

Class of 1957 Officers Meeting Results - 9/19/03

Nelson Disco, Bill Noz, Art Bergles, Bill Salmon, Jack Safirstein and Peter Muise of the MIT Alumni Association met in Cambridge on Friday, September 19, 2003, to discuss things of importance to the Class of '57.

We reviewed the correspondence (July 2003) received from the Alumni Office summarizing FY03 Class giving through 6/30/03. The letter congratulates Ed Hoyt and the Class of 1957 for setting a new record high for giving to the Institute in FY03.

Nelson reviewed a recent telephone contact with Professor John Fernandez, the Class of 1957 Career Development Professor. A meeting has been set up between Nelson and John in October, and it is expected that a meeting will be scheduled with John and all the Class Officers in January or February, 2004, when he returns to the United States permanently from his current sabbatical at Cambridge, England.

E-mail correspondence from Hank Salzhauer suggesting a 48.5 year reunion was reviewed. Those present felt that, as with the previous suggestion for a 47.5 reunion, we should allow and encourage such a reunion if there were people willing to lead and organize the affair, but we should continue to focus our energies on planning for the 50th.

Peter Muise reported that the Alumni Association Contact Person for our Class will be Robert Dimmich, who will be joining the Alumni Association Staff in October. In other action items from the previous officers meeting; N. Disco reported that he had sent an e-mail to Dave Clunies regarding a 47.5 reunion, Jack Safirstein will add the Class web site address to class notes, sample reunion questionnaires and other information on reunions were received from the Alumni Association, and Bill Noz again agreed to develop a suggested work plan for class officers for 2003/2004.

There was continued discussion of planning for the 50th Reunion. Bill Salmon presented a draft Letter and Questionnaire to be sent to all classmates. Following some discussion, Bill suggested that he would revise the letter and send an e-mail version to all the officers for further review and comment.

The Following Action Items were agreed:

(1) Bill Salmon and Art Bergles to redraft the letter & questionnaire and e-send to officers for review & comment.

(2) N.Disco to check with Marty Zombeck regarding the status of postings of the 2007 reunion schedule, and the missing classmates list on the web site.

(3) Bill Noz will develop a suggested work plan for class officers for 2004/2004.

Following the officers meeting several of us attended various sessions of the MIT Alumni Leadership Conference dealing with Reunion planning and scheduling. Many useful handouts were received which will be forwarded to all officers in the near future.

N. Disco