

## **Minutes D'61 Class Officers Conference Call**

**April 13, 2016**

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Attending the meeting: Ken DeHaven, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Jim Baum, Hank Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Hop Holmberg

Absent from the Meeting: Denny Denniston, Pete Palin, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Mike Murphy, John Damon, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger

Invited Guests: None

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In the absence of Denny Denniston, class president, Vic Rich called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

### **Frost Statue Class Project:**

Part 1- Frost Statue Renovation - No update available since Mike Murphy unable to attend the conference call.

Part 2- Frost Statue Art Contest - Vic reported that he and Pete Bleyler, on-campus contest chair, have been communicating regularly. The contest was currently in full bloom and will be concluded on April 18th. It is expected that the panel of judges, consisting of one non-voting classmate (chairperson Pete Bleyler), two voting classmates (artists Ron Wybranowski and Ben Gitchel), the sculptor of the Frost statue (George W. Lundeen) and several faculty members from the Dept. of Visual Arts, will meet shortly thereafter to review the entries and decide on the four winning entries. All of the winning entries and possibly some of the other entries will be placed on display at the new Black Family Visual Arts Center for a period of approximately two months, at least until after our 55th reunion in mid-June.

Part 3- Frost Statue Rededication Ceremony - Vic reported that the program for the reception had been completed, with six projected speakers (George Lundeen, President Phil Hanlon and four classmates). Also to be included in the ceremony will be the possible gifting of one of Lundeen's limited edition miniature statues to President Hanlon on behalf of the College. Vic is currently negotiating with Mr. Lundeen to acquire two limited edition miniature statues at a fraction of the delivered full retail price. If a satisfactory deal is arrived at, the other statue will be raffled off to one

classmate attending the 55th Reunion, with each raffle ticket costing approximately \$100.

Vic brought out that the relatively new on-line College news site, *Dartmouth Now*, led off its March 2016 issue with the lead article, "Dartmouth Artists Take Inspiration From Frost Statue". The lengthy piece, including pictures, paid tribute to the statue of Robert Frost donated by our class, the Frost statue art contest sponsored and administered by our class, and to the class of 1961 whose creativity, ingenuity and resiliency enabled the class to create and implement the two Frost statue projects over a period of nearly 25 years.

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

Hank Eberhardt along with Harris McKee, class DCF co-chairs, reported that the class currently has received \$452k against a class goal of \$610k, or 74%. With respect to our very important goal of participation, the class has achieved 245 donors against our class goal of 410, or 60%. Hank emphasized that we still need to derive an additional 165 classmate donors within the next two months. Achieving 410 contributors out of a current class donor pool of 510 living classmates will enable our class to achieve our proposed reunion participation goal of 80%. Hank, Harris and Hop stressed that they were now working hard with all class agents to achieve both our dollar goal and our participation goal.

### **Bartlett Tower Society (BTS):**

Neither Pete Palin nor John Damon, class BTS, co-chairs was able to attend the conference call in person, but they did submit a written report which stated that they were currently at 49 confirmed class BTS members against a class goal of 55 confirmed BTS members by our 55th Reunion, or 89%. Their motto of "55 by our 55th" is approaching reality, especially since they have several hot prospect "works in process". Additional class mailings by Pete/John, College BTS mailings and personal phone calls by John and Pete are anticipated during the next two months. Both feel confident that the class goal will be achieved and likely to be exceeded by reunion.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, stated that a third class dues notice had just gone out to classmates. To date, we have a 56% class dues participation which, hopefully, will increase significantly by reunion time. Ivar also noted that many classmates voluntarily

increased their dues payment each year, primarily to add to the class sponsored '61 Performing Arts Legacy.

### **55th Reunion:**

Jim Baum, 55th Reunion chair, reported that the program for our 55th Reunion was finalized, except for a few scheduling details. Although the overall theme of the reunion was centered around the Robert Frost statue and related activities (see above), the program was highly diversified to also include two evenings of entertainment, one of which included Jim Dale and possibly nine other classmates performing musically, a talk by Francesca Gazzaniga (daughter of classmate Mike Gazzaniga), a talk by classmate Ted Tapper, a full classmate meeting, a talk by the director of the Dartmouth athletics department, a full meeting of and discussion session among the '61 Women's Initiative Committee, a talk by the president of Dartmouth (Phil Hanlon), a golf outing at the Hanover Country Club, meetings among classmates from a few varsity sports teams, as well as breakfasts, lunches and dinners. There is so much going on each day that in order to find any free time, you will have to miss some event(s).

Jim also informed the group that George Whitehead will be the registration chair for the reunion and that 111 classmates and spouses/guests had already signed up as of the beginning of April, which is apparently a good sign that we should eventually have more than 200 attendees.

### **Women's Initiative Committee (WIC):**

Nyla Arslanian, WIC chair, reported that she and Patti Rich were working on two letters to go out all classmate spouses and to all classmate widows who had indicated any interest in remaining connected to the class, encouraging them to attend the reunion. Nyla and Patti were also working on the women's program, tentatively scheduled to take place on Wednesday, between 10:30 - 11:30 AM, at the same time as the class meeting with the director of the successful "D" Athletics Department".

### **Tanzi License Plate Plaque:**

Oscar Arslanian, the forever chair of the Tanzi license plate committee, reported that instead of auctioning off the Tanzi plaque, as in prior reunions, we would this year award the plaque to five separate classmates for one of each of the next five years on the basis of a lottery drawing to be held during reunion. Each lottery ticket would cost only \$25, or five for \$100, with all receipts again going to the class sponsored performing arts legacy initiative.

The next class officer meeting/conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61, Class Secretary