provided an update on his ongoing research for the reunion.
- He created a **tentative timeline** with dates aligned to both **Memorial Day weekend** and **the weekend prior**.
- I provided recommendations regarding **arrival and departure windows** for members to help refine the schedule.
- We also discussed which day should be designated for the main meeting; the current plan is **Saturday**, with an estimated **8-hour session**.
- Gene is meeting with a **potential vendor this week**. I gave him guidance on possible dates and times for that discussion.
- I also asked Gene to determine **what specific requirements the vendor has** for hosting the reunion's meeting portion.
- Zach provided additional feedback on which vendor Gene should begin discussions with. Gene will provide a follow-up update at the **next board meeting**.

Financial Discussion (Cat)

N/A

Reunion Polling Next Steps (Jon)

N/A

Bylaws Review – Shannon Mickens

N/A

Website Update – Zach

Zach provided a website development update.

- He enhanced the membership form to streamline membership tracking, dues management, and other key administrative functions.

- These improvements are designed to help the organization stay organized and ahead of future needs.
- After website decisions are finalized, Zach will train Amy to maintain the membership tracking process.

Round Table Discussion

N/A

Action Items

- Gene: Begin outreach to selected venues and prepare an updated report.
- Jon: Close poll, tally results, and prepare communication for members.
- Board: Review various documents and prepare for voting.
- The next meeting will be on August 30, 2026, at 6 PM Central Time.



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