

Minutes

D'61 Class Meeting

June 13, 2016

Attending the Meeting: All or most classmates attending the 55th Reunion in Hanover, NH.

Absent from the Meeting: Those classmates not attending the 55th Reunion.

Invited Guests: Spouses and other invited guests of '61 classmates

Denny Denniston, outgoing class president, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM EDT and welcomed all class officers, classmates, spouses and other invited guests.

Denny then presented a history of the more significant class projects and class activities through the past 55 years, which included the following:

1- The first ever off-campus large mini-reunion (50th class birthday party) for any Dartmouth class, in Washington, DC - April 1989 (attended by approximately 250-275 classmates, spouses and invited guests).

2- The Classmates on Campus program, which brought classmates who had achieved success in their chosen fields back to Dartmouth to speak to undergraduates in relatively small interactive environments.

3- The only class to conceive, fully fund, implement and gift to Dartmouth College (in June 1996) at that time the only statue to be located on the campus and still the only statue on campus of a real person - Robert Frost. In 2015/2016, the Class arranged for significant physical improvements to the area surrounding the Frost statue, including the installation of two plaques, and the paths leading up to the statue.

4- The establishment of the Class of '61 Legacy for the Performing Arts, to support the performing arts at Dartmouth. The fund has accumulated more than \$1 million dollars from classmate contributions (and still growing) and still has more than \$1 million dollars in accumulated contributions and earnings in the fund after sponsoring the attendance of one or two performing artists per year for more than 15 years.

5- The establishment of the first Dartmouth alumni funded art contest open to all Dartmouth undergraduate and graduate students, the '61 Frost Statue Art Contest, which was based on the best interpretation of the Robert Frost statue at Dartmouth in the four areas of studio arts, selected four winners and one overall winner, granted financial stipends and certificates signed by the sculptor of the Frost statue to the winners and honorable mention artists, and secured a five week exhibition of the winning and honorable mention submissions at the new Black Family Visual Arts Center, including the period of our 55th Reunion.

6- The rededication of the Robert Frost statue to the College at our 55th Reunion, which included the attendance of George Lundeen, the renowned sculptor of the Frost statue at Dartmouth, as our guest of honor and guest speaker at the dinner ceremony, the gifting of a miniature limited edition signed (by George Lundeen) bronze replica of the Frost statue to the Office of the President of Dartmouth. in addition, a limited edition signed (by George Lundeen) and framed photograph of the Robert Frost statue at Dartmouth was presented to several classmates and College personnel who had been involved and instrumental in the implementation and gifting of the original Frost statue to the College, the current improvements to the area surrounding the statue and the Frost statue art contest and exhibition.

Denny then thanked numerous class officers and other classmates who had been especially instrumental in the class' 55th Reunion project and activities of the class, the governance of the class and/or the class' 55th Reunion: Jim Baum, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Gerry Kaminsky, Ivar Jozus, Ron Wybranowski, Tom Conger, Steve Dale, George Bland, George Whitehead/Bob Wendell. To that list, someone from the audience added Denny's Denniston's name, which was widely applauded.

Art Kelton, nominating committee chair, presented the recommendations of his committee (consisting of Art Kelton, Vic Rich, Mike Murphy, Gerry Kaminsky and Oscar Arslanian):

President: Don O'Neill

Vice-Presidents: Denny Denniston & Gerry Kaminsky

Secretary: Vic Rich

Treasurer: Ivar Jozus

Communications/Webmaster/Necrologist: Harris McKee

Newsletter Editor: Tom Conger

Co-Head Agents: Hank Eberhardt, Harris McKee, Rog McArt & Hop Holmberg

Co-Bequest Chairs (incl. Bartlett Tower Society): Dave Armstrong & Red Facher
Mini-Reunion Chairs: Maynard Wheeler (in Hanover) & Dave/Joan Prewitt (off campus)
Co-Arts & Legacy Committee Chairs: Oscar Arslanian, David Birney & Pete Bleyler
Women's Initiative Committee: Nyla Arslanian & Patti Rich

The class president then asked if there were any nominations or comments from the floor. There being none, he then asked for a vote from the classmates present in favor of the slate of officers as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Denny then mentioned the two class raffles being held, with the winners to be announced at the Frost statue rededication dinner on Tuesday evening. The first raffle relates to the two miniature signed limited edition statues which are exact replicas of the Robert Frost statue at Dartmouth. The second raffle relates to the distribution of the Tanzi mounted license plate (NH - 1969: "Tanzi") plaque to five classmates to hold and display for one year each during each of the next five years. It was noted that the last living classmate to possess the plaque gets to keep it forever.

[As a postscript to the aforementioned raffles, the two miniature Frost statues (each worth more than \$3,000) were won by classmates Jim Naylor and Denny Denniston. The five classmates who won the right to display the Tanzi plaque for one year were Larry Levy, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich and Ron Boss (for two years), in that order.]

Denny then announced the affirmative vote of the class officers to formally adopt George W. Lundeen as a member of the Class of 1961.

Finally, Denny announced that the next class mini-reunion was scheduled to take place in Hanover from Friday, September 30, 2016 to Sunday, October 2, 2016. Events included the marching of the classes and bonfire on Friday evening, the Dartmouth/Penn football game on Saturday afternoon and the class dinner on Saturday evening. Anyone with questions should contact Maynard Wheeler, mini-reunion co-chair.

The class meeting was adjourned at approximately 2PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary