

# Minutes

## D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

**December 12, 2018**

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Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Jim Baum, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Bill Collishaw, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Red Facher, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

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

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

Don began the meeting by requesting a moment of silence for all of the classmates that we lost during the year 2018, and especially those previously active classmates who passed away during the past two months (Bob Naegele and Skip Johnson).

Don then thanked all of the '61 class officers for their contribution of time and effort to the Class throughout the calendar year and wishing everyone a happy Holiday and a healthy and happy New Year.

Since the Class Secretary, Vic Rich, was not able to complete timely the Minutes for the November 14th class officers conference call, there were no Minutes to approve at this time.

### Secretary's Report

Vic Rich reported that he and several other classmates (Don O'Neill, Al Rozycki, Henry Eberhardt and Denny Denniston) attended the College's presentation of the Dartmouth Alumni Award to Harris McKee on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Vic, Denny and Al also participated in a brief College produced video which presented Harris as a person and his value to the Class of 1961 and to the College.

Vic then mentioned that not only did the Class win Class of the Year in September and Harris receive the Dartmouth Alumni Award, but three classmates received special mention and a brief writeup in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine during the calendar year (Mike Kurst, Art Kelton and Oscar Arslanian, with Oscar also getting several pictures in the on-line version) and several classmates from D's 1961 basketball team were quoted or referred to in a lead sports article about the team and its then coach, "Doggie" Julian, in the November/December 2018 issue of the D Alumni Magazine (Dan Berry, Howie Keys and George Ramming).

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, was absent from the meeting and did not submit a report. Don mentioned, however, that the Class' funds and financial records were in the process of being transferred from Ivar Jozus (former Class Treasurer) in Conn. to Jim in Hanover. Based on his communications with both Ivar and Jim, Don believes that the Class has approximately \$50,000 in its treasury and no significant outstanding unpaid bills.

### Off-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (London, England – 5/2019)

Frank Stephens, in charge of our next off-campus mini-reunion in London, England from May 15-18, 2019, discussed an amended itinerary which now includes a visit to the Churchill War Room in London, but excludes a night at the theater option because of a lack of time, a lack of a clear consensus for such mini-reunion event and an inability to select a show that everyone would enjoy.

Frank thanked Dave & Joan Prewitt for their assistance in setting up the London mini.

Frank then recommended that the Class Treasurer, Jim Baum, handle the finances for the London mini, where everything here would be recorded in U.S. dollars and then converted into pound sterling when periodic payments were remitted in lump sums from Jim to Frank. This recommendation appeared reasonable to all and was approved.

Frank also mentioned that he would attempt to contact the current Earl of Dartmouth for possible inclusion in one of our Class events to celebrate D's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Dave Armstrong stated that he was planning a week's river cruise from Amsterdam, Holland to Basel, Switzerland after the Class mini ended. Once he finalizes the itinerary, he will email the class officers with the relevant info.

### On-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (Hanover, NH – 10/2019)

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, was not able to attend but did submit a report. The dates for the mini are October 11-13, 2019, which will again coincide with Homecoming Weekend.

### Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Henry Eberhardt, '61 DCF effort co-chair, reported that to date the Class had received \$72,000 in contributions and pledges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 versus a class dollar goal of \$225,000, or 32%. Our class participation rate to date is 12% versus our participation goal of 75%. Hank mentioned that many class officers already had made a contribution or pledge to the DCF and that the remaining officers were committing to do so by December 31st. In addition, Henry noted that he, Harris and Rog McArt (the third Class DCF co-chair) were working to retain and recruit '61 DCF agents for the current year and that Gerry Kaminsky and Denny Denniston were working on '61 leadership giving.

### Robert Frost Endowed Class Project Report

Pete Bleyler, chair of this endowed class project, was unable to attend the meeting and did not submit a report. However, Vince Wilson, who has been accumulating a schedule of project contributions, reported that approximately \$76,000 had been contributed to date from the '61 Class treasury (\$50k) and 35 classmates (\$26k); in addition, he recalled that pledges of an additional \$4,000 also have been received to date. Thus, an additional \$20,000 still needs to be pledged (or contributed) from classmates and friends of the Class within the next few months. Vince will keep the class officers updated as time goes on.

Harris McKee, another co-chair of the '61 DCF effort, added that clearer procedures were now in place to make classmate contributions to the approved class project, *The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations*, simpler by indicating on the check or in an attached note the dollar allocation between the Robert Frost Endowment Project and the DCF.

### D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the Class Constitution Update Committee, was unable to attend the conference call, but reported that he had received comments to his initial draft from Harris McKee and Vic Rich and that a newly revised draft will be sent out within the near future to all of the class officers for any additional comments. Don reported that, based on the magnitude of any additional comments received, he anticipated that Bill should be ready to request and receive final approval from the class officer group by early 2019.

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

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster and Class Necrologist, reported that he had posted several iModule emails and several updates to the class website, including two classmate obituaries.

### Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was unable to attend the conference call, but submitted a report (via Harris) that a current edition of the class newsletter, consisting of 12 pages, had been completed and just published on the class website.

### Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, co-chair of the class BTS committee along with Red Facher, reported that there were no current classmate additions to BTS. Dave agreed to contact Red during December to jump-start the Class BTS effort.

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

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair of the WIC, reported that Patti Rich, another WIC co-chair, would be contacting some of the Class widows who have shown an interest in participating in '61 class activities and who might be interested in attending the London mini-reunion. In addition, Nyla thanked Patti for the job that she had done during the year on behalf of the Women's Initiative Committee during the year.

## '61 Special Classmate Award Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Award Committee, was unable to attend the meeting but reported that there was no action currently under consideration by the committee.

## Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Project Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class since 1961, was unable to attend the conference call and no report was submitted.

## New Business

Don suggested that an important goal for 2019 should encompass seeking out and bringing in additional classmates to become involved in and participate in class operations going forward, especially since our Class was beginning to shrink in size each year due to an accelerating mortality rate. In line with the aforementioned, Vic Rich suggested that each current class officer recommend one classmate to be approved and then contacted about becoming more involved with the leadership of the Class.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:45PM EST.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at noon EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary