

## Minutes

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

**January 9, 2019**

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Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Jim Baum, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

Absent from Meeting: Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Red Facher, 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 then called for the approval of the '61 class officers conference call/meetings of November 14, 2018 and December 12, 2018, both of which Minutes were approved unanimously.

He then reviewed the schedule of proposed class officer telephone conference calls/meetings for the balance of the calendar year 2019, which again were planned for the second Wednesday of each month, from noon to approximately 1PM EST.

#### Secretary's Report

In December, Vic Rich, Class Secretary, wrote and submitted the class column for the Class Notes section of the March/April issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM).

In December, Vic also sent year-end greetings to Angela Stafford and Beth Kelly from the Alumni Relations Office thanking them and their staff for their efforts and support throughout the year on behalf of the Class of 1961.

In response to Pete Bleyler's analysis of the then present state of the funding for the Robert Frost endowed two-part class project and his looking for ways to raise the balance of the funds required by actual contributions and/or by pledges prior to our proposed target date of December 31, 2019, Vic drafted an email to assist Pete and Don in finalizing the final letter to go out to all classmates.

Finally, Vic distributed by email to all class officers a list of the 12 monthly class officers conference calls/meetings scheduled by Don for the calendar year 2019.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum was officially welcomed by Don as the new Class Treasurer.

Jim stated that the transition from Ivar Jozus has been nearly completed: the Class funds of approximately \$40,000 have been transferred to a Dartmouth controlled bank account (new policy) at Ledyard Bank in Hanover, with Jim and Don as the Class' signatories; all of the financial records for the Class have also been transferred; a separate Class account has been set up by Jim for the London mini-reunion. Jim also reported that the third class dues notice would be mailed out to classmates at the end of January or beginning of February .

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

Frank Stephens, chair of the Class' off-campus mini-reunion from May 15-18, 2019, reported that the procedure has been worked out with Jim Baum and the Ledyard Bank for the payments in dollars required from classmates attending to go into the Ledyard Bank, which would then remit periodically batched payments in pound sterling to Frank Stephen's mini-reunion related account in London. Any currency conversion shortfalls/overages would after the mini be paid by/remitted to the Class' Hanover account if not material or would be paid by/remitted to individual classmates attending if material. Frank and Jim Baum would both have access to the London related bank accounts.

Frank reported that he was in contact with Zeke McMullan-Laird, a prior recipient of one of the Class' financial grants to a Dartmouth arts student now studying music as a graduate student at the prestigious London School of Music. Subject to any last minute changes in schedule, Zeke will be attending at least one of our

sessions in London. Frank is still trying to make contact with the current Earl of Dartmouth to see if he would be able to attend one of our Class functions in London.

Frank has planned to receive a 50% deposit from attending classmates in January/February and the projected remaining 50% balance either just prior to or immediately following the London mini. Finally, Frank stated that as of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 22 people have formally signed up with deposits (10 couples and 2 singles), with several others anticipated based on current indications.

Frank Stephens has commented as follows: I have several corrections to the January Conference Call Minutes on pages 2 and 3. They are as follows:

Penultimate paragraph on page 2: As there are no significant advance deposits required by suppliers for the Mini, I have agreed with Ledyard Bank to accumulate all deposits and to make just one payment to the London Mini account in mid-April, just after the deposit deadline. Whilst I am happy to provide Jim Baum copies of the London-related Mini bank accounts, it is not feasible to provide him access. I had a long discussion with the bank, Barclays, last year about a Mini-account, access, etc. To have a non-UK national as a joint account signatory would have involved far too much red tape and could require Jim to fill out more disclosure to comply with local anti-money laundering compliance, for example, than is warranted for such a short-lived account. The account will only be used from mid-April to around mid-June.

Zeke McMullan-Laird was only informed about the schedule of events and said that, closer to the date, he would decide whether it would be possible for him to attend given his other commitments.

First full paragraph on page 3: As mentioned above, the 50% deposit from attendees will be received shortly after the mid-April deadline. The remaining balance which may or not be 50%, depending on actual expenses, will not be required until a couple of weeks following the Mini. The 22 people who have formally signed up have either sent in their Registration Forms or booked hotel rooms at the May Fair or both. They have not necessarily sent in deposits which are not due until 15 April.

Best regards, Frank"

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

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on-campus mini-reunions, was not present, but his submitted report stated that there was nothing new at this time.

### Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Hank Eberhardt, co-chair of our Class' DCF efforts, presented the monthly written report prepared and submitted by Harris McKee, another Class DCF co-chair.

Hank reported that as of January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Class had received actual contributions and pledges equal to 51.6% of our Class dollar goal of \$225,000 for the current fiscal year. In terms of participation, to date the Class is at 24.3% of its Class participation goal of 75% for the current fiscal year. To again reach 75%, we need 361 total donors from our current class of 481 still existing and locatable class members. It was noted that all 19 class officers had either made a dollar contribution and/or a firm pledge to the DCF for the current fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>.

On a comparative basis with Dartmouth as a whole, the College was as of January 8th at approximately 47.5% in contributions received or pledged and at 14.9% in terms of participation.

Hank noted that the Class was still in its Phase 1 leadership giving phase under the leadership of Gerry Kaminsky and Denny Denniston but was now preparing to enter into its mass contribution and broad participation phase, headed by Harris, Hank and Rog McArt and utilizing the many loyal class agents to broaden the Class' contribution efforts.

Harris added that the transition from the College's VOLT gift recording system to the EverTrue system has not been easy, to say the least, and that Vince Wilson has been very helpful in easing the transition. However, once the kinks could be worked out, the end results should be an improvement to the VOLT System.

Hank and Harris noted that a Class DCF committee conference call was to be held immediately following this class officers conference call.

#### D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the Class Constitution Update Committee, reported on the two major topics regarding the update of the Class Constitution. First, the new section regarding the informal adoption of classmate spouses and widows/widowers has been completed. Second, the current make-up and function of the

Class Executive Committee (Article 7) is outdated and non-functional, and should be amended. The goal is to create an expanded executive committee beyond the current group of class officers (which have been increased over the decades to 16 active classmates and 3 active spouses), which limited group will serve in a non-voting advisory capacity to the class officers with respect to significant Class issues and hopefully become class officers in the future.

After some discussion on how large this advisory group should be and how to obtain the members for the group, Vic suggested that every class officer come up with the name of one classmate and Denny suggested that many of these members can be obtained from the current group of '61 DCF agents, as these classmates are already involved within the Class.

Bill stated that once the issue of the "Class Executive Committee" is finalized, he will finalize the amendment of that section (Article 7) and then send out revised drafts of the Class Constitution to all class officers for their final approval. Don reiterated that the goal is to have the amended Class Constitution completed and fully approved by the Class Officers and by the Class prior to June 30, 2019.

#### Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, co-chair of the Class BTS efforts along with Red Facher, reported that a conference call was held recently between Dave, Red, Vince Wilson and some other class officers (Don, Denny, etc.). At this conference call, it was decided that Dave and Red would solicit during the next few weeks the top approximately 50 classmates who had not yet joined BTS from the top 100 financial donors from the Class.

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

Patti Rich reported that she and fellow co-chair, Nyla Arslanian, were going to contact some Class widows and some spouses of classmates to encourage them to attend the upcoming Class mini-reunion in London.

#### Robert Frost Endowed Class Project Report

Pete Bleyler, chair of this class project, was unable to attend the conference call . However, Vic previously covered the progress and the plan to move forward with a letter to be sent out to all remaining classmates explaining the two-part project, its history and requesting a contribution to fund same.

### Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that apart from some updates he has created and posted the design for this year's Class Virtual Reunion poster. This year's Virtual Reunion for the Class is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019.

### Class Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that one classmate had passed away since December's class officer conference call (Jay Torok).

### Newsletter Editor Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was not able to attend but reported that the next edition of the class newsletter was in process.

### D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the committee, was unable to attend the conference call but reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

### Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

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

### New Business

Don stated that the goal of engaging other classmates to become more involved with the Class' management and Class' activities had been addressed for now during the discussion of the amending of the Class Constitution.

Denny then mentioned that in connection with Dartmouth's 250 year anniversary celebration, the Dartmouth/Princeton football game was going to be held in Yankee Stadium, located in New York City, on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Denny suggested that the Class reserve a block of seats together for members of the Class and their guests. Vic suggested that we also get together for brunch beforehand or dinner afterward and count the function a mini-reunion. (Note that subsequent to the conference call, Denny contacted the Dartmouth Athletic Office and got a limited block of good seats reserved for our Class.)

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:10PM EST.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at noon EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61 Class Secretary