



The Long House

Upper Merion Area High School Alumni Association©

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IT LIVES!

The Alumni Association is undergoing a major rebuild so that it can materially support individual classes, the students, teachers, staff, and school to recognize excellence and raise awareness to the district's needs.

Bruce Koehler (Class of 71) has joined forces with Alumni Liaison, Richard Andrews (Class of 67), merging Rich's local contacts with Bruce's 30 years of running an alumni database and the UpperMerion.net website. The website currently maintains many yearbooks, individual class sections highlighting class reunion contacts, reunions, class newsletters, and a class listing. There are also a Memorial Page, a Veterans' page, pictures of the school (past and present), and notes on the local area. Also in the works are a monthly newsletter available only on the website, an events calendar, Homecoming Week planning, a list of alumni, veterans, and others available to talk to the classes, and much more.

We DO, however, need YOUR help. There are a variety of functions that can be done REMOTELY as well as the typical ones that can only be done in the Upper Merion area. Helping remotely can entail monitoring for obits; compiling lists of venues, hotels, entertainment for class reunions; watching for events that the association can participate to raise awareness; help with planning; providing review and guidance to our efforts; as well as volunteering for officer positions that guide the actions of the association (President, Vice President, Finance,

Public Relations, and eventually a store manager to run an alumni-linked store).

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

We are accepting nominations for the following positions during this challenging time:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary (Bruce Koehler)
- Finance Officer
- Public Relations Officer (Publicity)
- Alumni Liaison (Richard Andrews)
- Technical Officer (Bruce Koehler)
- Store Manager

If you are interested, contact us at UMAHS@uppermerion.net and include a brief intro or biography. Nominations accepted till May 15th, with elections being held June 1st through the 15th.

President – Provides guidance and direction and is the local face to the association.

Vice President – Assists the president as needed and helps direct all other officers.

Secretary – Maintains all meeting minutes, history, documentation, legal documents (other than financial).

Finance Officer – maintains the financial books of the association, tracks all expenditures, fees, donations, etc. Ensures all checks are signed by the finance officer and the president, Vice president, secretary, or public relations officer.



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Public Relations Officer – ‘markets’ the association to the outside world and promotes it to its members. Develops publicity to news outlets and social media and works with the Technical Officer on procedures.

2000

2005

2010

2015

Alumni Liaison – coordinates activities with the schools and school district.

2020

Technical Officer – Runs and programs the database and website, making changes and updates as needed.

Other Class Meetings:

Store Manager – When a budget becomes available, orders, stocks, sells, and ships ‘UM Pride’ paraphernalia (stickers, decals, patches, jackets, T-shirts, mugs, pens, etc.)

Departed Family and Friends

Bobo Fett (1979) February 12th, 2024, Light Saber, Maldoria

Upcoming Events

Graduation:

Date:

Time:

Where:

Reunions:

Class of:

1965

1970

1975

1980

1985

1990

1995