

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

April 10, 2019

Attending the Meeting: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian

Absent from Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Jim Baum, Bill Collishaw, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Tom Conger, Red Facher, Patti Rich, Joan Prewitt

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

In the absence of Don O'Neill, Class President, and at his request, Vic Rich, Class Secretary, called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

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

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, sent a note of congratulations to John Walters '62, who was just elected as the most recent Class Representative to the Alumni Council, representing (along with two other staggered-term representatives) the 20 youngest alumni classes who have already had their 55th Reunions. Each such representative has a staggered three-year term, with one term opening up each year. Vic's email note congratulated John on his election and offered the Class' assistance to him. John was an excellent choice to represent us "oldies"; I know him well.

Vic reviewed the '61 Class Annual Report f/y 6/30/2018, which had just been completed and submitted to the College by the former '61 class treasurer (Ivar Jozus), and communicated a few apparent issues which needed resolution, or at

least explanation, to our current class treasurer, Jim Baum. Jim followed up in part with Ivar and the College and was able to locate some funds inadvertently not yet remitted back to the Class. As of today's conference call, two outstanding items still required resolution or adequate explanation.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, was unable to attend the conference call and no report was submitted.

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, reported that everything was coming into place re the upcoming mini in London. At this point in time, 19 classmates and spouses/ significant others were expected to attend. Frank stated that he was still having difficulty reaching the 10th Earl of Dartmouth concerning his attendance at one of our Class dinners during the mini. A list of menu choices will be sent out next week to all anticipated attendees. According to Frank, the only real uncertainty is the weather ---- and he is working on it.

Vic thanked Jim on behalf of the '61 class officers and the Class of '61 for being so thorough in his efforts to make the London mini a highly enjoyable and successful experience for all those attending.

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 reported that nothing new had taken place with respect to the October mini.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Henry 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 Henry.

Henry reported that as of April 9, 2019, approximately \$156,000 in cash and pledges had been received versus our '61 cash goal of \$225,000, or 69.3%, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. With respect to participation, 166 classmate donors have made a DCF contribution or pledge, which puts the Class at 34.7% of the Class' stated goal of 75%. To again achieve a 75% classmate DCF participation rate, the Class needs a total of 359 classmate donors by June 30th, which represents 75% of our current class count of 478 existing and locatable class members. To date, only four classes are ahead of the Class of '61 in terms of participation, with the leading class at 36.2%. Harris added that compared to last year at this time, the Class is slightly ahead in terms of cash and pledges, including four additional "1769 Donors" (donors for the fiscal year of \$2,500 or more) but slightly behind in terms of the number of classmate contributors.

Harris also noted that for the College DCF effort as a whole, through April 9th the College had collected or received pledges equal to 60.2% of its stated dollar goal and achieved a donor participation rate of 20.4% for contributions and pledges.

Henry added that only five '61 Class DCF agents had not yet contributed for the current fiscal year and these classmates will be contacted personally. In addition, there was a continuing effort to convince a few remaining leadership prospects to make a meaningful donation.

Finally, Harris mentioned that recently he had participated in a Hanover initiated DCF Zoom meeting, during which there was an emphasis on beginning to solicit *continuing* automatic DCF contributions from alumni and friends, on an annual, quarterly or even monthly basis.

D'61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the ad-hoc Class Constitution Update Committee organized to review and revise the '61 Class Constitution where necessary or desirable, was unable to attend but Vic reported that the revised draft of revisions to the '61 Class Constitution (Articles III, V, VI, VII), assuming final approval by the four committee members, will be ready to submit to the entire '61 class officers as a group for their approval. After that is achieved, a copy of the existing current Class Constitution and the proposed amendments thereto will be made available to all classmates, with the intention of a Class "approve" or "reject" vote to take

place at the next '61 Class Meeting, scheduled to be held during our Fall mini-reunion in Hanover during the weekend of October 11-13, 2019.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, co-chair of the '61 Class BTS efforts along with Red Facher, mentioned that a recent hip replacement operation had put the BTS team behind schedule, but that was now behind him. He then reported that he had drafted a personalized solicitation letter which he had sent out to Red and a few other class officers to review. After the letter is approved, it will be sent out to a predetermined group of 25 non-BTS prospective classmates (previously determined) to hopefully convince them to become BTS members by making a testamentary bequest to Dartmouth College of any stated fixed dollar amount or percentage of their gross estate or net estate before distribution to beneficiaries. Dave also mentioned that he has two classmate prospects close to signing up.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Don earlier had received an email stating that Pete was doing a great job presenting the class project to appropriate faculty and administration personnel and obtaining all of the approvals and working initiatives required.

Vince Wilson reported that since last month there were no new funds received from classmates, so that the final \$931 was still to be received or committed by June 30, 2019 in order for the Class to fully fund the \$100,000 required to meet the financial requirements necessary to initiate and implement the project starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. Clearly, the financial goal will be met by June 30th.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Committee

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair of the WIC along with Patti Rich, reported that a few additional widows (other than the four who have already contributed to the '61 DCF effort) have indicated to either Patti Rich or Nyla that they may make a contribution to this year's '61 DCF. In addition, Nyla stated that, with some input

from Patti, she had prepared a WIC article to be included in the upcoming Class Newsletter.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted about a half-dozen updates to the website and that the College has announced that it is discontinuing in April the use of the VPN connection which will be replaced by a successor program.

Class Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that no classmate or spouse of a classmate was reported to have passed away during the past month (the Class has been on a favorable roll now for a few months).

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was unable to attend the conference call and no report was submitted. Harris, however, reported that an April 1st edition of the '61 class newsletter had been completed and recently posted on the Class website in HTML and PDF versions and that the PDF version had been approved for print release by the Alumni Relations Office. Harris also stated that a third edition of the class newsletter is planned for completion and distribution prior to the fiscal year-end June 30, 2019, thus enabling the Class to take advantage of the three editions per year financially subsidized by the College.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, stated 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 as it has related to the College since 1961, stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

New Business

Vince Wilson brought up the Dartmouth Educational Association (DEA) and that several alumni from our class and other alumni classes had asked whether such an organization would still be necessary under the newly proposed financial aid proposals espoused by the College. Vince explained that the DEA was an independent alumni run organization that provided loans to Dartmouth students whose financial aid packages were not fully funded. Vince stated that the independent organization would still continue to serve a valuable financial aid support role and that he would send out to all of the class officers a full explanation of the DEA.

Vic adjourned the meeting at 12:40pm EDT.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at noon EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary