

Executive Committee Minutes for 22 September

The Executive Committee (EC) met on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. EC Members present were: McGrew, Hruby, Hall, Lumen, Bauer, Smith, Schonberger, and Raymond. Jack Bradshaw participated via conference call. The major topics for discussion were: (1) The Class Forum Survey Results, (2) The subcommittee's response to the mandate from Palmer to produce a study that spells out what action(s) must be taken if we decide to expand EC membership beyond the DC area, and (3) The Review of EC's procedures for new member recruitment and succession planning.

(1) The Class Forum Survey Results

Dale Hruby's report to the committee regarding the Class Net Survey indicated the following: Insofar as the Class Net is concerned, the issue is one of guidelines. The net was viewed by many as too restrictive in that Classmates are not permitted to respond to "all" on the list. It was pointed out that the Forum is the vehicle for such discussion, however, many people have opted out of the Forum for a variety of reasons, among them, the personal nature/vehemence of discussions, too much politics and religion and the overuse of the net for a variety of discussions that were of little interest to the class. In sum, it was decided that the Forum does not meet the needs of the Class and what is required is a new set of guidelines or a personal appeal to self-regulate the input to these venues. It was pointed out that Stan Bacon had provided a good strawman set of guidelines and Dale Hruby was tasked to use these guidelines to author a tutorial to the Class in the hopes that we can salvage and make better use of the Class nets. It was also pointed out that there does appear to be an interest in the exchange of ideas on life and aging.

(2) The By-Laws

Raymond briefed the EC on those changes required to facilitate an expanded membership of the EC beyond the DC area. It was decided:

1. No changes need to be made to the Class Constitution.
2. Major amendments to the By-Laws will be required.
3. Raymond was tasked with drafting a new set of By-Laws to facilitate this expansion, which can be distributed to the Class for an up or down vote. While Classmates will be requested to cast their ballot by email, it was pointed out that the mini-reunion in Tucson would provide an excellent opportunity to gather something in excess of 100 votes.

(3) EC Member Recruitment

Jim Hall was elected incoming Chair of the EC. It was pointed out that there will be two vacancies on the Executive Committee in 2012. The committee recognized that if the

By-Law changes were accepted, this would provide some challenges as regards the nomination of classmates from beyond the DC area.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported that he will pick up money from the 50th Reunion Yearbook Addendums. It is unclear how much money will be forthcoming from this process.

General

The EC took cognizance of the fact that the investigation of murder of Don McCullough had resulted in the prosecution and life sentencing of his murderer. Jack Bradshaw indicated a willingness to send a letter of condolence on behalf of the class to Don's widow. Similarly, Tony Smith and Palmer McGrew indicated they will contact Margaret Mary by email.

It was recognized that the Class' organization of support for widows may require additional action. We decided to defer the subject to a later meeting.

It was announced that the 2011 mini reunion will be held in Orlando, Florida. No takers for the 2012 reunion stepped forward. There was a discussion of the possibility of a Washington, DC mini, but the idea was rejected as so many Class members live in the area, it was thought that few would be interested in staying at a local hotel for the occasion.

It was decided that future EC Meetings will be held in conjunction with Quarterly Class Luncheons on the third Thursday of the month.

Finally, members expressed the gratitude of the Class to Palmer McGrew for his 20+ years of service as Vice Chair and Chairman of the Executive Committee. His service to the Class is universally recognized as having been exemplary.