

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Meeting/Conference Call

September 8, 2016

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Hank Eberhardt, Red Facher, Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Rog McArt, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Joan Prewitt, Patti Rich

Absent from the Meeting: Harris McKee, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, Tom Conger, David Birney

Invited Guests: None

Don O'Neill, class president, called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Class of the Year Issues--Vic Rich, class secretary and, as president of the "D" Class Secretaries Association, a member of the Class Officers Association Executive Board (COAEB) that selects the three Class of the Year awards and other related awards annually, announced that the Class of 1961 was one of the three finalists for Reunion Class of the Year and a strong contender to be the winner (the final results after a closed ballot at the end of August, will not become known until the awards reception and dinner during the mid-Sept. Class Officers Dinner).

Vic reviewed some of the very few areas which our class could improve upon, as follows:

- The class should prepare and adopt a Class Communications Manual/Plan.
- The class should prepare annually an annual schedule of class communications, designating what communications should be sent out by whom, to whom and when, on a month-to-month basis.
- The class should hold more localized regional min-reunions, and be sure to record them when held.
- The class should continue to have unique class projects, planned in well in advance, "advertised" both within the class and outside of the class when necessary and/or appropriate, and organized/administered by dedicated classmates who strongly believe in the project or projects.

- The class should either archive its collection of College related awards in a single location which classmates could access or, as an alternative, photograph/record each of the awards and place the collection on our class website.

Treasurer's Report:

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, presented a brief report on the state of the class' treasury. The current base for classmate dues is 491 classmates, down by 21 from the prior year. The first dues notice for the current year were recently sent out. The deficit from the 55th reunion is projected to be approximately \$5,000, with bills still trickling in. Our current cash balance is \$69,000.

Gift Planning/Bartlett Tower Society (BTS):

Red Facher, co-gift planning chair, reported that he and Dave Armstrong, the other gift-planning chair, had begun working to develop a series of short-term and long-term (5 years) goals for expanding gift planning by classmates and classmate membership in the BTS.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF):

Hank Eberhardt and Rog McArt, co-class DCF head agents along with Harris McKee, reported that the class raised nearly \$750,000 for its 55th reunion, with a classmate participation rate of 79% (396 participating donor classmates). As a result, it was confirmed that the Class of 1961 earned the Mark R. Alperin 1980 Award for achieving the highest participation in a reunion class and the Harvey P. Hood 1918 Award for achieving a new reunion participation record.

Class Mini-Reunions (out of Hanover):

Joan & Dave Prewit, out-of-Hanover co-mini-reunion chairs, reported that they had received suggestions for mini-reunions to be held in Newport, RI and/or in Bentonville, AR (in that order). At this point, they are looking to Newport for approximately May, 2017 and Bentonville for approximately May/June 2018. Joan noted that Newport was noted for its sailing (prior home for the America's Cup for many decades), its tennis (home to many tennis tournaments), its fishing, its wealthy mansions (opened the public) and its many historical sights. *(At COW, Joan advised that the Newport Mini is scheduled for 2018, not 2017.)*

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC):

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair of the WIC along with Patti Rich, reported that Patti had sent out thank you notes to all widows who had contributed to DCF, noting that the widows as a group had contributed approximately \$7,500. Nyla also stated that the Women's committee would assist to increase attendance for the next mini-reunion(s) out of Hanover.

Class Necrologist Title:

The issue of whether to revise the name of the classmate responsible for publishing the obits for deceased classmates, Harris McKee, would have to be deferred until the next meeting when Harris was scheduled to be in attendance.

Other Business

Denny Denniston, class vice-president, recommended that our class should have more mini-reunions out of Hanover which are local or regional in size and would not last for more than a day. He also suggested that the class should consider a new class project, preferably encompassing the area of the arts at Dartmouth.

Vic Rich recommended that our class awards, etc., should either be archived at one central location, or else photographed and posted on the class website for all classmates to enjoy.

Don O'Neill emphasized that '61 class officers should develop a class mission for both the short-term and long-term by our next class officers meeting at COW.

Don noted that the next '61 class officers meeting would be held on Saturday, September 24th, during the upcoming Class Officers Weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary