

**Minutes**  
**D'61 Class Officers Conference Call**  
**April 5, 2017**

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**Attending the Meeting:** Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Roger McArt, Hank Eberhardt, Dave Prewitt, Red Facher, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

**Absent from the Meeting:** Oscar Arslanian, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Armstrong, Tom Conger, Pete Bleyler, David Birney, Nyla Arslanian

**Invited Guests:** Vince Wilson

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Don O'Neill, class president, called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

He then called for approval of the Minutes for the March 8, 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 (in the absence of Maynard Wheeler, chair of mini-reunions held in Hanover) that our Fall class mini-reunion this year would be held on the October 6-8, 2017, which coincides with Homecoming Reunion. Harris sent out an email notice about the weekend, including a registration form, to all classmates with email addresses on March 21<sup>st</sup>. As this is also Homecoming Weekend, classmates wishing to attend should make lodging reservations sooner rather than later. Maynard also requests that the class registration form be completed and sent back to him so that he can plan class events accordingly.

Vic also noted that this year's Class Officer Weekend was scheduled for September 15-16, 2017. Each class this year will be permitted to send nine class officers at the College's expense. Other class officers may attend, but not at College expense).

**Treasurer's Report**

Ivar Jozus, Class treasurer, reported that our Class' cash balance currently was \$75,396, with no outstanding debts. Our class dues contributions were presently at 56%, with dues payments still coming in. All class officers have paid their dues. Any class dues percentage above 50% is considered good. In addition to dues, several classmates had contributed additional amounts

(other than dues) totaling \$4,400, including \$2,844 for various class projects. A third and final dues notice is scheduled to be mailed soon to all dues unpaid classmates.

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

Harris McKee, Class co-DCF chair along with Rog McArt and Hank Eberhardt, reported that for the current fiscal year to date, the Class had received \$128,268 in cash and pledges versus a class dollar goal of \$261,000, or 49.1% to date. The Class's achievement rate is ahead of the College's percentage dollar goal achievement rate to date, but below where our Class should be at this time.

Harris reported further that our contributions to date have come from 179 classmates versus our Class participation goal of 379 classmates, or 47.2% of goal to date. If the class achieves contributions from 379 classmates by June 30<sup>th</sup>, it will have achieved its stated high participation goal of 76% for the current year. Harris stated that there were still a few class officers who had not yet made a donation or pledge to DCF for the current year. Also, several recurring class donation leaders had, to date, not yet committed. Contributions from both of these groups is anticipated.

The Class' DCF designated "swat teams" are preparing to become actively engaged in soliciting contributions from all classmates who are able to be reached by telephone, email or by snail mail.

Don noted that the Princeton challenge with their Class of 1961 was in full force. Currently, we are ahead in dollars contributed or pledged, but behind in classmate participation percentage.

### **Class Communications Plan**

Vic Rich, co-chair of the Class Communications Plan Committee along with Harris McKee, reported that he recently had forwarded a copy of the final Communications Plan for the Class of 1961 to the Alumni Class Activities Office. The Class received return emails from both the director and assistant director of Alumni Class Activities stating that our communications plan was "an excellent document, and testament to your class' strength and history of exemplary service, organization and communication."

Thanks to all class officers who contributed to the inclusiveness and completion of the aforementioned document.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Harris McKee, Class webmaster, reported that he had sent out a detailed email about the '61 annual Fall mini-reunion in Hanover scheduled for October 6-8, 2017, along with a registration form for classmates planning to attend to complete and return to Maynard Wheeler as soon as reasonably possible.

Harris, who is also the class necrologist, reported that during the months of March and April (to date) no classmates had passed away, which is good and becoming more difficult to accomplish as our class gets older.

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

Red Facher, Class BTS co-chair along with Dave Armstrong, reported that he had signed up one more classmate last month to become a BTS member. After the required paperwork is completed, our Class will have increased its BTS membership from 59 to 63 during the current fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Red was not sure of the progress being made by Dave Armstrong, but he will contact him within the next few days.

### **Class Project**

Vic Rich, co-chair of the Class Project Committee with Oscar Arslanian and Pete Bleyler, reported that the committee was working hard to come up with a viable and interesting long-term project that met all or most of the criteria agreed to by the class officers during the past several class officer conference calls, namely:

- Include the arts at Dartmouth
- Tie-in to "our" Robert Frost statue and/or Robert Frost himself, directly or indirectly (preferably directly)
- Actively engage the Dartmouth student body
- Include a contest of some sort, with financial stipends and/or other prizes (e.g. miniature Robert Frost statue by George Lundeen) going to the periodic winners
- Be unique, so as to maximize exposure for the Class of 1961
- Be economically viable for our class

After reviewing numerous projects proposed and considered by the members of the committee, no definitive project has yet been agreed to. There will be further discussion among the committee members until a project can be created which all three committee members can agree on to propose unanimously, hopefully by the next class officer conference call.

### **Mini-Reunions (off-campus)**

Joan Prewitt, co-chair of off-campus mini-reunions with her spouse, Dave Prewitt, reported that our Class' next off-campus mini-reunion is scheduled to be held in Newport, RI from May 20-23, 2018 at the Gurney's Newport Resort on Goat Island in Newport Harbor. A preliminary schedule of class activities, significant locations to visit in Newport, costs and means to register was sent out by Harris via email to all email reachable classmates and also posted by Harris to our class website.

### **Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Project**

Denny Denniston, chair of the Class of '61 and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Project, reported that with the assistance from the Alumni Class Activities Office and a few officer classmates, he has nearly completed development of a preliminary list of all alumni awards achieved by our Class and our classmates since graduation. Once the list is completed and reviewed, it will be posted on the Class website and then updated accordingly as necessary. The initial list will also be sent to all classmates by email and/or snail mail.

Women's Initiative Committee

No report available at this time.

Under New Business, Dave Prewitt recommended that the Class recognize '61 classmates who, through the decades, have contributed to the betterment of the Class, the College and the community in general (in that order). After discussion, this recommendation was approved and a committee consisting of Dave Prewitt (chair), Vic Rich and Denny Denniston was appointed by Don to set up specific criteria for recommendation, to determine the type of awards to be presented, the venue(s) for presentation of the awards and to nominate classmates for the receipt of such awards.

Don stated that the next class officers conference call/meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at noon EDT.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary