

## Minutes

### D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

**November 14, 2018**

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Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neil, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Rog McArt, Henry Eberhardt, Dave Prewitt, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Absent from the meeting: Jim Baum, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Tom Conger, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Red Facher, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian

Invited Guests: Ivar Jozus (present), Frank Stephens (present), Vince Wilson (absent)

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

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the class officers conference call/meeting of October 10, 2018, which Minutes were approved unanimously.

Don mentioned that he will explore with Angela Stafford the option and cost of getting a framed or unframed duplicate copy of the Class of the Year citation for each '61 class officer.

#### Secretary's Report

After several discussions and emails with the editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM) over a period of two years about including more write-ups about older alumni, it appears that progress has been made this year ---- especially as it relates to alumni from the Class of 1961. First, there was the full page acknowledgment in the November/December issue of the DAM congratulating the five winners of the Dartmouth Alumni Award, including Harris McKee, to be presented during the Alumni Council dinner later in November. Second, there was the brief write-up on Mike Kirst in the "Give a Rouse" section of the magazine during the middle of the year. Third, there was the brief write-up on Art Kelton in the "Give a Rouse" section during a Fall edition of the magazine. Fourth, there

was the extensive write-up given to Oscar Arslanian, with pictures, in the “Seen and Heard” section of the on-line addition of the DAM and referred to in the regular version of the November/December issue of the DAM. Finally, there was the reference to three classmate members of the 1961 Dartmouth basketball team (Dan Berry, Howie Keys and George Ramming) as part of a lead sports article on then Dartmouth basketball coach, “Doggie” Julien, also in the November/December edition of the DAM.

At the suggestion of Hank Eberhardt, Vic Rich will contact the new head of the Hood Museum and offer to have the Class contribute an autographed (by George Lundeen, sculptor of the statue) and framed photograph of the Robert Frost statue at Dartmouth to the museum, but only if the photo (by Ron Wybranowski) will be exhibited through our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June of 2021.

Vic prepared a written summary of the excellent recent '61 mini-reunion held in Hanover from October 26-28<sup>th</sup>, which was distributed to all. Finally, Vic prepared and submitted our Class Column at the end of October for the January/February 2019 issue of DAM.

### Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Jim Baum, current Class Treasurer, Ivar Jozus, outgoing Class Treasurer presented a brief report. Class dues were coming in on a regular basis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. To date, the Class has received dues from 200 classmates, for a 42% participation rate. The Class treasury currently contained approximately \$49,000, with no major unpaid bills outstanding. All of the Class' financial records and funds were in the process of being transferred from Ivar in Conn. to Jim in Hanover.

### Off-Campus Mini-Reunion (London, England – May 2019)

Frank Stephens, chair of our off-campus mini-reunion in London from May 15-18, 2019, acknowledged the assistance of the Class' ultimate off-campus party planners, Dave and Joan Prewitt, in developing the itinerary and planning for the London mini. Frank articulated that his responsibility was only for the May 15-18 period of the mini itself, although he would be available to assist any classmate assuming the responsibility to organize any travel option either prior to or subsequent to the actual mini (e.g. pre-mini visit to Normandy – Dave/Joan Prewitt; post-mini river cruise – Dave Armstrong; other trips??). Because of the two different currencies involved, Frank mentioned that a procedure has to be

established for the accumulation of mini-reunion fee deposits in US dollars before being periodically remitted to him in pound sterling. With respect to hotel reservations, eight rooms have been booked to date, 15 people to date have signed up to attend (7 couples and 1 widow); Frank will prepare and distribute updated attendance lists on a periodic basis. Frank thanked Patti Rich for assuming the responsibility to prepare a publicity flyer for the London mini. Finally, several event options were being considered/re-considered.

### On-Campus Mini-Reunion (Hanover, NH – October 2019)

Maynard Wheeler was absent from the meeting and no report was submitted.

### Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Henry Eberhardt, Class DCF effort co-chair, stated that to date the Class had received approximately \$44,000 in contributions and pledges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, versus a class dollar goal of \$225,000. Our class participation to date is only 34 donors out of the 361 donors required to attain our class goal of 75%. However, the Class is currently in its leadership giving phase, led by Gerry Kaminsky and Denny Denniston, but will soon begin expanding out to all other classmates, with Hank, Harris McKee and Rog McArt leading the effort, primarily by first expanding the base of '61 DCF agents. Finally, all of the '61 DCF leadership team were learning how to deal with *EverTrue*, the College's newly installed gift recording solicitation and recording system.

### D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the Class Constitution Update Committee, was absent from the meeting and no report was submitted.

### Robert Frost Endowed Class Project Report

Pete Bleyler, chair of this class project, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a brief report which indicated that the Class was steadily approaching its required contribution pledge goal of \$100,000. However, there appeared to be some discrepancy in the amount of dollar pledges actually received to date; Pete will follow up on the discrepancy.

### Webmaster's Report/Class Necrologist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster and Class Necrologist, reported that he had added some additional links and updates to the class website and had added the relevant obituary information for the one classmate who had passed away since the October class officers conference call.

### Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was absent from the meeting and did not submit a report. However, Harris McKee reported that Tom is currently in the midst of preparing an extensive year-end newsletter.

### Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Both Dave Armstrong and Red Facher were absent from the meeting and no report was submitted.

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

Patti Rich, co-chair of WIC, reported that an interesting and informative gathering of eight '61 classmate spouses and widows was held on October 27<sup>th</sup> during the Class mini-reunion in Hanover. The active discussion, apart from the entertaining discourse, included continuing care retirement community differences (including advantages and disadvantages), financial issues facing couples/surviving spouses in our age group, future plans for downsizing and planning for such events and will/inheritance planning issues, including where necessary and appropriate the planning for children and grandchildren's future needs --- especially where special needs and/or conditions exist.

Patti also mentioned that the marketing flyer for the London mini-reunion, which she was asked to work on and complete, had been finalized, approved and sent out to all classmates.

### D'61 Special Classmate Award Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of this committee, reported that there were no new award recipients to announce and approve at this point in time.

## Class and Classmate Alumni Award Archive Project

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class since 1961, reported that the written perspective was nearing completion.

### New Business

Don discussed that the Class officers should consider how the Class of 1961 should tie into the College's 250 year anniversary celebration during 2019. One thought would be to tie in our mini-reunion in London to this celebration, especially if we could get the current Earl of Dartmouth to join the Class during one of its dinner or luncheon events. Don appointed Pete Bleyler to act as the Class' liaison with the College with respect to this 250 anniversary celebration.

In addition, Don appointed Denny Denniston to develop strategies/plans for the Class to maximize its contributions to the College's efforts in its current multi-year "Call to Lead Campaign".

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:50PM EST.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at noon EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary

