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D'61 Class Officers Meeting (Conference Call)

August 13, 2014

Attending the Call: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Bob Conn, Hank Eberhardt, Maynard Wheeler, Rog McArt, Mike Murphy, Pete Palin, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian.

Absent from the Call: Ken DeHaven, Harris McKee, David Birney, John Damon, Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger.

Invited Guests: None

Denny Denniston, class president, called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM EDT.

Re: D'61 Class Necrologist and Obituary Notices

Denny opened the meeting by stating that Tom Dalglish had just recently resigned as class necrologist. Harris McKee has agreed to fill in at that role until a replacement can be found from within the class. Actually, Harris has been handling that role for a while now, with some assistance from Denny, Bob Conn, Vic Rich and others. Denny and Vic have offered to continue assisting Harris during the interim; hopefully, others will also assist. At a minimum, they agreed to forward all obit notices received from the College, etc., to Harris and other class officers.

Denny stressed the need to recruit a new Class Necrologist as soon as possible. A specific classmate was recommended and seconded; Denny will follow up with that classmate and get back to the class officers with the results of his conversation.

Re: Annual Class Activity Report (CAR)

Denny reviewed the results of the recently completed and submitted annual CAR report with everyone. Based on our own self-assessment, we had scored 86 out of 100 points; however, upon further review at the conference call, Vic pointed out that our score appeared to be understated by at least 3 points, because we should have received 3 points for the timely submission this year of the Annual Report for the prior year. In addition, Denny and Harris noticed that we should have received an additional 1 point

(6 rather than 5) for the diversified use of our class website. Therefore, it appears that our class should have received a total of 90 out of a 100 points, would have been an excellent score for our class, and for any class, with the only shortfall of 10 points being due to a deficiency in the area of holding class mini-reunions (class received only 5 out of a potential 15 points). Denny said that he would follow up with the Alumni Affairs Office and report back to us.

Denny stated that we completed and submitted our finalized annual CAR at the last minute this year. He recommended that we complete all preliminary reports earlier next year so that we would have more time to review and edit the various sub-reports prior to the CAR submission. Most of the review and editing this past year prior to submission was done by Denny, Harris and Bob.

Re: Class Treasurer's Report

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, reported that the next annual dues solicitation notice was due to be mailed out shortly. Students dues to receive stipends from the class will be paid shortly after the new school year begins. Other than that, everything reasonably quiet for now.

Re: Robert Frost Statue Proposed Improvements

Mike Murphy, chairman of the Robert Frost statue and surrounding area improvement project for the class of 1961, stated that he had followed up with Jennifer Casey, from the Office of Alumni Affairs, and Lisa Hogarty, Dartmouth's new vice-president for campus planning and facilities, and that both appeared amenable as to the improvement work to be done. Mike will follow up prior to COW in order to try and nail down a timetable. Again, our class' objectives are to have the renovation of and improvements to the statue and surrounding area and access path completed prior to our 55th Class Reunion and for the College to pay for all necessary costs related to the aforementioned improvements.

Re: The Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Program

Pete Palin, co-chair of our class' planned giving and BTS program along with John Damon, reported that the class during the current year had added 10 new BTS members during the year ended June 30, 2014, for a current total of approximately 43 BTS members for the Class of 1961. The addition of 10 new BTS members during the current

year just ended was the best achievement of any class, most of which are significantly larger in size. Again, it was emphasized that classmates could become a member of The Bartlett Tower Society by agreeing to donate some portion of their estate to Dartmouth College directly or indirectly to the '61 Legacy Fund for the Performing Arts at Dartmouth, etc. In order to keep the momentum going, gift planning inserts prepared by the College will be included in the class newsletter and a personalized letter from the planned giving co-chairs will be sent to all classmates.

Re: Dartmouth College Fund (DCF)

Hank Eberhardt, class DCF co-chair, reported that our class had exceeded its class dollar goal of \$260,000 (received \$261,499) and its class participation goal of 70% (achieved 72.0%). Besting the class participation goal of 70% was an outstanding achievement, because it required an outstanding push at the very end by Hank, Harris, Denny, Rog McArt and a handful of other dedicated classmates working many hours each day. As it turned out, the class ended up in a tie for 3rd place for both reunion and non-reunion classes at 72.0% and only 1% out of tying for 2nd place in overall DCF class participation.

Re: Search for Inactive Classmates

It had been agreed that our class would make a concerted effort to search for and then reach out to inactive and lost classmates. The initial objective is to find them and obtain their home addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers. Harris McKee, who volunteered to assume primary responsibility for this class project, at least for the initial discovery phase by sending out postcards or other means of communication, was not available to present us with an update.

Re: Class Officers Weekend (COW)

Denny encouraged all class officers to attend COW this year. A '61 class officers meeting for our class during the day on Saturday (probably during box lunch from noon-1:30pm) and a '61 class dinner on Saturday night (arranged by Maynard) at the Norwich Inn at 6:30PM were scheduled. Vic expressed his regrets at not being able to attend the Saturday night dinner, as he is committed to attend the Saturday night dinner being held for all of the presidents and vice-presidents of each class officer's association. Finally, Denny stressed that it was important for at least one '61 class officer to attend each general COW program segment (except those that have no relevance to our class this year, such

as those segments relating to current reunion planning) in order to learn new ideas and best practices.

Re: The 1961 Fall On-Campus Mini-Reunion

Maynard Wheeler, class on-campus mini-reunion chairman, reported that everything had been arranged for the class' annual Fall on-campus mini-reunion scheduled for October 3-5, culminating with a class dinner on Saturday evening at Wilder Center. Thus far, sign-up has been lighter than anticipated, at least in part due to a religious holiday conflict. Hopefully, many more classmates will be signing up between now and the mini-reunion weekend. Denny suggested that more publicity be sent out to all classmates, especially those living in the eastern half of the country.

Re: Class Spouses and Widows Initiative

Nyla Arslanian reported that she has been communicating with selected active spouses and selected recent class widows in order to put together a team of current spouses and widows of deceased classmates, as well as soliciting ideas from everyone with whom she communicates. In addition, after her team is formed, Nyla and her team will then formulate a program, initially via monthly telephone conference calls and periodic face-to-face meetings at class events, to get spouses and widows more involved in class activities.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd from 1PM-2PM EDT. The next class officers conference call/meeting after that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th from 1PM-2PM EDT.

Denny Denniston ended the conference call at 2:10 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary