

## **Minutes**

### **Class of 1961 Class Meeting**

**September 22, 2018 (COW)**

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Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Rog McArt, Hank Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt, Bill Collishaw (on Zoom)

Absent from the meeting: The remainder of the Class

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson

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Don O'Neill, Class President, called the meeting to order in Halderman 041 at approximately 12:30PM EDT. Before beginning the meeting, Don mentioned that the Class made use of ZOOM (a relatively new audio visual system for virtual attendance) available for all classmates who wished to attend the meeting from an off-site location. Only one classmate, Bill Collishaw, appeared to call into and participate within the ZOOM system.

Don then announced that as a result of Ivar Jozus' retirement from the position of Class Treasurer for medical reasons, Jim Baum has been recruited to fill the position going forward. His selection was approved unanimously. Don thanked Ivar, who was unable to attend COW, for a job well done for many years and for his being a valued member of the Class of 1961, both in the past, the present and, hopefully, the future.

#### Class of the Year Award

Don, then formally thanked all of the class officers and all of the members of the Class of '61 who participated in or engaged with the Class in one manner or another during the year, along with Angela Stafford and Vince Wilson from the Alumni Affairs Office, for helping the Class of 1961 to win the Class of the Year Award for classes out more than 25 years for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. This is now the second time in the past four years that the Class had been

awarded the College's most prestigious alumni recognition. Ironically, we beat out the Class of 1960 on both of those occasions.

### Self-Evaluation of the Class

A summary of comments by class officers and classmates and a reading of the citation written on the Class of the Year award plaque, indicated that the Class had numerous outstanding positive attributes and very few negatives. Key among the positive attributes were the excellent and thorough class leadership and management structure, the cohesiveness of the class management structure and the close connectivity of the majority of the classmates within the class. The few negatives result from the fact that our Class is much smaller than all of the classes since the College went coed and even when measured against the other classes of the 1950s and 1960s. This, along with some other factors, has prevented the Class from being able to raise large sums of money for the Alumni Fund and from being able to create a large pool of classmates willing and able to devote the time and effort and assume the responsibility necessary to manage and lead the class over the decades since graduation. However, since graduation, our classmates have contributed approximately \$13.3 million dollars to the Dartmouth Alumni Fund, which does not even include classmate contributions to specific class projects throughout the decades or substantial specific contributions by classmates to fund specific donor-specified College projects, both of which are specifically excluded from contributions to the Dartmouth Alumni Fund. In addition, the Class has a reasonable sized core group of classmates willing to step-up over the decades on a consistent basis.

### Class Goals for the Next Two Years

After substantial discussion, the following goals and objectives evolved:

- 1) Get more classmates involved in more class activities ---- mini-reunions, 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Class management/leadership, class projects, etc.
- 2) Get the Class and classmates behind the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Dartmouth College (Pete Bleyler was appointed class liaison for this effort).
- 3) Fund fully the required \$100,000 endowment and implement fully *The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International*

*Relations*, which includes *The Class of 1961 Endowment for the Arts* segment and *The Class of 1961 Stephen W. Bosworth Award for International Understanding* segment.

- a) Achieve pledges to fully fund the project by June 30, 2019 (currently at approximately 75%)
  - b) Achieve full funding for the project by June 30, 2020
- 4) Create one or more Class projects which are creative and innovative without costing the Class a great deal of money (Vic Rich proposed two such projects).
  - 5) Get more classmate spouses and widows/widowers involved in class activities and class management/leadership, especially as the Class becomes older and smaller in number of living classmates (the Class currently has three spouse holding officer positions).
  - 6) Complete the informal adoption of all spouses and qualifying widows/widowers into the Class in the near future and where appropriate in the distant future, in individual instances, formally adopt any selected spouses and/or widows/widowers into the Class structure.
  - 7) Increase and maximize the participation of classmates in the London mini-reunion scheduled for May 2019, as this will be in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of most classmates and this will be our first mini-reunion held outside of the United States.
    - a) Consider arranging one or more add-on trips to take place either prior to or, more likely, immediately following the actual four-day reunion scheduled for London from May 15-18, 2019.
    - b) Create and send out a brief survey to classmates to evaluate their interest in attending the London mini and in participating in an add-on trip to one of several places following (or preceding) the actual four day mini
    - c) Consider how the existing London mini can be tied in somehow to Dartmouth's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary (via Lord Dartmouth, etc.)
    - d) Create a one or two page artistic flyer to entice classmates to attend the London mini and possibly any add-on travel locations (Patti Rich to work with Vince Wilson and the Alumni Affairs Office to achieve this)

8) The Class set its DCF goals for the current fiscal year (2018/2019) :

- a) Dollar goal established at \$225,000 (higher by 5% than the goal for fiscal 2017/2018, but less than actually collected)
- b) Classmate participation goal established at 75% (the same goal as for fiscal 2017/2018, but less than actually achieved)
- c) Gerry Kaminsky and Denny Denniston were selected to be the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Leadership co-chairs

9) Increase attendance at the Class' annual Fall mini-reunions in Hanover.

- a) Maynard Wheeler, Mini-Reunion Co-Chair, reported that, to date, attendance projected for the October 26-27, 2018 weekend (which coincides with Homecoming Weekend) includes 14 classmates, several spouses and significant others, Steve Bosworth's widow and several Bosworth family members, Jim Wright and his wife (guests of the Class of '61) and Robert Frost. More classmates are expected to attend for a limited number of events. Two Class dinners, one Class luncheon and one Class brunch have been planned from Friday evening through Sunday noon
- b) Where possible, create innovative events to attract more classmates to attend future Hanover minis

The President adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:05PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor S. Rich, Class Secretary