

# Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026

The Lyceum

## I. Welcome and Call to Order

ACSCC Chair Angelique Moss called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. when there was a quorum present.

## II. Approve December Minutes

Prior to the meeting, Angelique emailed the draft December 8, 2025, minutes to committee members for review. At the meeting, ACSCC member Kristi Washull introduced a motion, seconded by ACSCC member Candace Harman, that the committee approve the minutes as distributed. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

## III. Welcome to New Committee Members

Angelique welcomed two new committee members: Diana Garcia and Kari Anderson. They each introduced themselves to the committee, and then the other committee members introduced themselves to Diana and Kari.

## IV. Ongoing Business

### A. Recap of the Alumni Party 1/3

The consensus was that it was a great event celebrating Three Kings Day in the French tradition. Everyone appreciated that ACSCC member Jennie Reading, once again, hosted it at her house.

### B. D-Day Commemoration

ACSCC member Candace Harman, who is chairing the 2026 D-Day commemoration subcommittee, said that she was close to starting subcommittee meetings. Also, she said arrangements were being finalized with Carlyle Square as the venue, and she had made a contact for a potential speaker.

### C. French Book Club

ACSCC member Timotheos Tan said that Old Town Books is interested in co-sponsoring a French Book Club with ACSCC featuring books in English written by French authors.

## V. New Business

### A. 2026 Calendar

Angelique asked that the committee determine the meeting schedule for 2026. The committee's regular meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of the month, except when that date is a holiday. She reminded members that we needed to also decide during which summer month we would not meet.

Here is the 2026 regular meeting schedule as decided by the committee:

February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, no July meeting, August 10, September 14, October 5, November 9, and December 14.

### B. Bylaws & Annual Meeting

Prior to the meeting, Angelique emailed the ACSCC Bylaws to committee members. At the meeting, the committee set the annual meeting, as required by the bylaws, for February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

### **C. Summer Intern Exchange Program**

Angelique gave a short overview of the program as it existed prior to the pandemic. She said that Gretchen Bulova, Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA), said yes to going ahead with the program if we were able to find housing and meaningful assignments for an incoming student and if the City of Caen was in agreement. The following ACSCC members volunteered to work on this program if the conditions were met and the City of Caen agreed: Angelique, Kristi, Kari Anderson, Diana Garcia, Juliette Haynie, and Brianna Meyer.

### **D. Sister Cities Joint Events**

#### **1. NBA Anniversary Event**

Angelique described a program idea that came up in conjunction with honoring the drafting of Alexandrian Earl Lloyd as the first African American player in the NBA, along with African American basketball players associated with Dundee and Caen.

#### **2. Food Reception**

Tim raised an idea about having a food and drink reception celebrating Alexandria's sister cities. ACSCC member Elizabeth Reister and Angelique said they would work with him.

#### **3. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States**

Jim Holloway, OHA liaison to ASCCC, said that the city would be having many events during 2026 to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States. On January 26<sup>th</sup> there would be a kick-off program; on June 12-14, Sails on the Potomac, featuring tall ships; and July 11, the Alexandria and United States birthday celebration.

#### **4. Viking History**

Angelique said that there have been discussions between the Alexandria Sister City Committee and ACSCC about additional Viking lectures, after the successful Viking lecture by Dr. Jennifer Paxton last fall. Also, there have been discussions about children's Viking activities.

## **VI. Open Floor and Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Angelique adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

### **ACSCC Members in Attendance:**

Kari Anderson  
Diana Elizabeth Garcia  
Candace Harman  
Juliette Haynie  
Brianna Meyer  
Angelique Moss  
Elizabeth Reister  
Timotheos Tan

Leslie Tourigny  
Eric Trimble  
Kristi Washull

**City of Alexandria Liaison:**

Jim Holloway, Office of Historic Alexandria

2026 Calendar

January – Alumni Party 1/3

February – Annual Meeting 2/9

March –

April –

May –

June – D-Day Commemoration 5/31; D-Day Lecture 6/4

July – << *No Committee Meeting* >>

August –

September –

October –

November –

December –

Leslie Tourigny, Secretary