

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call

June 13, 2018

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Pete Bleyler, Rog McArt, Tom Conger, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Absent from the Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Ivar Jozus, Dave Armstrong, Hank Eberhardt, Maynard Wheeler, Red Facher, Bill Collishaw

Invited Guests: Frank Stephens (attended), Vince Wilson (attended)

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

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the class officers meeting/conference call of May 9, 2018, which Minutes were approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, class secretary, reported the following:

- Classmate Mike Kirst just submitted his resignation as President of the CA State Board of Education, while completing his fourth 4 year term over a period of 44 years beginning in 1974. During Mike's last two terms he has re-shaped the K through 12 education standards, implementation, administrative control and school district financing. Although Mike had been asked by the CA Governor to accept an unprecedented fifth term, Mike declined. [Imagine that --- at age 78, Mike wants to slow down a bit!] Mike, however, will retain his position and continue to be active as a "professor emeritus" at Stanford University. [Note, since graduation, Mike has written more books (14) than I probably have read.]

Vic also packaged a more extensive article on Mike, with various attachments, and submitted same to the editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine requesting a separate mini-article or other special coverage of Mike for an upcoming issue.

- The electronic issue of the May/June issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine contained 8 *Letters to the Editor*, of which 2 were from '61 classmates, Bill Woods and Ralph Parady, who both submitted letters in praise of recently deceased history professor J.C. Adams.
- The Tanzi License Plate plaque, donated to the Class decades ago and auctioned off to 5 class mates at a time at the Class' major reunions every 5 years, has been transferred from Gerry Kaminsky to Vic Rich for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. The next classmate in line is Ron Boss.
- The '61 *Class Notes* article for the July/August issue of the "D" Alumni Magazine was completed and submitted to the magazine in late April and submitted to Harris in May for posting on the class website.
- The new format for the annual Class Activity Report (CAR) for the year ending June 30, 2018 is now available and should be completed by each respective class officer as soon as possible so that Denny and Vic will have time to review and edit where necessary. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY.

Treasurer's Report

Don gave a brief treasurer's report as a result of Ivar Jozus' absence. The Class has a balance of approximately \$33,000, AFTER donating \$50,000 as the Class' 50% cost portion of the endowed class project, the Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations, approved previously by the Class. Also, it is still possible for our class to achieve a 60% participation rate with respect to the payment of class dues, which are still trickling in.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF)

Harris McKee, our class co-head agent (along with Rog McArt, Hank Eberhardt and Denny Denniston) reported that our class was now making significant progress in achieving both our class dollar goal (\$215,000) and our class participation goal (75%),

catching up both in dollars donated and number of donors compared both to last year and to our biggest nemesis with respect to participation (the Class of 1954). Cash collected currently amounts to just over \$200,000, with another \$24,000 in pledges still outstanding and to be collected. In addition, only 65 more classmates need to make a donation to DCF before June 30th in order to achieve our very high participation goal. A conference call between the class DCF leadership and the Alumni Relations Office (Vince Wilson) is scheduled following this conference call.

Revision of '61 Class Constitution

Bill Collishaw, was not available for the conference call, but informed Don that he was in the process of doing a comprehensive review of our Class Constitution and should have a report by our next class meeting/conference call. In addition, he will have a discussion agenda of significant issues and prospective related revisions to be discussed at the Class mini-reunion in Newport next week.

Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, Chair of the Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations Class Project Committee, reported that:

- All administrative issues with the College have been resolved so that the project is now formalized and will begin operating as soon as the \$100,000 in required funding is achieved.
- The 50%, \$50,000, contribution from the Class' accumulated surplus funds has recently been transferred to the College's investment account to begin earning a return on the money.
- The project will now go public within the class and the \$50,000 balance of funds required from classmates will officially begin. Nearly \$20,000 has already been committed from the current class officers. The goal is to obtain the remaining balance by June 30, 2020.
- All contributions to this class project will count towards "D's" 250 Year Anniversary Capital Campaign.

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

Frank Stephens, co-chair of the London mini in May 2019 along with his wife, Dawn, reported that:

- He was working on preparing the preliminary agenda for the mini-reunion and a memo relating to the necessary hotel reservations info for distribution to classmates.
- A “save-the-date” notice should be placed on the class website, in the Minutes of periodic class officer meeting Minutes, in individual mailings to classmates, in the periodic class newsletter and in the class article for the DAM.
- Frank will contact Dave and Joan Prewitt for assorted administrative related advice regarding off-campus mini-reunions.

Mini-Reunions – Off -Campus (Newport, Rhode Island)

Dave and Joan Prewitt, co-chairs of off-campus mini-reunions, reported that the Newport mini in May was a success, which was confirmed by all of the class officers who attended the event. Approximately 22 classmates plus an almost equal number of spouses and significant others attended for all or a portion of the events. The only variable could have been the weather, but apparently David and Joan negotiated successfully with whomever was deemed necessary to take care of that potential issue.

Mini-Reunions – On-Campus (Hanover, New Hampshire)

Maynard Wheeler, who was unable to attend, did submit a report stating that he was working on shifting the date of the long-standing monthly “D” Upper Valley luncheon, from other than the second Wednesday of each month, so that both he and other class officers could attend the class officers monthly conference calls without anxiety.

Class Website

Harris McKee, class webmaster, reported that he made approximately ten updates during the month.

Class Newsletter

Tom Conger, class newsletter editor, stated that a class newsletter was in process and nearing completion, with the expectation that he soon will be able to submit an edition to Harris to review, edit if necessary and then post on the '61 class website before the end of June. All he needed to complete this edition was a write-up on the Newport mini stats and a write-up of the '61 Women's Initiative meeting at Newport; both were promised to him within a few days.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS)

Neither class BTS co-chairs, Dave Armstrong nor Red Facher, were in attendance on the conference call and no report was submitted. However, it was mentioned that anyone who joined BTS during the period of the current "D" capital campaign would receive credit as a donation to the capital campaign.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of WIC along with Joan Prewitt, reported that the WIC meeting at Newport was very successful and could easily have lasted more than the one hour allocated. Nyla stated that the 22 wives and significant others who attended were excited to be considered within the class structure as members of the Class of 1961.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee

Dave Prewitt, committee chair, reported that two classmates, Mike Murphy and Art Kelton, were presented with outstanding classmate awards during the Newport mini. Mike (who attended with spouse Helene) was completely surprised as he received his award in person during the mini, whereas Art received his award via a Skype presentation (Art and Elaine were also supposed to attend but had to cancel at the last minute).

Dave and his committee are requesting prospective names of classmates who are deserving of receiving this award at our next mini-reunion in Hanover during October (Homecoming Weekend).

D'61 Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive

Denny Denniston, chair of this project, reported that there was no update.

Don asked if there was any new business and nothing was brought up for discussion. Don then asked for any suggestions for improving our monthly conference calls, class operations, class communications or any other matters relating to the Class of '61; if any, please submit same prior to or during the next conference call.

The next conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, at noon (EDT).

Don Adjourned the meeting at 12:45PM.

Respectively submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary