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(via MailChimp)

Dear Classmates,

This is a note to officially announce the results of our recent Class Officer elections but I first want to share my heartfelt gratitude and respect to each of our Classmates who ran for their desire to serve our Class and for taking the risk of running publicly for office.

As I shared with our candidates yesterday when I informed them of the election results, strong candidates make successful elections which are the bedrock of USNA Class leadership and any democratic community. Their willingness to run made this election robust with over one-third of the Class casting votes, far exceeding the 15% Quorum threshold set forth in the Bylaws. Thanks to all of our candidates for that!

Now to the results - based on the nearly 350 classmates votes that were placed and evaluated, our newly elected Class Officer cadre is as follows:

- President: Scott Herbener
- Vice-President: Tim Wolf
- Chief Financial Officer: Chris Dunphy
- Chief Communications Officer: Steve Rowe
- Chief Technology Officer: Jason Hardebeck

Each candidate for every role received significant support which highlights the respect and regard our Class has for all of them. We did indeed have to utilize the Rank Choice Voting mechanism for the Vice President role which worked well and I believe is a good vehicle for our elections moving forward.

With the election now complete, the turnover period has commenced and the official hand off will occur at the Class meeting on Friday during our rapidly approaching 35th Reunion which is now less than 1 month away! The good news is that we have a significant amount of Class leadership experience already resident in the newly elected Officers so the turnover should be relatively seamless.

My goal heading into the 35th Reunion and "retirement" was to ensure our Class was set up for success for the next 35 years with a solid financial position, relevant and clear Bylaws and a strong set of leaders to carry our Class forward. I am pleased that we are well positioned in every regard and have many Classmates to thank for that, especially those that threw their hat in the ring to run for Class Officer during this cycle.

Our new Class Officers will need the valued help and support of the Class that I have appreciated for so long. So I ask each of you to find ways to support the Class, Alumni Association & Foundation, and USNA in any way that you feel called, including participating in a future election, which will occur prior to our 40th Reunion in 2027. Moving forward, we will continue to strive for ever broader and deeper election slates and increased Classmate voter participation, so please engage!

Finally, since this is our first go at running Class elections, and our Bylaws are also new, we can no doubt do this better in 5 years and will endeavor to do so. If you have any feedback on the process or experience, please share this so we can capture these recommendations whilst still fresh.

Thank you again for such a strong voter turnout and to our candidates and new Class Officers for their service, it is deeply appreciated. As always, please ping me with any ideas, questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing you all at USNA in a month. If you haven't yet registered - the time is now - and please be on the lookout for more Reunion gouge coming soon.

Onward!

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