

## MINUTES

### D'61 Class Officers Meeting (Conference Call)

July 9, 2014

Attending the Call: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Bob Conn, Hank Eberhardt, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Mike Murphy, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian

Absent from the Call: Ken DeHaven, David Birney, Tom Dalglish, Maynard Wheeler, John Damon, Pete Palin, Pete Bleyler

Invited Guests: None

Denny Denniston, class president, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

#### **Re: Robert Frost Statue Proposed Improvements**

Mike Murphy, chairman of the Robert Frost statue and surrounding area improvement committee for the class of 1961, stated that he was in the process of following up with Jennifer Casey from the Office of Alumni Affairs. He stated that he had spoken to Jennifer by telephone and was awaiting a response to his request for a face-to-face meeting with her. Again, our class' objective is to have the renovation of and improvements to the statue and surrounding area and access path completed in advance of our 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. Another objective is for the College to pay for all necessary costs related to the aforementioned improvements.

#### **Re: Classmate Obituary Notices**

Denny Denniston, Harris McKee reported on behalf of Tom Dalglish, who was absent from the conference call. With Tom unexpectedly absent for the conference call, there was little to report as to the status of writing up and publishing of class obit notices. However, Harris stated that he has been writing up most of the obits and publishing same on the class website. Denny agreed to follow up with Tom about being class necrologist.

### **Re: The Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Program**

Pete Palin and John Damon, the co-chairs of this class committee, were both absent from the telephone conference call. 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 the '61 Legacy Fund for the Performing Arts at Dartmouth. No one on the conference call was able to confirm the current number of BTS members from our class.

### **Re: Dartmouth College Fund (DCF)**

Hank Eberhardt, class DCF chair, and Harris McKee, class DCF "statistician", reported that our class had already exceeded its class dollar goal of \$260,000. In addition, we had 373 classmate donors to date against a participation goal of 376 (68.6% participation), leaving a current shortfall of only 3 donors achieve a 70% participation goal. Hank was confident that the class could achieve both of its goals prior to the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Denny stated that our class was currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place among non-reunion classes with respect to "participation", and that we only needed approximately 15 more contributors to move into 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It was agreed to try for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Hank thanked everyone, but specifically singled out Denny D. and Rog McArt for their outstanding efforts and success with respect to the DCF solicitation for this year.

### **Re: Annual Class Activity Report (CAR)**

Harris McKee already has completed drafts of several categories, as has several of the class officers completed their respective sections (Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Website Editor, DCF Chair); other sections are still to be completed in whole or in part (Reunion/Mini-Reunion, Planned Giving, Necrologist, Class Projects, President's summary report). Final editing of our CAR would be done by Denny, Harris McKee and Bob Conn prior to timely submission by the end of July.

### **Re: Search for Inactive Classmates**

It was agreed that we 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 volunteered to assume primary responsibility for this class project, at least for the initial discovery phase. Harris requested that one or two additional classmates volunteer to work with him, derived perhaps by sending out a letter or email to ALL members of the broad-based class executive committee.

### **Re: Class Officers Weekend (COW)**

Denny encouraged all class officers to attend COW this year. A '61 class officers meeting for our class and a '61 class dinner on Saturday were to be an integral part of the weekend. Finally, 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, such as those segments relating to current reunion planning) in order to learn new ideas and best practices.

### **Re: The Class of 1961 Legacy**

David Birney/Harris McKee sent an email to Vic Rich on 7/3/2014 stating that **The Class of 1961 Legacy** is alive and well and continues to enrich life at Dartmouth with its contribution to performing arts at Dartmouth. As of 5/31/2014, the book value of the fund is \$841,117 and the market value is \$1,140,243. For the 10 months ended 5/31/2014, the fund received 19 donations totaling \$37,973. Finally, the HOP programs that **The '61 Legacy** will be supporting during the upcoming fiscal year have been announced and they appear very exciting.

### **Re: Class Spouses and Widows Initiative**

Nyla Arslanian reported that she has been moving slowly but methodically to put together a team of current spouses and widows of deceased classmates, as well as soliciting ideas from everyone she communicates with. In addition, after her team is formed, Nyla and her team will then formulate a program to get spouses and widows more involved in class activities. Tom Conger offered to assist Nyla.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-2PM EDT. The next class officers conference

call/meeting after that is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd from 1PM-2PM EDT.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary