

## Minutes

### D'61 Class officers Conference Call

February 8, 2017

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**Attending the Meeting:** Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Roger McArt, Oscar Arslanian

**Absent from the Meeting:** Ivar Jozus, Hank Eberhardt, Red Facher, Dave Armstrong, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Pete Bleyler, Tom Conger, David Birney, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

**Invited Guests:** Janet Rosa, Vince Wilson

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

He then called for approval of the Minutes for the January 11, 2017 conference call/meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve such minutes and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Vic Rich, class secretary, reported that the Class Officers Association Executive Board ("COAEB") was considering making changes to the Class Annual Report, to make it easier for each class to complete and to highlight the key areas considered critical for each class to optimize its operations and report effectively each year on its strengths and weaknesses. Due to the late date and the research required to get the job done right, it is not likely that any material changes would be made during the current fiscal year.

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

Rog McArt, co-DCF chair for our class, reported that an updated list of class DCF agents had been prepared by Vince Wison since our January class officer conference call. Some additional class agents have been added and trained.

Rog then reported that for the current fiscal year to date, the class had received \$100,144 in cash and pledges versus a class dollar goal of \$261,000, or 38,3% to date. The contributions to date have come from 150 classmates versus a class participation goal of 380, or 40% of goal to

date. If the class achieves contributions from 380 classmates by June 30<sup>th</sup>, it will have achieved its stated participation goal of 76% for the current year.

Vince will organize a conference call with Don, Gerry, Denny, Roger, Harris and Hank to discuss class DCF matters.

### **Class Communications Plan**

Vic Rich, co-chair with Harris McKee, reported that an initial draft of the class communications plan had been completed and just sent out to selected class officers to review and comment upon. Vic asked for preliminary input as soon as possible so that the project could be moved along towards a final draft which could then be sent to all class officers prior to our next monthly conference call scheduled for March. If necessary to eliminate any stumbling blocks, Vic would set up a conference call with Don, Denny, Gerry, Harris and Janet Rosa.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No update treasurer's report was available regarding the financial status of our class.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Harris McKee, class webmaster, stated that apart from the class' attempt to hold its first ever '61 Virtual Reunion in March, there was nothing significant to report.

With respect to our Virtual Reunion, scheduled for March 2, 2017 (the 61<sup>st</sup> day of the year), Harris stated that he has been and will continue to send out numerous periodic email notices to all classmates having email reminding them about our first ever virtual reunion and providing detailed instructions on how and where to send a picture of themselves, with or without audio and/or video, with our Harris-designed '61 Virtual Reunion class logo poster and hopefully with other classmates and/or spouses or significant others, to Harris who would then edit and post same in a separate folder on our class website. Harris had also posted a copy of the logo poster and detail instructions on the class website and in the class newsletter.

Harris stated that he was nervous about the technological capabilities of our classmates to be able to fully participate in the new "high-tech" (for many of our classmates) virtual reunion project and he recommended that classmates try to obtain assistance from their children, or even their grandchildren, if they feel "challenged" in this area, or to call/email/write to him.

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

Neither Dave Armstrong nor Red Facher, class BTS co-chairs, were able to attend the conference call meeting and did not submit a report. Don said that he and Denny intended to speak with Red and Dave about their progress and specific plans to move forward in order to achieve their previously stated goals.

### **Class Project**

Don reported that he had sent out some info to Oscar about the extensive collection of Robert Frost papers now at Rauner Library on campus, and that it might be an idea to have our class project again emphasize Robert Frost and somehow include these papers and the undergraduate/graduate student body. Don also stated that he hoped to have Oscar, Vic and Pete agree on the selection of a class project by our next scheduled conference call in March. Oscar forwarded a copy of Don's comments to Vic and Pete Bleyler.

Vic stated that we (Vic, Oscar, Pete) need to remember when selecting a class project to stay within the directive from the class officers that any project selected should include "the arts at Dartmouth".

### **Mini-Reunions**

No update report available regarding the status of mini-reunions on-campus.

No update report available regarding the status of mini-reunions off-campus.

### **Class Awards Archive**

Denny Denniston volunteered to take charge of this floundering project, agreed to at the end of the last fiscal year, which would create a permanent written record of all alumni awards achieved by our class since graduation. Vic was asked to resubmit a partial list that he had derived from his participation on the COAEB, which list covered only the annual Class of the Year awards (COTY), runner-up to COTY awards and Class Special Recognition Awards.

Denny announced that the next class officers conference call/meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at noon EST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary