



THE CUSHING ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 31 May 2026

Members in Attendance: Shannon V. Mickens, Jon Moulton, Cat Bartrug, Gene Lavastida

Members Absent: Amy Laetzsch, Zach Trueblood

Reunion Planning (Gene)

Gene Lavastida provided preliminary research regarding Nashville reunion planning. He reviewed local transportation options, including trolley services and rideshare availability. He will continue researching hotels, restaurants, venues, and the Nashville Public Square area and provide additional recommendations at the next meeting.

Financial Discussion (Cat)

Cat Bartrug provided an update on establishing a new banking account in Washington State. The Board discussed required documentation and the need to develop supporting bylaw language. The Board will prepare, review, and present draft documentation for future consideration and vote.

Reunion Polling Next Steps (Jon)

Jon Moulton reported that member polling indicates May 2027 as the preferred month for the next reunion. Additional polling will determine the preferred week. The Association will communicate final results to members through its social media platforms.

31 May Round Table Discussion – Fundraising

Jon is developing preliminary T-shirt designs and other fundraising concepts to support reunion activities. Additional details will be shared once plans are finalized. The Board emphasized that fundraising remains an important source of reunion funding.

Round Table Discussion – Ship Naming Initiative

Shannon Mickens reported ongoing communications with Congressman French Hill's staff regarding support for future ship-naming efforts. Updates will be provided to Association members as additional information becomes available.

Action Items

- Continue Nashville venue and logistics research (Gene).
- Develop banking-account documentation and bylaw language (Cat and Board).
- Complete reunion week polling and publish results (Jon).

- Finalize fundraising concepts and T-shirt designs (Jon).
- Continue congressional outreach regarding ship naming efforts (Shannon).

The next meeting will be on June 28, 2026, at 6 PM Central time.



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