

Gentlemen, we hope that you and your families are maintaining your equilibrium during these difficult times. With the passing of our scouting guide Larry Teshara last summer, a handful of 351 alumni who have assisted Larry in scouting endeavors over the years met to discuss the future of the Alumni Association. We quickly realized that the two most practical options were to either dissolve it or to try and get it recertified as a non-profit organization.

The main obstacle to regaining non-profit status was the expense, as that has become a much more complex process over the years. The second issue was to determine what the goal of the Association would be if we kept it going. Our now Board President Horace Green proposed an answer to both questions. He offered to cover the services of his law firm, which made the reincorporation financially feasible.

The mission we have adopted is essentially Horace's vision. To both honor the memory of Larry, and to fulfill our Scouting commitment to contribute to the community, we will become a charitable organization. We will be taking donations from you, the members of the Association, to be pooled for a single donation to a worthy cause at the end of each year. That cause will be determined by a polling of the members over the course of the year, after which the Board will select the recipient. We would encourage any of you who wish to be part of the process to make suggestions as to which organizations might be appropriate for this contribution.

In order for the Troop 351 Honor Scout Alumni Association to be officially recognized as a non-profit organization, which we now are, it was necessary to appoint a Board of Directors. That board is comprised of: Joel Wiener (Secretary/Treasurer), Rod Dore, Craig Hoffman, Terry McAteer, and Wayne Schafer. Horace is President of the Alumni Association. We will be meeting soon to determine the mechanics for how this process will work, and will communicate that process to all the members soon. In the meantime, should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the Bard members, or contact me at this email address.

What's the greatest troop!

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