

## **Cornell Class of 1965 Virtual Reunion and Class Meeting June 6, 2020**

The 55<sup>th</sup> Cornell Reunion for the Class of 1965 was converted to a Virtual Reunion because of the Corona Virus Pandemic beginning in the mid-Winter 2020. The entire Cornell Campus was closed in late Winter 2020.

The Virtual Reunion and Class Meeting was called to order Saturday June 6, at 1830 by Class President Frank McCreary

The Zoom Meeting was organized by Kate Fryer, Director Alumni Engagement Events

Fifty two (52) Attendees signed into the Zoom meeting, and Three (3) Cornell Staff Assisted

- 1) The new set of Class Officers and Council was proposed for the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2025 term. (Addendum)

Jamil Sopher has been proposed as the new Class President

Frank McCreary is the Immediate Past President

Liz Gordon, Louis Ferraro, Jr. and Stephen O. Hand - Vice Presidents

William M Vanneman Jr. - Secretary

Sharon H. Williams -Treasurer

Stephen E. Appell and Joan Hens Johnson - Class Correspondents

Myron Jacobson – Reunion Chair

Stephen O. Hand – Website Community Manager

Voting to take place by Electronic Ballot as proposed in Survey dated June, 1 2020 E-mail from Cornell from Kate Fryer. Ballots are to be submitted during the June 1-June 15 time period.

- 2) Myron Jacobson reviewed early plans for an in person reunion 2025, the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Class of 1965. There was subsequent discussion of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) reunions that occur yearly on the Cornell Campus.
- 3) Breakout sessions - The Virtual Reunion continued with Breakout sessions divided into six groups led by Myron Jacobson, Jeff Kass, Grace Morgenstein, George Arangio, Steve Hand, Jamil Sopher, Barbara Press Turner, and Liz Gordon. Each group participated in two discussions centered around a) The most significant moment during Cornell career, and b) How Cornell has influenced life after graduation.

Discussions included the intensity of new academic curriculum, restrictions on women's activities, including curfews, and requirements for parental permission for various activities, campus protests during and in the years after graduation, how Cornell life effected life choices after graduation, and ...

- 4) Liz Gordon mentioned that 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Yearbooks remain available through Sharon Williams, with Checks made out to *Class of 1965*

At approximately 7:40, Classmates signed out of the Virtual Reunion and Class Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanneman Jr.

Secretary, Class of 1965

