

## **Minutes D'61 Class officers Conference Call January 10, 2018**

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**Attending the Meeting:** Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Maynard Wheeler, Hank Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Tom Conger, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Joan Prewitt

**Absent from the Meeting:** Pete Bleyler, Rog McArt, Irwin (Red) Facher, Patti Rich

**Invited Guests:** Bill Collishaw, Vince Wilson

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Don O'Neill), class president, Denny Denniston, called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone attending. He then reviewed briefly the top items for the Class on the agenda for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Don called for the approval of the Minutes for the class officers conference call/meeting of November 8, 2017 and December 13, 2017, and both sets of Minutes were approved unanimously.

[http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/61/Minutes\\_2018-01-10.pdf](http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/61/Minutes_2018-01-10.pdf)

Vic Rich, class secretary, reported that he had sent "Happy Holiday" and thank you notes on behalf of the Class of '61 to the three Dartmouth alumni staff personal who appeared to have done the most to assist our class during the calendar year 2018, namely Angela Stafford, Vince Wilson and Janet Rosa. All three responded positively.

Vic also sent an email to Maynard Wheeler with the name and contact information of the Robert Frost impersonator for our Fall 2018 mini-reunion, should he (as chair) decide to fit it into the always crowded program.

At the request of Don, Vic sent an email to classmate Bill Collishaw thanking him for agreeing to chair the review of our class constitution, and amendment where appropriate, and inviting him to participate in the January 2018 class officers conference call.

Finally, in late December 2017, Vic submitted the '61 class article for the alumni *Class Notes* section of the March/April issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. The article has been posted by Harris on the Class website.

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Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, reported that our current cash balance amounted to \$82,167, with no known debts outstanding, other than the anticipated \$50,000 contribution committed to fund 50% of the class' approved two-part endowed class project.

With respect to class dues for the current year, Ivar reported that to date 260 classmates had paid their dues out of a total current fiscal year dues base of 479 (54%). Dues collected to date for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 amounted to \$15,819 and an additional \$6,116 had also been donated by classmates along with the dues payments for various class projects, for a total of \$21,935 to date. More dues collections are anticipated before the end of the fiscal year. A third solicitation notice will be going out to classmates in January 2018.

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

Henry Eberhardt and Harris McKee, co-head agents of our class DCF efforts, reported that our class DCF goals are now moving toward achievement after a slow start, with our current position similar to last year at this time. As of January 8th, \$90,849 has been pledged or collected against a class goal of \$215,000 in total dollars (42.3%) and 124 contributors (including pledges) have participated out of a total goal of 368 classmates (33.7%) required to achieve an overall high class participation of 75%. Our overall participation to date, based on all eligible classmates (492) is 25%. To date, 11 out of the 15 class officer families have donated. Harris continues to prepare and submit an excellent monthly '61 DCF progress report showing both verbally and graphically the progress that the class has made against its established goals.

Gerry K. and Denny D. are heading the effort to seek the larger donations from leadership prospects. Harris, Henry and Roger M. are heading the effort to contact and administer the numerous class agents and general solicitation from all other classmates. Gerry repeated that based on our unusually small class size and lack of apparent wealth from remaining classmates, the emphasis from our class should be on participation.

DCF conference calls between the '61 class' leadership DCF leaders and Vince Wilson, our class DCF liaison with the College, are taking place at least monthly and at times with other key '61 class DCF agents. In addition to Harris' broad email notifications to all '61 class agents are any revisions to the preliminary assignment of classmate prospects

to class DCF agents on the College's VOLT system and a review for '61 class agents on how to use the VOLT system.

Don reported on the progress of our annual competitive nemesis, Princeton Class of '61, through January 5<sup>th</sup> : \$106,090 donated, 152 donors, 29.3% participation.

### **D'61 Class Constitution Update**

Bill Collishaw, chair, reported that he has reviewed in detail our current class constitution and that it already contains a good degree of flexibility, which is good. He noted that the spouse of a deceased classmates (ie. widow) was already deemed to be a voting classmate. Bill stressed that the key to any revision was to provide continuity of class governance going forward, as more and more of our classmates face their twilight years.

Harris recommended that the spouses of living classmates should now be included as voting classmates, although each family would still have only one combined vote. Gerry suggested that, going forward, it was important to include women in our class governance structure, including as class officers.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Harris McKee, class webmaster, reported that nothing out the ordinary had occurred, except for the email to all class agents on the use of the College's VOLT system and the assignment/reassignment of potential donor classmates to the numerous '61 class agents.

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

Dave Armstrong, '61 class BTS co-chair, reported that our class ranks #2 with 64 classmate members, but still well behind the #1 class. There is room for us to expand our membership and Dave will contact Red Facher, the other class BTS co-chair,, to create a definite plan on how to move forward.

### **Endowed Class Project**

In the absence of Pete Bleyler, primary class endowed project co-chair, Vic Rich, as another class project co-chair, reported that the question of one versus two separate endowed funds for the two separate and unrelated class projects was still not fully resolved with the College but resolution should be achieved within the very near future. The two project areas will be under the direction of the Hopkins Center for the arts initiative grant and the Dickey Center for International Understanding for the international studies/great issues grant. The overall umbrella name for the two endowed projects will be *"The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations"*.

With respect to the Dickey Center award, it has now been agreed that the name of the award will be *"The Class of 1961 Stephen W. Bosworth Award for International Relations"*, giving due recognition to deceased classmate, Steve Bosworth, a former U.S. Ambassador to three foreign nations and a vital force in helping the Dickey Center establish itself as a major player in the arena of international law and diplomacy and international relations at the college/university level during the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Finally, once again, funding for the aforementioned endowed project has been established at \$100,000, of which \$50,000 will be provided from excess funds accumulated in our class treasury over a period of many years and \$50,000 will be provided from classmate donations through June 30, 2020 specifically designated for this endowed project, of which a significant amount has already been pledged by a small group of classmates.

### **Mini-Reunions (On-Campus)**

Maynard Wheeler, chair for class on-campus mini-reunions, stated that our annual Fall on-campus mini-reunion in 2018 will be from Friday evening, October 26<sup>st</sup> through Sunday morning, October 28<sup>rd</sup>, which coincides with "D" Homecoming Weekend and includes the football game against Harvard.

### **Mini-Reunions (Off-Campus)**

Dave and Joan Prewitt, co-chairs for off-campus mini-reunions, reported that the busy schedule for our class' May 2018 mini-reunion scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> PM through May 24<sup>th</sup> PM in Newport, RI has now been finalized, with something or many things for everyone attending. Oscar has signed up a top DJ for one of the planned dinners, with emphasis on a late 1950's - early 1960's tribute to the recently deceased Fats Domino.

Dave stated that as of now 22 classmates, plus numerous spouses and significant others, have signed up to attend. Joan emphasized that there was still time for some additional classmates to sign up at the incredibly low hotel group rate negotiated for our class.

In addition, Oscar discussed the idea of setting up our class' first class mini-reunion outside of the United States, to be held in London with the possible assistance of classmate Frank Stephens, who now resides there with his wife. It was agreed that Oscar would contact Frank to see if he would agree to set up the event in London, probably for the Spring of 2019 to celebrate our mutual 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)**

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair, reported that she had no report to submit but would speak to her co-chairs, Patti Rich and Joan Prewitt, who were all scheduled to attend the Newport, RI mini-reunion, about setting up a separate women's initiative program for a segment of that Newport event as well as for the Fall mini-reunion in Hanover.

In addition, she was working on setting up a '61 women's luncheon or dinner in Los Angeles, Philadelphia and/or other '61 populated geographic location(s) as a follow-up to the successful luncheon held in NY.

### **'61 Virtual Reunion**

Harris McKee, Virtual Reunion Chair, reported that our virtual reunion for this year would be on March 2, 2018, the 61<sup>st</sup> day of the year. Harris will draft the class logo for the 2018 virtual reunion and send it out to all classmates along with specific instructions on how to participate either with other classmates or alone. Harris stated that he was

looking for improved participation from classmates over the prior initial year, when 40 classmates and 9 spouses/children/grandchildren participated.

### **'61 Class Awards Committee**

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that there had been discussion among the committee members, but no decision, as to how many awards to deserving classmates should be presented each year, and whether there should even be a stated limit, and also when the presentations should be made (e.g. major reunions, Fall on-campus mini-reunions, well attended off-campus mini-reunions).

### **D'61 Archive of Class and Classmate Alumni Awards**

Denny Denniston, chair of this internal class project, reported that he had nothing to add at this time to his December report.

### **New Business**

No new business was presented.

The next conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

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