

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



HELLO TO ALL CLASS REPS,

THE PAST WEEK HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A VAST CHANGE IN THE BOARD MAKE-UP DUE TO A CHAIN OF EVENTS BEGINNING LAST WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

WEDNESDAY, A WEEK AGO (MARCH 31), OUR FORMER PRESIDENT, RON BURGESS, ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD DUE TO HIS NEED TO ATTEND TO HIS FAMILY'S NEEDS. RON'S FATHER HAS UNDERGONE A SERIES OF HOSPITAL STAYS DUE TO A DECLINE IN HEALTH. FAMILY COMES FIRST AND RON FELT HE NEEDED TO LEAVE HIS DEMANDING DUTIES OF NOT ONLY OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, BUT FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN AS WELL. HE WILL BE MISSED, MOST CERTAINLY AND I'M SURE YOU'LL JOIN ME IN WISHING RON AND HIS FAMILY WELL IN THE DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS TO COME. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

UPON RON'S LEAVING, WE TURNED TO OUR BYLAWS. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR VOLUNTEER IN-HOUSE ATTORNEY DOUG VEITH OF THE GREAT CLASS OF '67, THERE WAS A RECOGNIZED UNANIMOUS GENERAL CONSENSUS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF OUR BYLAWS.

BASICALLY, THE ASSOCIATION VP WITH THE MOST TIME-IN-SERVICE ACCEDES TO THE POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT. THE BOARD WENT THROUGH A QUICK ROUND OF UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIONS AND I GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF OUR ASSOCIATION. RON'S SHOES ARE PRETTY ROOMY ON MY FEET JUST NOW, BUT I HOPE TO GROW INTO THEM AS WE MOVE TOWARD OUR ORLANDO 2005 "GATHERING OF EAGLES."

IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY CONFIRMATION, OUR VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, RITA MCKENZIE, SUBMITTED HER RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD FOR PERSONAL REASONS SHE DID NOT WISH TO GO INTO. RITA COVERED A LOT OF GROUND IN HELPING REVIEW REUNION PROPERTY PROSPECTS UNTIL WE NARROWED ALL DOWN TO THE ORLANDO RADISSON (HILTON HOTELS PURCHASED THE RADISSON PROPERTY IN NOVEMBER 2003, AND RE-NAMED IT `THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL,` AND HELD THEIR RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOLLOWING THEIR \$21-MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT, ON APRIL 9TH, 2004). MANY THANKS TO RITA. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, OUR 1970S ERA CLASS REP, LYNN TUMEY, SUBMITTED HER RESIGNATION AS WELL. LYNN WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. LYNN HAS BEEN THE MOST PROACTIVE ERA REP WE HAVE EVER HAD, WITH HER ATTENTION TO DISSEMINATING BOARD NEWS ON A MOST FREQUENT BASIS THROUGH UTILIZATION OF HER ERA WEBSITE THAT SHE RUNS. GREAT PARTICIPATION THERE FOR SURE. SHE WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN, FOR SURE!

THERE WE WERE WITH THREE BOARD POSITIONS VACATED WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS, BEING THE VP OF OPERATIONS, VP OF ADVERTISING AND THE 1970S ERA CLASS REP.

AFTER CONFERRING WITH SEVERAL FOLKS ON THE BOARD, I NOMINATED FROM THE CHAIR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:

- 1. VP OF OPERATIONS - TERRY JORGENSEN;**
- 2. VP OF ADVERTISING - DEBBIE MCLEAN OGE; AND**

3. 1970 CLASS ERA REP - RENI PEEK MICHAELS.

ALL THREE WERE UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THE REMAINING BOARD AND IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME THEM ABOARD!

WITH LESS THAN 15 MONTHS UNTIL OUR GATHERING IN ORLANDO, WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER. THIS WILL BE CERTAINLY A FULL TIME JOB IN ITSELF. WITH TERRY AT THE HEART OF OPERATIONS, I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THINGS WILL GO SMOOTHLY EVEN IF AT A FEVERISH PACE. THE FEEL OF THE NEW BOARD IS ONE OF A SPIRIT OF UNIFIED COOPERATION WITH THE MAIN FOCUS BEING HAVING FUN!!! IN ORLANDO.

IN CLOSING, WON'T YOU ALL PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND CONVEY A GREAT BIG WONDERFUL EAGLE WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ADDITIONS, TERRY (OL'FART, I MEAN...HAT), DEBBIE AND RENI!

I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THE BEST JOB I CAN IN FILLING RON'S SHOES AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH AND SEEING ALL OF YOU IN ORLANDO NEXT SUMMER!

BEST REGARDS TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL EAGLES & EAGLETTES,

**CLASSMATES ALWAYS,
DAVE OGE CLASS OF '70
(NEW) PRESIDENT- CHAIRMAN, NAA, INC.**

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CLASS OF '70, (NEW) PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN**