

Minutes of U.S.M.A. Class 1957 Board of Directors' Meeting

Zoom Conference Called for 1300 hours EDT, Friday, 16 April 2021

Meeting convened at 1300 by Don Sadler

Attending: Don Sadler, Fred Koehler, Wes Kidd, Dave Schorr, Bob Gadd, John Ramsden, Dick Mollicone, Pat Buck joined at 1345, Fred Smith joined at 1350

- I. Jack Farris Opening remarks (Don Sadler chaired the meeting for Jack Farris)
President Farris was unable to attend due to last minute issues.
Don reviewed Agenda Items

- II. Fred Koehler - Treasurer Update
 - Fred presented details of Financial Report; all in order
Dick to attach copy of report to Meeting Minutes (see Attachment 1)
 - Fred presented an overview of the 60th Reunion costs; discussion ensued.
 - Need to get actual 60th Reunion costs from AOG; pro rate for 65th
 - It was suggested to get actual 65th Reunion costs for a Class close to '57 (e.g., '56, '55) and extrapolate/pro rate from their costs and number of attendees to our projected attendees.
 - Fred was asked if Admin funds could be used to offset some costs of Reunion expenses; "Yes for Admin funds. No for Gift funds."

- III. Don Sadler - IT Activities – Don Sadler
 - Don presented survey Results to Date

Total responding	145 (81 - Yes 44 No - 20 Uncertain)
Total attending	187- 197 (does not include "uncertains")
Number rooms	101-108

 - General discussion of room usage, availability of extra rooms, room cost, et al.
 - Is there another Class Reunion planned for the same time block as for '57?
 - Dave Schorr to query AOG when he calls

 - John Ramsden announced the separate planning (including cost) of a bus from D.C. to West Point for the Washington contingent

 - Review 60th on the Web
 - Don recommended review of the 60th reunion information on the Class Web site (<http://www.usma57.org/> See also a copy of Paul Schwehm's and Bill Ray's post-mortem at Attachment 2 for convenient reference).
 - Class Website contains the schedule, booklet, Memorial Service and other activities that will help refresh memory and suggest things to do.
 - Don asked for a volunteer to consolidate the comments received from the survey. Wes Kidd will do it.

- IV. General Board Discussion - 65th Reunion planning
- AOG Support
 - \$6,500 base fee to “put on” function
 - We will not have the benefit of Nicole’s 10+ years of experience. Kayley Tuite is relatively new; “we will have to keep that in mind”
 - Whoever makes contact will need to ask for/duly note all deadlines. [And determine required submittals (added by Secretary after the fact).]
 - Need for special buses to/from the Plain/Washington Hall
 - Crowded space in Washington Hall an issue for many Class attendees that have limited mobility.
 - Thayer Contract
 - Not covered; will require input from Jack Farris
- V. Pat Buck - Widow/Family issues for Reunion .
- Earlier discussions were summarized for Pat and Fred
 - Pat’s major concern was the need for Thayer rooms for family members. This is especially needed for those who require assistance
 - Pat also reported on her contacts with Regional Reps asking for help in securing “Regional Widows’ Liaison” contacts. Those present confirmed and supported the activity. Several are already in place.
- VI. John Ramsden - 65th Reunion planning
- Washington Bus (see IV above)
 - Reunion Costs ??? (see II, III, IV above)
- VII. Jack Farris - Next Priorities/Task Assignments
- Deferred for further planning and action by President
 - Ensure near term contact with Jack Farris (emails and/or another Zoom meeting)
 - Need to locate Action Committees List from 60th as a planning guide for Jack and Board !!!
- VIII. Other Subjects
- Looking ahead to the effects of aging on all Class members, there was discussion about the need for filling empty 1st Vice President slot on Board now.
 - Some felt 2nd Vice President should be required to move into that position as provided in the Constitution.
 - It was pointed out that no one can be forced into any position; succession is a plan, not a requirement
 - It was moved and seconded that the Board undertake to fill the 1st Vice President slot on Board now.
 - During discussion it was noted that a Nominating Committee would soon be named to present a slate of nominees for the next 5 years

- It was also noted that President Farris had indicated his preference to leave the 1st Vice President slot on Board open for now.
- The question was called and voted; 0 For, 9 Against. Motion failed.

IX. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 1404; so affirmed by Don Sadler

Respectfully Submitted:

Dick Mollicone

Richard A. Mollicone, Secretary

WEST POINT CLASS OF 1957

March 27, 2021

2020 FINANCE REPORT

The Class Gift Fund was \$207K at yearend 2020 compared to \$183K at yearend 2019. On 3/31/20 it was \$153K largely related to the virus-related economic shutdown, but recovered later in the year.

The Class Admin Fund was \$13,639 at yearend 2020 compared to \$13,588 at yearend 2019. The 2020 investment return was \$276.42. The only expenses in 2020 were \$224.58 for web expenses (website and domain name). This is paid directly by (my) personal credit card as required by the provider. As previously, I submit these expenses to AOG for reimbursement. I expect that most expenses not directly charged to AOG can be most easily handled this way. In addition, AOG effectively provides a simple audit track.

Current Class AOG Financials are on the AOG website and the annual Finance Report is on the Class Website.

The Class also has two permanent endowments: Gift Maintenance (\$50K) and the Honor Kiosk (\$10K).

The Board and Class should consider spending and/or allocating the funds in both accounts while we are still capable of doing so.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Koehler
Class Treasurer