

To Whom It May Concern,

During my 50-year career at USC, I long-pursued a goal of organizing a strong alumni association that would engage Spirit of Troy alums and at the same time provide vital financial support for the Trojan Marching Band. That dream became a reality on October 18, 2019, thanks to the Trojan Marching Band Alumni Association. Guided by President Rick Nordin and an exceptional group of band alumni leadership, they organized, recruited, fund raised and wrote the by-laws of the newest member of the USC Alumni Association.

During the 30 months of operation, the TMBAA became the fastest-growing alumni association at USC and in the world of collegiate marching bands. The membership approaches 600 alumni and has raised over a quarter of a million dollars. It has given over 70% of its revenue to support band members. Its first area of support was the annual awards for band members and has followed that with dollars for meals and trip support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the leadership of the TMBAA and observing the growth of the organization. I am extremely appreciative of its support of the TMB. I am especially grateful of the camaraderie created amongst its membership. The core group has worked very hard to establish a much-needed organization for USC and the TMB. The TMBAA deserves to be recognized for its accomplishment in such a short amount time.

Thank you for your consideration,

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