

Notes of 9/15 Class of '76 Executive Committee Tele Conference Meeting

Attendance: Andy Gettinger, Judy Csatari, Jay Josselyn, Sean Gorman, Melanie Fisher Matte, Lynne Brooks, Martha and Jim Beattie, Gregg Fairbrothers, Sandy Fitchet, Dave Spalding, John Sherman

I. Andy welcomed all participants with a virtual cup of coffee and bagels.

II. Reports and brief discussions:

1, Judy gave the presidents' report:

- High points: initiation of memorial book fund
compliance with College expectations
- attendance at Class Officers' weekend
 - regular communications with class officers: meetings in September '06 and May '07
 - completion of Class Activity Reports '06 and '07
- Low points: frequency of communication with class (2 newsletters, infrequent updates of website, missed DAM columns)
Class constitution: extant version; compliance
Class project

2. Melanie gave the treasurer's report:

- Class is in sound financial shape
All bills are paid
Only 2 dues notices last year → decrease in participation and decrease (by about \$1500) in amount of dues collected. Will send out 3 notices this year.

3. Jay gave the secretary's report after Andy thanked him for stepping back in and taking over for Sean, who while still interested in being involved in class can no longer hold an officer's position due to family and professional obligations. Jay requested that executive committee members send regular news items to him so that the DAM column would not be lean.

4. Lynne gave the newsletter editor's report. Two issues were published last year. Lynne indicated and Melanie confirmed that more than two/year are cost prohibitive. Lynne also noted that most classmates continue to correspond via the green cards. Andy confirmed that the color version of the newsletter is posted on the web site while a black and white version is mailed to classmates.

5. MK was not present. Andy reported that Kim Windrath is interested in and willing to help with the web site. We discussed whether or not the web site is a viable form of communication with the class. We need to determine how many hits the site receives, etc. We also discussed whether to post the list of classmates who had paid dues on the web site.

6. Martha B. was not on the line at the time of the mini-reunion report. Judy reported that two mini-reunions had been held in the past year and that another was planned at Steve Melikian's home in San Francisco on Saturday, October 13th. She reported that Andy had contacted other presidents through the president's listserv to determine how other classes manage mini reunions (financially and operationally). The responses to Andy's question indicated that mini-reunions are handled differently by each and every class: there is not a standard or ideal way to set up the mini-reunions. She recommended that we continue to hold one local mini-reunion per year and another one at a location other than Hanover. Those who host the mini reunions will put out a "chip cup" to collect donations to cover the costs of the reunion. If the mini reunion is extremely expensive, the class treasurer, upon request from the presidents, can reimburse the host for exceptional costs. Any "profits" will be turned over to the class.

7. Neither the head agent nor the planned giving chairs were present. Jim Beattie briefly outlined the class' success in the '06-'07 alumni fund

III. Old Business:

1. Andy explained the work that had been done thus far on a new class project. It was agreed that we would re-approach the College administrator currently overseeing the secondary school teacher recognition pilot program in about a year's time (as the term of the pilot program is coming to a close) to determine whether there might be some way of having a meaningful role in the execution of the project. It was suggested that the Class of '76 might want to join forces with surrounding classes ('74-'78) in its involvement with this new initiative.
2. Judy explained that she and Andy had spent time over the past year trying to bring the class constitution into compliance with IRS rulings. Neither co-president had been able to locate a copy of any class of '76 constitution and both were under the impression that none having been found, a new one needed to be put into place. Melanie indicated that she had a copy of the class constitution and that she would send same to Judy and Andy. In this case the work that has been done to create a new constitution will now turn into making amendments to the existing constitution. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those members voting at any Class meeting. Once Judy and Andy have seen the extant version of the constitution, they will make suggestions for amendments to the executive committee. Once executive committee members have weighed in on proposed amendments, the amendments will be brought to the class at a class meeting for the required vote.

IV. New Business:

It was decided that for the time being we will conduct two mini-reunions per year as outlined above. In the year prior to the reunion we will push for more mini reunions.

V. The annual class meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th. Despite contacting the College Judy had not received word on the location or suggested timing of the meeting. Dave Spalding asked that Judy contact him directly and that he would get back to her with a location and suggested time. Both will be relayed to the class through posting on the web site and through the class listserv.

VI. The next class executive committee meeting will be a conference call in late winter/early fall. Judy and Andy will be in regular e-mail contact with executive committee members between now and then.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.