

Minutes
D'61 Class Officers Conference Call
January 11, 2017

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Roger McArt, Hank Eberhardt, Red Facher, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Prewitt, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

Absent from the Meeting: Ivar Jozus, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, Tom Conger, David Birney, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Janet Rosa, Vince Wilson

Don O'Neil, class president, called the meeting to order at 12:05PM EST.

Secretary's Report

Don recommended approval of the Minutes for the December 14, 2016 Minutes. This motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

Vic Rich, class secretary, reported that in December he sent a Happy Holidays/Happy New Years email notice to George Lundeen on behalf of the class officers and the entire class. George thanked the class officers and the class for the note.

Treasurers Report

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but he submitted a class financial report for the six month period from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. In summary, receipts totaled \$39k (rounded), including \$12k in reimbursed advances and expenses from the 55th Reunion treasury, and disbursements totaled \$21k (rounded), including a \$2k hotel advance for the planned Newport, RI mini-reunion scheduled for the spring of 2018. If these two items are removed from the analysis, the net increase to the class treasury amounted to \$8k (rounded). Ivar also reported that current balance in the class treasury is approximately \$76k.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Hank Eberhardt, co-DCF chair for our class, reported that a letter was sent out in December from the five DCF leaders from our class to each individual classmate thanking them for their financial contribution support, stating that our classmates had contributed over \$5.1 million dollars to the DCF over the past 55 years, and stating what our class officers had selected for our class DCF dollar and participation goals for the current fiscal year.

Hank then reported receiving to date for the current fiscal year \$92k in cash and pledges versus a class dollar goal of \$261k, or 35% to date. The contributions came from 136 classmates versus a class participation goal of 380, or 36% to date. If the class achieves contributions from 380 classmates by June 30th, it will have achieved its stated participation goal of 76% for the current

fiscal year. Hank implored the class officers to complete their cash contributions and pledges as soon as possible, in order to achieve 100% from that group.

Hank, Ron McArt and Harris McKee, the three co-DCF chairs for our class, put out an open request for additional classmates to become class DCF agents and assist them, especially with achieving the class participation goal. Anyone interested should contact any of the three aforementioned co-chairs. The class currently lists 45 members as class agents, but not all of these are active and some are deceased; also several new classmates have recently volunteered to assist. Vince Wilson, a DCF manager from the Alumni Office, will review the list to make sure that it is accurate and current.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, class webmaster, reported that more security has been added by the College to protect the College website from security breaches and that he was now able to once again access the class website.

Class Project

Vic Rich, co-chair with Oscar Arslanian and Pete Bleyler, reported that they were gathering information and exploring possibilities which would fit into the directive from the class officers to stay within the field of "the arts at Dartmouth". In connection with the aforementioned, Oscar has approached the College for some input and suggestions and is awaiting a response. Some previously mentioned potential projects (see Minutes of December 14, 2016 conference call) are being considered.

Mini-Reunion (off-campus)

Dave Prewitt, co-chair with Joan Prewitt, reported that the next off-campus mini-reunion, scheduled for Newport, Rhode Island, would take place from May 20-23, 2018 and that a \$2,400 deposit had been made at the Hyatt hotel at the Newport harbor. Don again encouraged Dave and Joan to reach out to Ron Boss, Ralph Barton and to him, all of whom own homes in the area, to provide input and assist with setting up the social schedule for the three day mini-reunion. Don offered to contact Ron and Ralph.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS)

Red Facher and Dave Armstrong, co-chairs of alumni gift planning for the class, reported that they have been in contact with the alumni gift planning and BTS people at Dartmouth. As of today, our class has 59 BTS members. Red and Dave are planning to begin sending personal letters and make personal telephone calls to all "active" classmates, emphasizing at first those who have been active in class or alumni activities and those who have been regular contributors to the finances of the class and/or to the Dartmouth College Fund. In addition, they are planning to post general invitations on the class website, the class newsletter and the class minutes, with the key emphasis being on how easy the process can be. In addition, they plan to speak with Phil Kron '60, who has been especially successful with his classmates in having them sign up to become members of the BTS with testamentary donations to Dartmouth or to specialized

programs at Dartmouth. Finally, they expect to develop 1, 5 and 10 year BTS goals for the class of 1961, which they hopefully plan to present at next month's class officers conference call.

Class Communications Plan

Vic Rich and Harris McKee, co-chairs for the development of a formal Class of 1961 Communications Plan, reported that in response to Vic's communication with the Alumni Office, he had received five different class communications plans (1966, 1977, 1982, 1983, 1998), which range from being deficient to being excessively detailed and too long. In addition, Harris came across a short outline of a basic generic plan from Class Officers Weekend in 2010. From the aforementioned, they will begin to formulate and draft a communications plan for the Class of 1961.

D'61 Virtual Reunion

Harris McKee, '61 Virtual Reunion coordinator, emphasized that the class wants as many classmates as possible to participate. He stressed how easy it was for a classmate to simply submit a picture of themselves holding the class logo poster sheet prepared by Harris and emailed to each classmate for whom the class has an email address. Harris has already emailed to all viable classmates a copy of the class logo poster for the virtual reunion and specific instructions for the submission of a picture (and more if desired) on March 2, 2017, our first virtual reunion date. In addition, copies of the logo poster and instructions will be posted on the class website and in the class newsletter, as well as again being emailed to classmates until March 2nd. Harris also said that he would be available to all classmates who wanted to call or email him for more detailed instructions on how to participate in our class' first virtual reunion (cell # 479/617-7324; email <h4mmckee@sbcglobal.edu>).

Class Awards Archive

Vic Rich reminded the class officers that at the end of the last fiscal year, it was agreed that the class would put together a permanent written record of all alumni awards achieved by the class since our graduation in 1961. Since that time, to start the process moving along, Vic submitted a preliminary list of alumni awards (including Class of the Year in September 2015 and several Special Recognition Awards) received by the class at various Class Officer Weekends since 1961.

Next Call

The next class officers meeting/conference call was scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at noon EST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:45PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, Class Secretary