

MINUTES

D'61 Class Officers Meeting (Conference Call)

May 7, 2014

Attending the Call: Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Bob Conn, Hank Eberhardt, Pete Palin, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Prewitt, Nyla Arslanian

Absent from the Call: Denny Denniston, Ken DeHaven, David Birney, Tom Dalglish, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, John Damon, Rog McArt, Mike Murphy, Tom Conger

In the absence of Denny Denniston, class president, and Ken DeHaven, vice-president, Vic Rich, secretary, acted as the meeting's chair and called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. Denny apparently tried to call in to the meeting but was not able to make the connection from his cell phone.

Re: Class Survey:

Bob Conn, in charge of drafting the class survey, getting it approved by this group, submitting it to the entire class and then tabulating the results, reported that survey results were compiled from the 179 classmates who responded as of April 26th (a very good response based on the remaining size of our class and the number of classmates who have known email addresses). With respect to the questions about off-campus (out-of Hanover) mini-reunions, 78% were either very interested or sufficiently interested based on the specific event, timing and location. Boston, MA and Williamsburg, VA led the way for new locations within the U.S., Canada and Mexico. San Francisco led the way for return-to locations where the class had previously mini-reunions. With

respect to a question about whether a class mini-reunion in Florida during the winter months was of interest, a modest response indicated that, among those who responded, the two top locations were a tie between Naples/Fort Meyers and Miami/Fort Lauderdale. There was also some significant interest in an international mini-reunion location, with London, Paris and Barcelona leading the list. With respect to the question about getting spouses and widows more involved in class activities, including at the leadership level, the classmate responses in this area (approximately 53% responded) approved with them helping with the planning of reunions and out-of-Hanover reunions, running parallel activities at reunions and mini-reunions, and (to a lesser extent at this point in time) serving on the class executive committee. There was less enthusiasm, at least as of this time, for wives and/or widows serving as class officers. Finally, with respect to the question about supporting the improvement of the sitting area opposite the class' Robert Frost statue and the access path leading up to the Frost statue area, the class voted overwhelmingly to either support the project (35% of responders) or to at least consider it seriously (another 37% of responders). All-in-all, Bob and the other class officers were pleased with the responder turnout and the quality of the responses received. Bob mentioned that a few more responses had been received since he collated the results, but they had little or no impact on the results to any of the key questions. After this conference call, Bob will close down the class survey.

Re: An Out-of-Hanover Mini-reunion:

Dave Prewitt, chair of mini-reunions held outside of Hanover, reported that the location selected for our class' next out-of-Hanover mini-reunion is Williamsburg, VA for the four day period from Sunday, April 19, 2015 to Wednesday, April 22, 2015 (includes 3 nights). Dave reported that at this time 20 rooms were being

reserved, with 16 rooms (required 80% of the number of rooms reserved) guaranteed by the class, at the Williamsburg Lodge at the negotiated low group rate of \$199 per room per night. Based on how many people signed up and committed for rooms early on, Dave would consider increasing or decreasing the amount of rooms which the class reserved (and by necessity guaranteed). In the near future, David will begin to formally communicate with the entire class about the April 2015 mini-reunion in Williamsburg.

Re: The Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Program:

Pete Palin, the co-chair of this class committee with John Damon, updated everyone on the current appeal to encourage classmates to include Dartmouth College in their wills, for some specific bequest amount or percentage of their estate to Dartmouth in general and/or to some specific program(s) at Dartmouth (including the '61 Legacy Fund and the Robert Frost Statue). Pete reported that the class currently had 42 approved BTS members, 1 in process and very close to completion and several others in preliminary stages of implementation. Pete stated that the class' 9 new BTS members enrolled and accepted during the current fiscal year was the most of any "D" class to date. "55 (BTS approvals) by the 55th(reunion)" was well on its way.

Re: Dartmouth's Annual Alumni Fund:

Hank Eberhardt, class Alumni Fund Chair, reported that all class officers and all class executive committee members had made or formally pledged a contribution for the current fiscal year ending June 30th and that he was close achieving 100% from the 78 specified leadership prospects within the class. As of May 7th, the class has achieved a confirmed \$188k of its stated goal of \$260k. The emphasis during the last 60 days will, as always, be on achieving a broad participation by '61 class members in the Alumni

Fund, as well as deriving the final \$72K to meet our established class dollar goal. As of May 7th, 225 class members had already given or pledged a contribution, which is good but not great.

Re: Class Spouses & Widows Initiative:

Nyla Arslanian, selected to head the class' initiative to have the spouses and widows of class members become more involved currently in class activities and in the eventual management of the class, reported that initially she had begun contacting spouses who have been active through the years (with several responding favorably) and was about to begin contacting widows of classmates who have passed away during the past three years, subsequent to our 50th Reunion in June 2011. Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, stated that 25 classmates had passed away during the period from our 50th Reunion through May 6, 2014 and that he would send her the list of names and the obit notices showing the name of each spouse, if any, as well as the relevant contact mail and/or email addresses and telephone numbers.

The conference call meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM. (2:40??) The next conference call meeting of the class officers is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary