

Minutes

Class of '51 Executive Committee Meeting

September 26, 2015

Members present: Howie Allen, Al Brout, Carl Glassberg, Pete Henderson, Bob Hopkins, Herb Knight, Peirce McKee, Loye Miller, Henry Nachman, Charlie Russell, Jack Weingarten, Joe Welch.

Minutes of the November 1, 2014 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

Secretary Pete Henderson announced that 3 classmates have volunteered to serve as "stringers" (news-gatherers) as a means of generating news from a wider range of '51s for the class's *Alumni Magazine* column. Executive Committee members volunteered to contact "invisible" '51s from a list of classmates who have not been mentioned in the column for at least 14 years. Pete reported that he has written obituaries for 20 classmates who have died in the past 12 months. Birthday cards have been discontinued.

It was noted that Pete has been named Class Secretary of the Year for classes more than 25 years out of college.

Treasurer Carl Glassberg announced that the College will take over the Treasurer's duties after our 65th reunion next year. Class dues collections have increased to 51% of living classmates, one of the best records among alumni classes of our age group. Despite increased dues revenues, Carl urged caution in making future financial commitments pending an actuarial projection of future cash flow. The College financial staff will prepare this projection.

Dartmouth College Fund results for the 2014-15 year exceeded our class goals for both revenue (\$160,246) and participation (51.4%), Head Agent Howie Allen reported.

Webmaster Al Brout reported expanded links on the class website. The number of hits on the website is up slightly.

The Class of '51 leads all classes in the number of Bartlett Tower Society members (planned gift-makers), BTS chair Herb Knight reported. Bequests realized to date total \$5,949,622. Herb was commended for long-time leadership of this successful effort.

Henry Nachman reported that the class Scholarship Fund now supports 3 students, making the class of '51 one of the leaders in this initiative. A \$4,000 contribution to the fund was approved. Continuation of our Memorial Book fund was also approved.

An extended discussion of the "Spirit of '51" award followed. 32 such awards have been made. It was agreed that we should consider additional candidates for the award in the future, with no commitment as to frequency or number of awards. Selection criteria will remain as is: based on service to Dartmouth and the class of 1951, and/or service to the broader community, and/or distinction in one's field.

Plans for our 65th reunion, to be held in Hanover from September 30 to October 2, 2016, were described. Most costs, including accommodations at the Hanover Inn for returning classmates, will be underwritten by the College. A highlight of the weekend will be a football game vs. Penn. Loye will appoint a reunion chairman to work with the College in fleshing out these plans. Suggestions included: a nationally-known speaker and a panel of classmates. Executive Committee members were urged to talk up the reunion in an effort to boost attendance. There will be no mini-reunion in 2016.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the process for creating a new slate of officers and Executive Committee members to take office following the 65th reunion. It was noted that advancing age adds to the difficulty of attracting volunteers to fill key positions. Providing succession to class leadership positions is another issue of growing concern; 3 officers have died or resigned due to declining health during the past 4 years. Loye was urged to appoint a nominating committee soon to get a running start on this important process.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Henderson, Secretary

Attachments: Reports by class officers and key committees.