

BONUS 30 Year Meeting
April 22-24, 2015
San Diego, Ca

Goodness, where has the time gone?! . It is so hard to wrap my head around the fact that BONUS is celebrating 30 years as an organization with members from all 50 states and with attendance at the annual meetings of well over 100. My late husband, Jerry Otzman would be dancing a jig from above if he were Irish. He was not and he really did not enjoy dancing. But you know what I am suggesting.

How well I remember the very initial stages of the development and the birth of BONUS. Conference calls were made, meetings in DC and notes written on napkins and small pieces of scrap paper were the order of the day. Two deans and two business managers had an idea and that idea came to birth over the next two or three years. After a while it was time to determine a name for this new infant organization and BONUS was chosen. Wow, a dream had come to be.

I also remember the joy the first time attendance at an annual meeting exceeded 50 and the year not so many years ago when all 50 states were represented among the membership. Each was one small step representative of a hope and a dream and the life of the organization called BONUS.

The Jerry Otzman Founders Award was born shortly before Jerry's death in 1991 and I was with him when he was told about the award and its purpose. He was delighted and humbled. It is such a gift to not only to the recipient, but also to our son Jon and to me. It is a reminder that dreams, hard work, and collegiality are important in life.

And so, on behalf of our son, Jon, and me I wish you all a productive and fun conference. Feed each other with ideas and relax over a beer or two. And know that I wish that I could be with you.

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