



USMA Class of 1961

“Second to None”



CLASS COMMITTEE MEETING

12 August 2017

MINUTES

Class Committee

President
Bob Glass

Vice President
Bruce Shroyer

Treasurer
Dick Buckner

Secretary
Ed Brown

Scribe
Marty Ganderson

Ex-Officio
Lucy Paone

1. The class committee met by conference call at 0935, 12 August. Members participating were Bob Glass, Dick Buckner, Ed Brown, Marty Ganderson, and Lucy Paone. Bruce Shroyer was not available.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Ed asked about the status of the Superintendent’s memorandum to the staff and faculty concerning a review of the memorials at West Point dealing with the Civil War.
 - b. Bob reported that he had no update to the information the Superintendent provided during his briefing at our 55th Reunion but he is of the opinion that Reconciliation Plaza is not in jeopardy. He will ask about the status of the review when he attends the WPAOG Leaders Conference, August 16-19, 2017.
3. Personnel Status:
 - a. Living Graduates: 377 of 534 (70.6%)
 - b. Deceased Graduates: 157 (29.4%) – (6 in 2017; 7 in 2016)
 - c. Living Graduates with Addresses: 375 (Jimmy Connors is only “lost” graduate – Luke Boeve’s status is unknown)
 - d. Living Non-Graduates with Addresses: 42
 - e. Deceased Non-Graduates – 57 including 25 determined by comparing names and dates of birth with the Social Security Death Index – (2 in 2017; 3 in 2016)
 - f. Classmates with Mailing Addresses – 533, includes widows and non-graduates (53 do not have e-mail addresses – 24 graduates, 21 widows, 8 non-graduates)
 - g. Widows with Mailing Addresses – 116 (106 graduates; 10 non-graduates) (21 without e-mail addresses)
 - h. Golden Girls – 113 (104 graduates; 9 non- graduates) (20 without e-mail addresses)
 - i. E-Mail Addresses – 477 (includes 17 graduates, 26 widows, and 10 non-graduates not registered with AOG)
 - j. E-Mail Addresses at the AOG – 424
 - k. Widowers – 39 (12 remarried)
4. Widows Issues: Lucy reported that the June Golden Girls Directory is no longer sent in booklet format as it has become too difficult to format. The directory is now sent by Lucy on 1 June and 1 December as an attachment to an email to those with email addresses and by mail to those without email addresses.

5. .Treasurer's Update: Dick reported the following balances as of 31 Jul 17 (the balances do not include investment return for July):
 - a. Admin Account – \$51,225.32
 - b. Gift Account – \$366,254.37.
6. Reconciliation Plaza: Bob proposed that the maintenance of Reconciliation Plaza be transferred to the AOG effective January 1, 2018 and that a maintenance endowment be established using Gift Funds to pay for the annual maintenance. The amount of the endowment will be established in discussions with the AOG. The maintenance will be managed by Chris Branson, the AOG's Manager of Repair, Maintenance, and Minor Construction, in coordination with the class committee. The committee agreed to this course of action.
7. 55th Reunion Financial Wrap-up:
 - a. Gary Hyde notified the committee that \$14,270.96 remains in the reunion account he established.
 - b. Gary will send the balance to the AOG for deposit in the class admin fund. (Note: the balance was transferred on August 14, 2017)
8. West Point Olympians:
 - a. Ed briefed the committee on the message he received in March from Tom Lough, USMA '64, about our class contributing to a fund to name a room at the Thayer Hotel in honor of USMA Olympians since Joe Amlong is a gold medal winner.
 - b. Ed recently learned that Tom has been successful in obtaining a pledge to cover the cost of a suite dedicated to West Point Olympians.
 - c. The committee would like to ensure that Joe is recognized and asked Ed to determine if funds in excess of the pledge are necessary to do so.
9. Vietnam Memorial Grove:
 - a. Bob briefed the committee on the message he received from Dutch Hostler, USMA '68, about our class contributing to a fund to purchase a bronze sculpture to add to the Vietnam Memorial Grove at the north end of Lusk Reservoir that was funded by the classes of 1960 through 1969.
 - b. Bob has learned in discussion with other class presidents that some do not favor adding the sculpture and he thinks the proposal has been withdrawn.
 - c. Bob has agreed to discuss the proposal with Dutch at the upcoming AOG Leaders Conference.
10. Donation in Memory of Ron Neutzling:
 - a. Ed notified the committee that both the initial and replacement donations in memory of Ron Neutzling were not received by the family designated charity, The Journey Home Project, Mt. Juliet, TN.
 - b. The committee decided that it would not request another check to be sent to the charity and would instead move \$100 from the class admin fund to the class gift fund in Ron's memory. Ed agreed to notify Carol of this decision.

11. Army Sports Hall of Fame:
 - a. Bob notified the committee that Bob Kewley had once again not been selected for induction into the Army Sports Hall of Fame.
 - b. Bob agreed to attempt to determine why Bob has not been selected and if the nomination submitted by the class in December 2012 is still valid. If not, the committee agreed to resubmit the nomination.
12. Scribe's Report: Marty will continue to update Class notes with current as well as past news. He encourages all to use the AOG website especially to read news from other classes.
13. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1105.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Brown", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Brown