

## **Minutes D'61 Class Officers Conference Call**

### **March 14, 2018**

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**Attending the Meeting:** Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Pete Bleyler, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

**Absent from the Meeting:** Denny Denniston, Hank Eberhardt, Maynard Wheeler, Tom Conger, Red Facher, Dave Armstrong, Joan Prewitt

**Invited Guests:** Vince Wilson (attended), Bill Collishaw (unable to attend), Frank Stephens (unable to attend)

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Don O'Neill, class president, called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone attending.

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the class officers conference call of February 14, 2018, which Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, class secretary, reported that he had prepared and submitted the class article for the Class Notes section of the May/June issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM). He also sent a congratulatory note on behalf of the Class to Angela Stafford, "D" Alumni Activities staff, on her recent promotion to Associate Director of Class Activities (Angela includes our Class within her arena of responsibility and has worked with us since approximately 2015). Vic has been asked to represent the Class of 1961 and the Class Secretaries Association in working with Beth Kelly, Director of Alumni Class Activities, and Angela "to maximize impact and class image consistency between class secretaries, class newsletter editors, class webmasters and class social media chairs".

Finally, Vic wrote a Letter to the Editor of the more expanded on-line version of the DAM, March/April 2018 edition, criticizing the lengthy on-line DAM article entitled "A History of College Park" which gave disproportionately little space and content to the Robert Frost statue section, as opposed to the extensive coverage given to the Bema, Bartlett Tower and the George Shattuck Observatory.

### Treasurer's Report

Ivar Jozus, class treasurer, reported that the Class currently had \$81,423 in the bank and no unpaid bills apart from its obligation to fund the current endowed class project in the amount of \$50,000, or 50% of the required and approved \$100,000. He also mentioned that class dues were still trickling in at a slow pace.

### Mini-Reunions – Off-Campus (Newport, RI)

Dave Prewitt, off-campus mini-reunion chair, reported that 30 classmates, along with several spouses/significant others, had to date signed up that they were going to attend. The three day event, from Sunday evening dinner through Wednesday brunch, is now fully planned out with a highlight being a historical perspective of Newport presented by qualified academic historian and classmate Ron Heinemann. Don mentioned that golf was still a possibility, but unlikely, for a few interested classmates.

### Mini-Reunions – Off-Campus (London, England)

Don O'Neill reported that Frank Stephens, co-chair with his wife, was unable to attend the conference call because he was out negotiating with hotels and other venues and had not yet returned. The dates were now firm for May 15-18, 2019, but several prospective classmates had requested possible extension events and an extended stay in England subsequent to the actual mini dates. The event will begin with dinner on the 15th and end with breakfast on the 18th. The group hotel reservation has been made for three nights. When attendees confirm their booking with credit card details, any extensions either before or after can be made at that time.

### Mini-Reunions – On-Campus

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, was unable to attend the conference call and no report was available. It should be noted, however, that the dates have been set from Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Since this coincides with Homecoming Weekend (and a Dartmouth-Harvard football game), room reservations should be made sooner rather than later.

### Dartmouth College Fund (DCF)

Harris McKee and Rog McArt, co-class DCF chairs, reported that our Class was basically tracking last year, but was slightly behind both in dollars contributed and in classmate participation. Harris stated that through March 13<sup>th</sup> the Class had received \$120,000 in cash and pledges (mostly cash) out of a goal set at \$215,000, for 56% dollar contributions. In addition, the Class currently had 159 classmate donors out of a classmate goal of 367 donors, for 43% participation. On an overall class participation, the Class had 159 classmate donors to date out of a total eligible classmate pool of 489, for 33% participation. It was noted that our participation achievement nemesis each year, the Class of '54, was well ahead of our class to date, but there was still time for us to catch up.

Harris announced that he was in Boston at a conference for New England Development officers as an invited guest to participate in a Dartmouth panel comprised of Sylvia Racca, the Dartmouth I.T. Director and the Development officers from Tuck and Thayer Schools. One of the issues continues to be the exclusion of alumni contributions to "D" related projects (e.g. specific scholarship endowment funds, specific College real estate projects, specific '61 class projects, "Friends of ..." groups and associations, specific athletic facilities, etc.) from counting towards individual and class DCF contributions. The next DCF conference call for '61 class agents is scheduled for next week. Vince will update relevant information and send out an updated report prior to the meeting.

### Class Constitution Update

Don apologized for the absence of Bill Collishaw from the conference call but stated that Bill had completed his review of our class constitution, especially as it related to the Class' goals and objectives, and was in the process of writing up his recommendations for the class officers to review.

### Class Website

Harris McKee, class webmaster, reported that the class website was being updated and added to/deleted from on a constant basis. Five all-class emails had been posted since the February class officers conference call. Other than that, nothing significant going on.

### Class Newsletter

Tom Conger, class newsletter editor, was not available for the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Harris stated that a newsletter was currently being developed by Tom, with an early May publication date anticipated.

### Class Virtual Reunion

Harris McKee, '61 virtual reunion chair, reported that 46 classmates and 26 family members for a total of 72 classmates and family members participated on-line on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, the 61<sup>st</sup> day of the year. Participation by classmates was up approximately 15% over the prior year (40 classmates in 2017); participation by both classmates and family members was up by nearly 47% over the prior year (49 classmates and family members in 2017). Harris noted that several classmate/participants this year were classmates who had maintained a very low profile in the past.

### Class Project

Pete Bleyler, current class project committee chair, reported that a Statement of Understanding regarding the current two-part endowed class project had been received recently from the College and was reviewed by Pete and Don, who were in the process of providing some editing and revisions. These edits and revisions should be completed and submitted to the College for approval within two weeks.

### Bartlett Tower Society (BTS)

Neither of the co-chairs, Red Facher or Dave Armstrong were available for the conference call/meeting and no report was submitted.

### Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair, reported that she had contacted Patti and were in the process of preparing an outline for the WIC session at the mini-reunion at Newport, RI.

#### D'61 Special Awards Committee

Dave Prewitt, committee chair, reported that because of the anticipated high turnout, the Newport, Rhode Island mini was selected as the next location for the granting of special recognition awards to outstanding classmates. An email solicitation notice was being sent out by Harris for additional award nominations at either the '61 mini-reunions in May or in October of this year.

#### Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, committee chair, was unavailable for the conference call/meeting and no report was submitted.

Don asked about any new business; nothing was brought up for discussion.

The next conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at noon.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary

