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STICKY REUNION SITUATION

EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE THE BOSS

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The Situation:

Help! Our reunion planning is falling off the tracks because everyone wants to be the boss. How can we restore order so we can get back to organizing our upcoming reunion?

The Fix:



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There is no easy answer to this situation. One thing for certain, though, is that the people who "want to be the boss" must be confronted with the reality of the situation. One way to do this is get the "bosses" in one room (or on a zoom call) and be ready to tell them that too many heads inevitably lead to chaos. See if they can agree who will be the lead, and whether any of them would be willing to chair a committee, or be responsible for a specific task, such as updating the contact list or contacting and comparing venues for review. If they cannot agree, then suggest that a schedule be produced indicating the head planner for each upcoming reunion. They all can be boss; they just have to take turns. Just as too many cooks spoil the broth; too many bosses ruin the reunion.