

## Class of 1957 Officers Meeting Results – 4/2/04

**Nelson Disco, Art Bergles, Ron Keefe, and Gary Dischel** met in Boston at Ron Keefe's offices (Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye) on Friday, April 2, 2004, to discuss things of importance to the Class of '57.

We reviewed the results from the last meeting (9/19/03). Question was raised as to the status of the officers work plan for 2004. N. Disco agreed to contact Bill Noz regarding the status. N. Disco also agreed to make further contact with Richard Dimmich, our designated contact person from the Alumni Office.

We reviewed the correspondence (January, 2004) received from the Alumni Office summarizing FY04 Class giving through 12/31/03, and a letter (February 2004) announcing the Class of '57 Endowed Scholarship Fund awardees for 2003/04. Previous awardees Kevin Chevalier '06 and Michael Terry '04 will continue their scholarships, joined by Hannah Reitzel, class of '07.

Nelson reported that his recent correspondence from John Fernandez (Class of 1957 Career Development Professor) indicated that John's book publication date had been delayed until September, and that John was unable to attend our meeting today because of travel commitments. He looks forward to attending a future officers meeting.

There was continued discussion of planning for the 50th Reunion. The results of recently distributed Reunion Questionnaire were reviewed. It was noted that of 654 known alumni, only 154 have responded to our questionnaire. There seems to be equal preference for a "before" or an "after" Campus ceremonies off-site gathering. The committee will make a choice based on availability of venue. Art Bergles expressed a desire to gather more data and hopefully to encourage more of the "silent 500" to participate in the reunion. While this data seems typical of expectations based on other class experiences, Art stated that he and Bill would try to work with some of the 29 "volunteers" to create a phone network to contact some of these classmates and hopefully stimulate a greater interest in participation.

There was discussion of the past retreat sites used by the Class of '57. The group memory present at this meeting was exceedingly poor and it was agreed that each of us would research our home files and see if we could do a better job of completing the survey submitted by Bill Salmon. If this fails, Art suggested we utilize the Library Archives of Tech Review for a source of information. We will correspond by e-mail and create a consensus report to send to Bill.

Art agreed to work with Bill Salmon to establish a Schedule of Major Activities for the Reunion Committee that the officers could review and agree upon in the next month. N. Disco supplied a typical schedule developed by the Alumni Association and distributed at the MIT Fall Leadership Conference.

Art suggested that we plan to have a Reunion Handbook for the 50<sup>th</sup>, with a possible emphasis on "What you are doing in retirement". We agreed that this would be dependant upon getting a volunteer with secretarial help and access to printing facilities. He also

suggested consideration of a "brass rat" paperweight for a reunion gift, similar to the one shown by Bill Salmon at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. He indicated that Bruce Blanchard would be willing to pursue this.

The treasurer's report submitted by Ron Keefe was reviewed. It was noted that our bank charges of \$10 per month seemed expensive, and Ron agreed to seek out other banks or account options that might have lower monthly charges for checking accounts.

It was felt by those present that another meeting of the officers would not be needed until September 2004. N. Disco noted that he had agreed to meet with Jack Safirstein during his visit to Cambridge on June 2-3 and would plan to do so. Perhaps John Fernandez will also join us. (Note also that Marty Zombeck will be in Boston area during the "warmer" months.) Nelson will notify other officers when this meeting is scheduled if they wish to attend.

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