**Association Reunion Fee Policy**

**From:** Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Fri, May 08, 2015 1:43 PM **To:** 'Larry Fletcher' **Subj:** RE: Policy made on 2014 Reunion Guest Fees Fletch, Exactly the kind of correction future boards will need & want!  I’ll update the By-Laws & Reunion Coordinator’s Guide as indicated & resend. If I remember correctly, in another Association Meeting, the members also voted to allow the Board to make By-Law changes that only affected the way we run the Association’s business.  I’ll find the minutes reflecting that authority & send them to you for final OK. Thanks!  Wayne

**From:** Larry Fletcher **Sent:** Fri, May 08, 2015 1:08 PM **To:** Wayne Laessig **Subj:** Policy made on 2014 Reunion Guest Fees  Hi Wayne, The Association By-Laws dated 9-29-2012 & the Reunion Coordinator’s Guide are fine for posting on the New Website. But, the Board did pass a Policy concerning Reunion Fees dated May 4, 2014 which is included in the body of my email below. I’m not sure whether or not this policy can be added to the By-Laws as it was not passed by the Association membership. But at some point, this policy probably needs to be included in either or both the By-Laws & the Reunion Coordinator’s Guide. If added, the policy would have to be added to By-Laws Article XII – Reunions, Section ??, as deemed appropriate. The policy should be added to the Reunion Coordinator’s Checklist under #3 Pre-planning / #4 Overall funding **(& costs)**, page 7 – add item “f” Reunion Fees. AIM HIGH, Fletch

**From:** Larry Fletcher  **Sent:** Sun, May 04, 2014 3:17 PM **To:** All Board; Jerry Hester **Subj:** 2014 Reunion Guest Fees Dear AC-119 Brothers, After e-mail/telephone input from board members, past president, & reunion coordinator, the following policy for reunion fees & meal costs for guests under age 12 are hereby established for the 2014 Albuquerque Reunion & future reunions until changed by the AC-119 Gunship Association Board of Directors:

**Reunion Fees:**

**1. Reunion Fees will be required for all members & guests over 12 years of age who attend all reunion activities.**

**2. Reunion Fees will not be required for members & guests who attend only one reunion event e.g. Meet & Greet or Banquet or Bar-B-Q.**

**3. Reunion Fees will not be required for guests under 12 years of age.**

**\*Reunion Meal Costs for guests under 12 years of age will be one-half the cost stated on the reunion registration form.**

Note: The Board retains the right to make exceptions as warranted by special circumstances at anytime.

Very Respectfully, Larry Fletcher, Association President

**From:** Michael Drzyzga **Sent:** Tues, Apr 29, 2014 5:45 AM **To:** All Board Wayne has the data to support a thoughtful discussion. I think that a fixed policy is better than a case-by-case judgement call - although policy can be adjusted as needed in extreme cases. Therefore, I'm thinking that a "reduced rate for guests based on activities" is a sound policy - although a bit more of a book-keeping problem. M.

**From:** Larry Fletcher **Sent:** Tues, Apr 29, 2014 9:52 AM **To:** ALL Board; Mac Mac Isaac Brothers: Thank you for responding to my request for guidance concerning reunion fees / costs for Reunion Guests. This issue will be an agenda item for our June 10th Teleconference meeting. **For now**, while reunion registration forms are being completed by Association members, questions (like Jerry Hester’s) will be asked concerning costs for guests. To avoid confusion & to provide consistency, I purpose the following guidelines for reunion guest fees/costs at this time:

1. Reunion Fees will be paid for all guests over 12 years of age who attend all reunion activities.

2. Reunion Fees will not be paid for guests over 12 years of age who attend only one reunion event e.g. Meet & Greet or Banquet or Bar-B-Q.

3. Reunion Fees will not be paid for guests under 12 years of age.

4. Reunion Meal Costs for guests under 12 years of age will be one-half (1/2) the cost.

NOTE: The Board retains the right to make exceptions as warranted by special circumstances. I think this will help all Board members & our Reunion Coordinator in answering questions about costs for Guests at Reunion XV in ABQ. What are your thoughts about this proposal? Can we live with these guidelines until our teleconf June 10? v/r Prez Larry

**From:** qadvocate@sbcglobal.net To: ALL Board Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2014 15:15 Greetings! Bottom Line: we need to cover the Hootch & miscellaneous expenses. Last year we didn’t charge Hesters for all their guests (just an extra $50 to cover them all) but we did charge others for all their guests – see the attached Registration Roster for SAT (we MIGHT have refunded the additional Reunion Fees we charged some of those folks (like McGillis), but it doesn’t show that on the Registration list). For most Reunions, we’ve been flexible & used common sense/judgment, mostly to accommodate our attendee’s realities, although it has been a bit inconsistent sometimes :>)

1. Most of the time if our Gunshippers had guests for the whole reunion, we accepted the Reunion Fees for all extended family groups or guests (Eggert, Evans, McGillis, Montgomery, Moore, Pollmann, Posey, Zebley).

2. Sometimes we allowed them to pay for some of the additional guests (Hester, last year Bartlett) & no charge for the rest of the additional guests.

3. Sometimes we didn’t charge at all for the guests (Bokern, Blum/Giovanni, Ravelling).

4. We also comped several KIA family members for their first reunion or special guests.

If you want to set a “rule” versus using your Reunion Coordinator/Treasurer/Presidents’ judgment, then please be consistent.  Using a rule means you either charge them all, none of them, or set some criteria for how much to charge additional guests. My thoughts – maybe something like the judgment we’ve used in the past:

1. No Reunion Fee for additional guests if they will only attend one day or event (M&G, Banquet, BBQ).

2. Reduced Reunion Fee ($5 or $10 per guest) for additional guests if they will attend most days or reunion events; including children since sodas cost as much as beer & kids love snacks.

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3. Reduced Reunion Fee ($5 or $10 per guest) for additional guests if they will attend most days or reunion events; but no Reunion Fee for children under 12.

4. Extra-large guest additions – let the Treasurer/Reunion coordinator/Presidents’ judgment.

You can either refund those who pay extra Reunion Fees or just include a general statement on the Registration Info like “For additional Guests, call or email Doug for reduced Reunion Fees.” I like the “For additional Guests, call or email Doug for reduced Reunion Fees.” option because it at least tells folks they might be able to afford to bring more guests versus them thinking it’s a set amount – period. Thanks!  Wayne

**From:** busch791@tampabay.rr.com Sent: Mon, Apr 28, 2014 3:07 PM To: All Board Subj: Re: Fw: 2014 reunion Larry, I don`t feel we should charge for the little ones but for the adults yes. Albert Brow has 5 guests & paid reunion fees for all of them. Most folks in the past have paid reunion fees for their adult guest. Doug

**From:** Larry Fletcher **Sent:** Mon, Apr 28, 2014 12:06 PM **To:** Bob LaRosa; Cash McCall; Doug Wohlgamuth; Gus Sininger; Jim Dunn; Michael Drzyzga; Phil Diehl; Wayne Laessig **Subj:** Fw: 2014 reunion Brothers, I need help with Jerry Hester’s question below. If you know the answer, please enlighten me. v/r Prez Larry

**From:** jerry gmail  **Sent:** Mon, Apr 28, 2014 12:19 PM **To:** fletch12@charter.net  **Subj:** 2014 reunion Good morning Larry, This is Jerry Hester. Larry we have 6 adults counting my wife & myself, 3 children 12 & under all coming to reunion.  We already have the hotel reservations. Now for the reunion form, last year they didn’t require the extra guests to pay reunion fee. I need to know how many to pay?  They are counting on being there for the whole reunion. I have sent email to Col Mac for meal prices for the children.  If Ellen & I can help in anyway just call or email.  210-663-3159 Ellen & Jerry

**From:** Wayne Laessig [qadvocate@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Thurs, Apr 25, 2013 12:57 PM To: Jerry & Ellen Hester (jhester7.satx@gmail.com); Ellen Gmail (ln.hester@gmail.com); Doug Wohlgamuth Subj: AC-119 Reunion Fee Policy Greetings! Talked with all of you & here’s the latest thinking:

1. If a “Guest” is only coming to the Banquet, we will not charge a Reunion Fee. Since one of our reasons for existing is to increase awareness of AC-119s we don’t want to do anything that might keep folks from bringing guests to one event.

2. If Guests sign up at the hotel for several nights, or they’re going to more than one event (both of which increase the likelihood of them using the Hootch’s free beverages/munchies), J&E & Doug use their judgment on a case-by-case basis. Bottom Line is we want as many folks participating as we can, & folks who bring larger groups of guests seem to warrant some Reunion Fee exemptions or at least reduced fees.