



THE CUSHING ASSOCIATION

Minutes: The meeting took place on Sunday, 26 April 2026, at 18:00hrs CST.
Board Members in attendance: Shannon Mickens- President, Jon Moulton-Vice President, Amy Laetzsch, Secretary, Zach Trueblood, Historian, Cat Bartrug, Treasurer was not available.

★ Website Discussion (Zach/Amy):

- Activity Update:
 - Zach updated board members on website revisions and document storage.
- Search for new email vendor. 4 out of 5 board members (Cat was not present) agreed and approved the search for a new vendor. If there is a price increase, Zach will bring the new pricing to the board for approval.

★ Reunion Planning (Gene):

- Gene was not available for today's board meeting. We will re-address during our next meeting.

★ Financial Discussion (Cat):

- Board discussed the email sent by Cat regarding EIN registration. Further documentation is needed, including an Article of Organization that Cat and Shannon are working on. It will be brought to the board for approval and posted to the website for transparency once completed.
- Board discussion of how many board members will sign documents. Two (2) or three (3) board members were suggested for signatures. The final vote will be taken at the next meeting when all board members are present.

★ Roundtable Discussion:

- Ship Naming – Next Steps Update (Shannon):





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- Shannon has been communicating with Representative French Hill's Chief of Staff (Amelia). He will keep us updated as activities continue to develop.
- Cushing 985 Alumni Page Deactivation (Shannon/Cat):
 - Board discussed using the new membership form (Cat is still revising the new membership form) and having all Alumni members fill out the application during the transition. This way, we do not lose communication before deactivation in 2028 or the 2029 reunion. For clarity, the form will not be limited to Cushing 985 members, but it will help the board maintain communication with those specific members as the organization transitions away from the alumni page.
 - Zach and Amy will continue to promote our website as well as assist members from the Alumni Facebook page to the Association Facebook page.
 - Jon did confirm that members are coming to the Association Facebook page, so the transformation is working.
 - Shannon will be making a post on the Association Facebook page encouraging members to be more involved with association business.
- Fundraising Artwork Discussion (Jon).
 - The board is getting closer to choosing the new logo and artwork, as well as creating our 2027 reunion shirt.
 - Jon did confirm that all designs will be cataloged.
- Article of Organization /Various Documents (Shannon).
 - Documentation for our "Registered Agent" location will be in Washington State to be redlined and discussed in future board meetings. Shannon has prepared tentative documents to assist Cat in her efforts; she can revise them as needed for presentation to the board for final approval.
- Historical Documents (Zach).
 - Zach is in possession of an 80s Cushing cruise book. The board discussed bringing it to the next reunion and possibly donating it to a museum. Further discussion at next meeting.





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★ Next Board Meeting: Sunday, 31 May 2026, 18:00hrs CST



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