Dear Classmates,

You may have learned by now that we have completed the election of the new class officers who will lead the Class of 1966 to our 50th Reunion. The voting turnout was amazingly strong -- more than 200 ballots were received, an unprecedented total believed to be the highest on record for a Princeton class election. Our new class officers for the 2011-16 term are:

President: Charles Plohn  
Vice-Presidents: Ron Landeck and Henry Von Kohorn  
Treasurer: David Kinard  
Secretary: Jim Parmentier

It has been an honor for me to serve as your class president for the past five years. I am pleased now to turn over the remainder of this space to a message from your new officers.

Sincerely,

Brian Breuel

Dear Classmates,

As the newly elected officers of the Class of 1966, we want first to congratulate the class on the engagement and commitment that resulted in the record-setting turnout in the recent election. We think that says a lot about our class's strengths and renewed energies, which will benefit us all as we proceed to our 50th Reunion. We want to thank the Nominating Committee for managing the election in a judicious manner that reflects well on all of us.
We want especially to thank Brian Breuel, Michael Barrett and Kit Mill, the retiring elected officers of the class, for their leadership and service over the past five-plus years. Finally, let us express special appreciation to Stas’ Maliszewski for his spirited campaign, which encouraged many classmates to become engaged for the first time in the issues impacting the management of the class and our planning for the 50th Reunion.

With the election now behind us, it is time for the Great Class of 1966 to continue our successful journey along Route 66. The next major events will be this coming Alumni Day, February 25, 2012. On that date, our classmate Robert S. Mueller III, Director of the FBI, will receive the Woodrow Wilson Award at a lunch at Jadwin Gymnasium. This award is bestowed annually by Princeton University upon an undergraduate alumnus or alumna whose career embodies the call to duty in Wilson’s famous speech, “Princeton in the Nation’s Service.” This is the highest award the university can give to one of its graduates. We hope a large number of ’66ers will be there to show their support for Bob, who will also give a lecture in Alexander Hall before the awards luncheon in Jadwin. The University will mail an invitation to Alumni Hall within the next two weeks and ’66ers must register in advance to attend the lecture and the luncheon.

Also on that date will be the very moving Service of Remembrance at the University Chapel, which honors our classmates who died over the previous year. Afterwards we will have our annual Class Reception and Dinner at the Nassau Club. At the dinner you will have an opportunity to visit with classmates as well as with current undergraduates receiving class scholarships. We expect to feature a talk by one of our more distinguished classmates. Please do plan on attending all these events on February 25th. For further details, please check the class website (http://www.tiger66.org) in the coming weeks.

Going forward, we intend to proactively seek involvement and ideas from many more classmates in the affairs of the class. We hope to invigorate the Executive Committee with new members and to reach out for volunteers to assist us in the planning and implementation of various class events, such as mini-reunions, local and regional get-togethers, perhaps a 70th birthday party in 2014, and of course our 50th Reunion. We will be looking for imaginative ideas on how we can best support broader activities such as the Princeton Prize in Race Relations, Princeton AlumniCorps, Annual Giving (especially for our 50th Reunion), and in innovative activities (such as becoming the Grandfather Class for next fall's entering Class of 2016). Any and all suggestions are welcome, and volunteers are especially welcome.

We extend warm Holiday Greetings to each of you and we look forward to seeing as many classmates as possible on Alumni Day!

Sincerely,
Charles Plohn
Ron Landeck
Henry Von Kohorn
David Kinard
Jim Parmentier