

Minutes
D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting
October 10, 2018

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Rog McArt, Henry Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Absent from Meeting: Jim Baum, Oscar Arslanian, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Red Facher, Nyla Arslanian

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

Don O'Neill, Class President, called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the class officers meeting/conference call of July 11, 2018, which Minutes were approved unanimously.

Don again thanked all of the class officers and members of the class, as well as Angela Stafford and Vince Wilson from the Alumni Affairs Office, for a job well done in assisting the Class of 1961 to achieve the prestigious Class of the Year award (for classes out more than 25 years) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. To win this award takes a united effort of *many* people all rowing in the same direction at the same pace and with the same tempo. Our overall class results for the fiscal year were outstanding, especially for such a small class.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported the following:

- Harris McKee is scheduled to receive the Dartmouth Alumni Award at the November 16, 2018 Alumni Council Meeting dinner. Classmates Al Rozycki, Denny Denniston and Vic Rich were interviewed on campus about Harris for a video to be presented as part of the award presentation.
- Sent an email to George Lundeen, sculptor of the Frost statue at Dartmouth (and an adopted classmate), informing him that the Class had won the Class of the Year award and thanking him for the Frost statue, which over the decades has become a symbol bonding together the Class of '61. George

congratulated the Class on its award. The email to George also described the Class' new *Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations* project.

- George also has agreed to autograph several Robert Frost statue photos (photo by classmate Ron Wybranowski) which will then be framed and readied for submission to selected classmates for exceptional service to the Class of '61.
- Received a personal note from Catherine Briggs '88, alumni chair of the Dartmouth College Fund, congratulating the Class on receiving the John R. Mason 1915 Award for the highest non-reunion DCF participation percentage (at 77.3%) and for receiving Class of the Year award for 2018.
- Received several emails from various classmates congratulating the Class on receiving the Class of the Year award.
- Sent emails to Angela Stafford and Vince Wilson from the Alumni Relations staff for their ongoing support to the Class of '61 throughout the year and for assisting the Class to achieve Class of the Year.
- Sent an email to Carol Jozus on behalf of the '61 class officers thanking her for her assistance to and support of the Class through the decades of Ivar's tenure as Class Treasurer and expressing regrets from the class officers that she and Ivar would not be able to attend the November class mini-reunion where the Class of 1961 Special Classmate Award is to be presented to him.
- Sent an email to congratulate classmate Mike Kirst, who was one of eight alumni who received a one paragraph write-up in the *Give a Rouse* section in the September/October issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.
- Sent an email to Jim Baum congratulating and, on behalf of the Class, thanking him for taking over the position of '61 Class Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of both Jim Baum, the recently appointed new Class Treasurer, and Ivar Jozus, the outgoing Class Treasurer, Don O'Neill (in contact with both) stated that there were no significant changes to the Class' treasury balance (approx.

\$33,000) and that the bank account and relevant class records were in the process being transferred from Ivar in CT to Jim in Hanover, NH.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Hank Eberhardt, Co-Chair of the '61 DCF effort announced that the Class' dollar goal selected for the current year (fiscal June 30, 2019) will be \$225,000 (of which approximately \$30,000 has already been received) and the Class' participation goal will be 75%. Hank requested that all Class officers either make their contribution or their pledge by December 31, 2018.

Harris McKee, another Class Co-Chair, stated that the College was switching its DCF solicitation and recording system from Volt to Ever-True. He also mentioned that there was some initial problems with the new system, but they should be corrected within the near future.

D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, Chair of the Class Constitution Update Committee, was not able to attend the conference call but informed Don that all revisions are in process of being completed. Don stated that he will follow up with Bill prior to the next class officers conference call.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that there have been multiple updates since the last class officers conference call, but nothing of urgent significance.

Necrologist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Necrologist, reported that there have been no classmate deaths reported since the last class officers conference call.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that the next class newsletter will stress our Class of the Year award, the Class' planned Hanover mini-reunion in October during Homecoming weekend and the Class' planned London mini-reunion in May 2019.

On-Campus Mini-Reunion Report

Maynard Wheeler, Mini-Reunion Co-Chair (along with Dave Prewitt) and the person in charge of on-campus mini-reunions, reported that 19 classmates, an almost equivalent number of spouses or significant others and 2 widows had signed up to attend the upcoming on-campus mini-reunion on October 26-28, 2018, which coincides with Homecoming Weekend. A lot is planned, with class dinners on Friday (Hanover Inn) and Saturday (DOC House), a buffet lunch on Saturday (Hanover Inn) and a farewell brunch on Sunday (Norwich Inn).

The highlight of the weekend will be the formal announcement and acceptance by the Dickey Center for International Understanding as the future administrator of *The Stephen W. Bosworth Award for International Understanding*, which represents one-half of the new Class project, *The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations*. The other half of the project deals with the arts at Dartmouth. At the presentation will be the head of the Dickey Center along with some Dickey Center students, former Dartmouth College President James Wright and his wife, and Christine Bosworth (Steve's widow) and members of the Bosworth family.

In addition, there will be the Dartmouth – Harvard football game on Saturday afternoon, the alumni parade and annual bonfire on Friday night, a class meeting on Saturday (if time permits), a meeting of the '61 Women's Initiative Committee (if time permits) and post-game cocktails at the Frost statue (if time and weather permit).

Off-Campus Mini-Reunion Report

Frank Stephens, in charge of our next off-campus mini-reunion in London, England from May 15 – 18, 2019, was unable to attend the conference call but submitted a refined draft of the proposed agenda for the event. May Fair Hotel reservation instructions will be published by Harris on the Class website.

The question arose as to how to increase participation in the London mini. It was agreed that a mini-reunion in a foreign country needs one or more events, either prior to and/or subsequent to the mini-reunion itself, in order to attract additional classmate participants. After reading the responses to a brief questionnaire and after discussion by the class officers, some of the possibilities included a side trip to Normandy, a walking tour of parts of middle England, a

river cruise within parts of central/eastern Europe, a large ship cruise in the Baltic covering some Scandinavian countries, and/or a visit to some key cities in Russia and/or Eastern Europe.

It was agreed that a catchy flyer should be prepared which promotes the London mini and offers suggestions for some of the pre- and/or post-mini vacation areas to visit. Patti Rich agreed to oversee the development of the flyer with someone from the Alumni Affairs/College's art department.

With respect to the London mini itself, there were several suggested revisions to consider with respect to the itinerary: somehow tie in the mini with Dartmouth's 250th anniversary in 2019 (re Earl of Dartmouth, etc.), add a visit to Churchill's WW II war room in London, and/or add in a theater event option for one evening.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project Report

Pete Bleyler, Chair of the of the '61 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations project, reported that the College's required paperwork was completed and signed off. The solicitations for funding was well on its way -- to date approximately \$25,100 of the \$50,000 remaining balance of commitments to be received from classmates had been pledged or paid in. The other \$50,000 came from excess funds accumulated within the cash treasury through the past five decades. It was agreed that Pete should make a pitch for classmate donations at the upcoming Hanover mini.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Patti Rich, Co-Chair of the WIC, reported that they were once again considering the addition of several regional lunches for the spouses, significant others and widows of '61 classmates (NY Metro area – Patti Rich; Philadelphia area – Joan Prewitt; Los Angeles Area – Nyla Arslanian; Hanover area – Sandy Wheeler/Ruth Bleyler/Lauri Eberhardt).

Patti also reported that the WIC committee would get more involved in trying to expand the participation in the London mini. Apart from coordinating the production of an artistic flyer to promote the event, the WIC committee would make a solicitation appeal directly to the spouses/significant others/widows on its email contact list.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Neither Red Facher nor Dave Armstrong, Co-Chairs of the '61 BTS Committee, attended the conference call and no report was submitted.

'61 Special Classmate Award Committee

Dave Prewitt, Chair of the Special Classmate Award Committee, reported that an award will be presented to outgoing Class Treasurer, Ivar Jozus, for his lengthy and excellent service to the Class, the College and to his community. The presentation will be made during the upcoming Class mini-reunion dinner in Hanover on October 27th. The write-up and award plaque have been completed.

Dave reported that several other classmates are under consideration for the award at a future date and that the committee would be sending out periodic notices to classmates requesting nominations for the Class' award.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this significant historical perspective of the Class since 1961, reported that the archive report was nearly complete, but that there was nothing current to report.

New Business

Don asked if there was any new business of substance to be discussed; none was mentioned.

The next conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at noon (EST).

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary