

USMA Class of 1958 Executive Committee Meeting, 10 December 2024

Andy Andreson hosted a virtual EXCOM, with Jack Bradshaw, Tony Bauer, Terry Connell, Pete Penczer, Pete Trainor, Bob Hayden, Mike Daley, Mike Mahler, Russ Robertson, Garry Roosma, and Church Hutton attending.

1. Ideas for Gift Fund Donation (Andy Andreson)

With our Gift Fund at now \$1.1M, the EXCOM is considering whether to use it to support some specific West Point activity rather than to turn it over to the Supe's Fund at a later date. Mike Daley has checked the Supe's "Margin of Excellence" list, the Dean's project list, and queried the WPAOG through which all Class gifts to USMA must pass.

Mike suggested we endow Rabble Rousers; now a USMA official intercollegiate sports activity. It travels to collegiate competitions, needs support, and is much more significant than it was in our day. Mike Mahler offered the Equestrian Center as an alternative. After discussion, Andy asked EXCOM members to vote on one of those options or offer others. He will then coordinate further with USMA and the Class to finalize a proposal, and Jack will discuss the use of our Fund with the appropriate people at AOG.

2. A Mini-Reunion Before Our 70th (Andy Andreson)

Garry has checked with the Supe's office and AOG, and they can support our 70th in DC. Andy said we should now decide on when and where our next mini will be. Several points arose in discussion: (a) a mini in 2026 will attract more than in 2025 by splitting time between reunions more evenly; (b) it should not be in DC where our 70th will likely be; (c) Las Vegas has not worked well because it lacks external attractions; and (d) we have had two good minis in New Orleans, which has many.

We decided to hold a mini in 2026, not 2025 -- and not in DC. Andy will contact Tommy Sands in New Orleans to see if he can coordinate one for us there in 2026.

3. Memorial Articles and CCQ's (Bob Hayden)

Bob said Desrae Gibby, a temporary POC for Memorial Articles at AOG, is doing a great job. She has "found" 14 mis-filed MAs (and Bob two more) reducing our arrears. He asked again that CCQs approach classmates and NOK *early*: send the AOG data sheet for MAs, suggest a deadline date, and assist writers if needed.

He urged classmates to get an MA on file for every '58er (or family) wanting one. He applauded George Lawton for his work on G-2. Two non-graduates have taken on the job of CCQ for A-2, but Bob is still searching for a CCQ to help F-1.

4. 2025 Social Schedule (Andy Andreson)

Andy said we will host the Class of '57 for lunch at the Fairfax ANCC on 6 March, and our VN and Memorial Day service and luncheon at the Fort Myer Patton Club on 18 May. He noted that despite a disappointing Navy Game, Army will play in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport LA (against now Louisiana Tech) on 28 Dec.

5. Treasurer Report (Tony Bauer)

Tony said investment income over the last quarter had lifted the Admin Fund to \$51,934.03, and the Gift Fund to \$1,083,489.56, as of 10/31/2024. As there were no significant expenditures, there will be no separate report beyond these minutes.

6. Perpetual Endowment Fund (Russ Robertson)

Russ said the PEF was at \$2.817M on 10/31/2024, rising 22% this year. It will replace Frank Harlem and Tony Bauer soon from its list of 58 Class descendants.

All wishing family to attend our 100th anniversary and Time Capsule opening must provide contact data *now* to the PEF POC at peckdw@yahoo.com, so the PEF can update families as 2058 approaches. Russ asked if Class CCQs and the Widow's Outreach Team could disseminate the need for this data to all interested families. Andy will talk further with Bob Hayden and Audrey Webb to coordinate efforts.

7. Other Comments (Pete Penczer, Mike Daley, and Andy Andreson)

* Pete Penczer said the Class Notes were much more attractive with photographs, requesting classmates to send photos when they sent him event notes or news.

* Mike Daley said West Point hopes to finish large new permanent seating on the East side of Michie Stadium by fall 2025 (which might extend into 2026). With no seating there now, we can expect ticket shortages until then for events at Michie.

* Andy asked Mike to coordinate with the AOG on two recent Classmate deaths that were not reported in the AOG notice of graduate deaths in a timely manner.

There being no other business, we concluded at 1300.

Church Hutton, Secretary

Attachment: Widow's Outreach Team Report