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D'61 Class Officers Meeting (Conference Call)

September 3, 2014

Attending the Call: Denny Denniston, Ken DeHaven, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Bob Conn, Maynard Wheeler, Mike Murphy, Pete Palin, Pete Bleyler, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Jim Baum

Absent from the Call: Hank Eberhardt, Rog McArt, David Birney, John Damon, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger

Invited Guests: None

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

Re: D'61 55th Reunion

Denny opened the meeting by announcing that Jim Baum had agreed to become Reunion Chair for our 55th Reunion, to take place in June 2016. Jim will now become a regular member of the Class Officers for the Class of 1961. Everyone present applauded the announcement and congratulated Jim. The next step will be for Jim to attend COW later in Sept. and, with assistance from Denny, to form a 55th Reunion Committee.

Re: D'61 Class Necrologist and Obituary Notices

Denny is currently seeking a replacement for Tom Dalglish as class necrologist. Harris McKee, with some assistance from other classmates, has been filling in at that role until a replacement is found from within the class. Denny has some recommendations for the position, including one top prospect whom he hopes to contact within the next few days.

Re: Class Treasurer's Report

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, has agreed to work with Harris McKee to install an on-line dues payment system, so that the Class would not lose any CAR points in this area.

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 met personally with Jennifer Casey, from the Office of Alumni Affairs, and that she was receptive as to the improvement work to be done. Mike will follow up next with Lisa Hogarty, Dartmouth's new vice-president for campus planning and facilities, in order to try to solidify her support and nail down a specific 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. One potential issue might be our desire to bifurcate the aforementioned project from the larger potential improvement project under consideration, which encompasses the improvement of the entire "College Park" area, including the Bartlett Tower and surrounding area along with the Frost statue area.

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 after solicitation of the '61 class officers and members of the executive committee, the next emphasis would be on the general membership of the class. 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, or some other specific Dartmouth project. In order to keep the positive momentum and success continuing from the prior fiscal year, 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 remaining classmates not yet contacted.

Re: Search for Inactive Classmates

Harris McKee, who volunteered to assume primary responsibility for the initial "discovery phase" to locate inactive and lost classmates, reported that he had

sent out postcards to the most recent available addresses and that he has already received several responses. The initial objective is to find these classmates and obtain their home addresses, email addresses and/or telephone numbers.

Re: Class Officers Weekend (COW)

Denny encouraged all class officers to attend COW this year. A preliminary headcount indicated that the class is currently expecting 12 class officers to attend, plus several spouses and significant others. This anticipated attendance, if it holds up, should be the most for any class at this year's COW. A '61 class officers meeting for our class during the day on Saturday, during box lunch from noon-1:30pm, and a '61 class dinner on Saturday night at the Norwich Inn at 6:30PM were scheduled. 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) in order to learn new ideas and best practices. Several classmate officers volunteered to attend various programs. Vic Rich announced that he had been selected to be the moderator for the 1965-1956 Decade Discussion on Saturday afternoon and was to be the co-moderator of the Class Secretaries Association meeting scheduled for Saturday morning. He requested that at least a few other class officers also attend the 1965-1956 Decades Discussion.

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. More publicity will 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 communicated with selected active spouses (7) and selected recent class widows (3) 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. After several discussions, it appears that the theme of this group will be "class connections and reconnections", with the primary emphasis being on the women from within our class. After her team is formed, Nyla and her team will then

formulate a program, initially via monthly telephone conference calls beginning in October 2014, followed by brief single-event mini-reunions located in various cities and face-to-face meetings at class events, to get spouses and widows more involved in class activities. Nyla emphasized that the outreach to class widows was to be only one of the group's initiatives and that the women of the Class of 1961 would eventually become a key element to the forward motion of our class.

Re: Future Goals and Objectives for the Class of '61

Vic Rich suggested that ALL class officers from our class think about where they want the class to be next year (f/y 6/30/2015) and the following year (f/y 6/30/2016 – 55th Reunion year) and how we should get there. For example, the one significant weakness within our class was the shortfall of class mini-reunions each year, which might be due at least in part by the College's definition of what constitutes a class mini-reunion and our fitting within those parameters. He suggested further that everyone should be ready to discuss these issues by our class meeting during COW.

The remaining class officers meetings/conference calls for 2014 were scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th, November 5th and December 3rd, all from 1PM-2PM EDT/EST.

Denny adjourned the meeting at 2:05PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary