

## **EXCOM TELECONFERENCE FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Sullivan, John Connors, Bill Cater, Barney Forsythe, Tom Rabaut, Frank Monaco, Charlie McGee, Terry Young

Sully called the meeting to order at 5:34 EST and presented the agenda: discussion of widows at the reunion, deputy class officers, new business, and date for next meeting.

Sully: I got a call from the guys who were on their annual ski trip and they wanted us to investigate the idea of helping class widows who might want to attend the reunion. They thought some widows may come if they received this help. Sully thought we could handle registration without embarrassment, but airfare, lodging and event costs would be a problem. Frank said he had a meeting with AOG last week and cost the projected cost of each event. It is going to be much more expensive than previous years. If you sign up for everything it will be about \$1300 per couple plus lodging and travel. Barney mentioned that in previous years we did comp the registration fee for widows (\$125 this year). Frank mentioned the Admin Fund would not support it and we can't transfer funds from our gift fund. Frank thought it was a dangerous president and each of our future reunions would have more widows. Tom mentioned that the 55th would probably be our last reunion to get a large turnout. Someone asked about widowers. TJ asked why the widows/widowers were anymore strapped than other classmates. Bill mentioned they often run into this in his Rotary Cub with annual dues. Their folks get together and determine who needs help and they provide it. He suggested we do it privately. He thinks we should let Donna investigate to determine who may need help but the person in need must be willing to reach out. Frank said we should also do it by company because they would be familiar with circumstances. Frank will coordinate with Donna and Rosy has company reps who could query. JC thought we could also help subsidize meals. Bill said there would be many classmates willing to help, we just need to determine the need. JC: Do we need a reunion subsidy fund that folks can contribute to? Charlie asked if we need a small account that Sully had access to provided financial help. Sully said he wanted to stay away from anything like that. JC recommended we delay any decision until we determine the need from Rosy and Donna. Regardless of what we do Sully reminded us that we need to be discreet and sensitive.

**DEPUTY CLASS OFFICERS:** We discussed the need to have someone familiar with each position and he thought a good way to approach this was to identify the folks who got votes in the next election and ask if they would be interested.

JC mentioned that Keith was already thinking along these lines. Barney asked if Keith had any idea of how many positions would be contested (not yet). Sully thought it would be best for Keith to search out these folks instead of him selecting. JC said identifying committee personnel would be easy because they are not voted on. Only the class leadership positions would need a vote. It was agreed to let this stand until Keith has a better idea of who is running and whether there were people who would be willing to serve as back-ups.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bill asked Sully to determine what he should present at the reunion meeting. Barney said we need to discuss that agenda. Sully agreed and said that would be a subject at our next meeting. No date was set until we get feedback from Frank, Rosy and Donna.

Barney made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 EST.