

## Minutes

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

March 13, 2019

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Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Bill Collishaw, Rog McArt, Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Armstrong, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Jim Baum, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Tom Conger, Red Facher, Nyla Arslanian

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

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

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the '61 class officers conference call/meeting of February 13, 2019, which Minutes were approved unanimously as written and presented.

Don then discussed that the emphasis of this month's conference call will be the revisions to the '61 Class Constitution, the current status of the '61 Class DCF efforts and the London mini-reunion.

#### Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, was appointed to the Integrated Class Communications (ICC) Task Force, a group whose goal is to integrate communications among the various alumni classes. The ICC Task Force was established by the Office of Alumni Affairs in conjunction with the Class Officers Association Executive Board (COAEB) to consider how communications, especially between classes, could be improved and made more standardized between classes. In connection with the initial phase, Vic responded in detail to a series of 7 questions posed by the Alumni Affairs Office.

Vic completed and submitted the bi-monthly DAM article at the end of February for the May/June 2019 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.

Vic prepared and submitted a background sheet of his Dartmouth experience and qualifications to become an Alumni Council Representative (1 of 3 seats) for the most recent 20 post-55<sup>th</sup> reunion classes. [ Subsequent conference call election in late March among the class presidents selected John Walters '62 to fill this position. John is an excellent choice; among other things, he a former class president and a former president of the entire Alumni Council. Feel free to contact John about any Dartmouth-related concerns or suggestions you may have. ]

Vic prepared and submitted detailed comments and a summary amended re-write to Bill Collishaw's well thought out recent draft to the proposed revisions of our 61' Class Constitution.

Vic selected by Alumni Relations to complete the Class Officers Association Executive Board's (COAEB) survey on Class Volunteer Training Resources.

Vic reviewed the '61 Annual Financial Report for fiscal 2017/2018 and fiscal 2016/2017 and passed along his questions and comments to Jim Baum for follow-up.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, was not able to attend the conference call and no report was submitted. Don reported that based on his recent communications with Jim, the balance in the class treasury was approximately \$40,000, the same as at the time of the February conference call.

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

Frank Stephens, chair of the off-campus mini-reunion in London from May 15-18, 2019, was unable to attend the conference call but submitted a report that he was having trouble reaching the current Earl of Dartmouth and that committed attendance was now at 19. Frank will be sending out reminders to those projected attendees who have not yet sent in their deposits and/or made their London hotel reservations.

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

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on campus mini-reunions, was unable to attend the conference call, but submitted a report that Harris placed the necessary sign-up info on the class website and that the Saturday evening dinner is scheduled this year to be held at the Montshire Museum of Science just across the bridge from Hanover to Norwich, using our regular caterer to provide the dinner. Our usual venue, the DOC House will be undergoing refurbishing and is unavailable for this year.

### Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

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

Hank reported that as of March 12<sup>th</sup>, approximately \$141,000 in cash and pledges has been received versus our '61 goal of \$225,000, or 63%, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. With respect to participation, 146 classmates have made a DCF contribution or pledge, which puts us at 31% of our stated goal of 75%. To again achieve a 75% classmate participation rate, we need a total of 359 classmate contributors by June 30<sup>th</sup>, which represents 75% of our current class count of 478 existing and locatable class members. Compared to last year, we are (as of March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Class DCF effort is ahead in terms of cash/pledge contributions but behind slightly in terms of the number of donors (ie. participation).

Hank then reported that Harris, Rog and Henry were, in the short-term, working to get the 5 members from our class who had contributed a total of \$45,000 and at least \$3,000 each last year but who have yet to contribute or make a pledge for the current year.

A '61 DCF committee conference call is scheduled to take place along with Vince Wilson, who has been very helpful to our class DCF effort, following this conference call.

### D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the add-hoc Class Constitution Update Committee organized to review and revise the '61 Class Constitution where necessary or desirable, reported that the revised draft of revisions to the '61 Constitution (Articles III, V, VI, VII) had been sent out to the other four committee members for comments.

Numerous comments and suggestions were received and synthesized by Bill and the other committee members (Don, Denny, Vic, Harris) and then Vic put all of the accepted proposed revisions onto a single document to make it easier for everyone on the committee to "sign off" and for Bill to synthesize all of the accepted revisions into a, hopefully, final document to be approved or rejected ("up or down") via a vote first among the '61 class officers at the March class officers conference call and then by the entire class via an electronic vote.

#### Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, co-chair of our Class' BTS efforts along with Red Facher, reported that he and Red were going to contact the top 25 classmates who have not yet joined BTS out of the 100 top '61 DCF donors from the Class. All of these calls will be made prior to the March class officers conference call. After that, Dave stated that the next highest 25 non-BTS classmates from the same list would be contacted.

#### Robert Frost Endowed Class Project Report

Pete Bleyler was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report. Vince Wilson, however, noted that the Class is close to achieving its minimum goal of \$100,000 necessary to fund the two-part Robert Frost endowed class project. To date, the Class Treasury had transferred its \$50,000 of excess accumulated funds, individual classmates and widows have contributed \$44,280 to date and individual classmates and widows have pledged 4,789. This leaves only \$931 still to be contributed or pledged by June 30, 2019. It appears clear that the Class will achieve its minimum goal by that date. In addition, several classmates have indicated that they have made or inquired about making a testamentary gift (BTS) to this new outstanding class project. Kudos to Pete for getting the project approved and funded.

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

Patti Rich, co-chair of WIC, reported that four widows to date have contributed a total of \$1,850 towards this year's DCF efforts and at least one widow has contributed significantly to class projects. Several widows have also contributed to prior years' DCF efforts and to various class projects. Responses have been sent to all of these widows thanking them for their continuing involvement with the College and the Class. Patti is also working with Vince Wilson on creating a program to engage widows/widowers with the various classes and with the College on a more consistent basis.

Patti also reported that, at Tom Conger's request, Nyla and Patti would submit a brief WIC article for the upcoming issue of the Class' newsletter, with Nyla taking the lead on this.

Finally, Don recommended that, when the revisions to the '61 Class Constitution are completed and approved, the Patti and Nyla should send out a significant communication to all '61 spouses and widows of the historical event of the informal adoption by the Class of these two significant groups and thanking them for their current and hopefully continuing participation within the Class and with the College.

### Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past 30 days, he had posted 15 updates and sent six iModules emails. Opening rates to iModules emails still achieved approximately 60%, which is well above iModules general opening rate.

### Class Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that no classmate or spouse of a classmate had passed away during the past 30 days (that he was aware of).

### D'61 Virtual Reunion Report

Harris McKee, director of our annual '61 Class Virtual Reunion effort on March 2nd, replied that the Class' efforts this year with respect to this project were somewhat disappointing with only 28 classmates and 9 assorted family members, for a total of 37, participating this year. This was a smaller turnout than last year

and for the year before that. Harris wondered whether this unique “mini-reunion” had run its course. It was suggested that Harris check with the Alumni Affairs Office to find out whether other classes, especially the older classes, were experiencing the same drop in participation and report back to us before any decision is made by the class officers to retain or drop this annual effort.

### Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was unable to attend the conference call, but he reported that preparation of the next class newsletter was currently in process and expected to be completed and published in early April. Harris agreed to follow up with Tom about getting the next class newsletter completed and out the door.

### D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, 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, was not present and no report was submitted.

### New Business

Don reported that the discussion for the election of a class representative to represent the older classes past their 55<sup>th</sup> reunion had begun among the class presidents. The final vote will be among 5 nominees, including Vic Rich as the proposed nominee from the Class of '61, and is to be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> in connection with a conference call of all 20 of the Class Presidents from the older 20 classes involved. [ Again, subsequent to the '61 class officers conference call of March 13<sup>th</sup>, John Walters '62 was elected to be a class representative to the Alumni Council representing the 20 most recent classes to have completed their 55<sup>th</sup> reunion. John is an excellent choice. ]

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm EDT.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at noon EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary