

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

June 12, 2019

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

Absent from Meeting: Bill Collishaw, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Rog McArt, Tom Conger, Red Facher

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

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

Don then stated that due to medical reasons (knee replacement surgery), Vic Rich had not been able to complete the Minutes for the May 8th class officers conference call/meeting. Vic stated that these Minutes will be completed well prior to the July class officers conference call.

Finally, Don reported that the London mini-reunion in mid-May was an unmitigated success and he thanked Frank Stephens and his wife for a well-planned and well-executed mini.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that the results of the current year's Honorary Degree Committee, of which he is a member, were finalized and submitted to the College president's office for approval for the 2020 graduation year. Although no one from the Class of 1961 was included, we did have one classmate who made it into the final cut. Vic stated that, unfortunately, he cannot discuss any name or names of those considered for the current year.

Vic noted that Beth Kelly, Director of Alumni Class Activities, has invited alumni class leaders to submit stories about "how you and your classmates are celebrating Dartmouth's 250th Anniversary", with the best stories to be published.

He then stated that he was working with Frank Stephens to produce a viable summary of the London mini-reunion to submit to Beth Kelly, which summary was nearly completed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, Class Treasurer, reported that he has been working hard to resolve open financial items brought up by other class officers. Not all open items have been resolved as of now, primarily whether the dues and additional contributions paid with those dues and the number of classmates who paid dues during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 cover the period both during the portion of the year in which Jim was the class treasurer and the portion of the year in which Ivar was class treasurer. *[Note that all issues re class dues and dues related contributions were subsequently resolved.]*

Jim reported that the cash account balance at Ledyard Bank for the Class as of June 11th was \$47,165.

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

Frank Stephens, chair of the off-campus mini-reunion in London, reported that the mini went well and that the London weather was unusually favorable. A few open items still need to be resolved, but nothing significant.

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 not much new had occurred with respect to the October mini. Maynard did report that the mini is expected to have an anthropology academic student and an arts student joining us for at least one dinner. Because the mini weekend coincides with Homecoming Weekend, Maynard urged everyone planning to attend to obtain off-campus housing as soon as possible.

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 June 12, 2019, \$210,728 in cash and pledges had been received versus our '61 cash goal of \$225,000, or 94%, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; approximately \$14,000 to go. With respect to participation, 239 classmate donors have made a DCF contribution or pledge, which puts the Class at 50% of the Class' stated goal of 75%. To again achieve a 75% classmate DCF participation rate, the Class needs a total of 360 classmate donors by June 30th, which represents 75% of our current class count of 480 existing and locatable class members.

To date, three classes are ahead of the Class of '61 in terms of participation, with the leading class (1960) at 63.7%, but the other two classes at less than 60%. Harris added that compared to last year at this time, the Class is ahead in terms of cash received and pledges, but behind in terms of the number of classmate contributors. Denny added that the Class' "swat team" is actively engaged in contacting classmates who have not yet made a contribution, with the emphasis on "LYBUNTS".

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 the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Don reported that he, with assistance from Denny, Harris and Vic, was taking over completing the final revised draft of revisions to the '61 Class Constitution (Articles III, V, VI, VII) for final review by Bill and then submitting same to the entire '61 class officers as a group for their approval, hopefully by the July 2019 conference call.

After that is achieved, a copy of the existing current Class Constitution and the proposed amendments thereto will be made available to all classmates, probably via email, 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. Harris will work with Bill to implement and submit the final revised version.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, co-chair of the '61 Class BTS efforts along with Red Facher, reported that he class BTS had signed up some new members and had several good prospects. Don mentioned that he had just agreed on a statement of understanding with the College for the establishment of the Don O'Neill Family Gift which, when finalized should qualify for BTS membership. Dave stated that once class DCF efforts were completed f/y/e June 30, 2019, he would initiate a conference call to decide how best to move forward with the class DCF effort.

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

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Committee

Nyla Arslanian, co-chair of the WIC along with Patti Rich, reported that there was nothing new to report.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted seven updates to the website, four iModules mailings and one classmate obituary. Harris also noted that the Class had successfully moved to the new VPN process for uploading web pages.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that one classmate (Bill O'Keefe) was reported to have passed away during the past month. [We subsequently learned that another classmate, Bruce "Rusty" Cook, had also passed away during this period.]

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was unable to attend the conference call but Harris reported that the June edition of the '61 class newsletter has been completed in both PDF and HTML formats and should be published prior to June 30th.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, reported that the committee will look towards the October on-campus mini to consider presenting its next award winner designee(s).

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.

Class of '61 Performing Arts Legacy Report

Oscar Arslanian, long-time co-chair of the "Class of 1961 Legacy: The American Tradition in Performance" along with David Birney and now chair of that class project, reported that he had received from the College the most recent financial report which showed that the '61 Legacy was alive and well and very active on an annual basis supporting financially several Hopkins Center performances and related conferences/discussion groups/classroom activities between the performers and the students each year. Financially, the '61 legacy endowed fund at June 30, 2018 had a very healthy fair market value of \$1,330,716 and had expended \$47,577 on performing arts (theatre, music, dance) activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. To summarize, the '61 legacy has been an outstanding success as an ongoing class project since its inception many years ago.

New Business

- Oscar Arslanian suggested that any class officers or other classmates who were friendly with David Birney (and Michele Roberge, his significant other)

should give him a call (#714/330-9019) as his illness was becoming more debilitating.

- Don O'Neill reported that the newly revised Class Activity Report (CAR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was now available on line and each section should be completed by the proper class officer as soon as reasonably possible so that there will be adequate time to review and edit same (if necessary) prior to the final due date for submission of July 30, 2019.

- Don recommended that those classmates attending the Dartmouth/Princeton football game at Yankee Stadium on November 9, 2019 and any other classmates interested should try to get together for dinner after the game and/or for lunch prior to the game. Aside from the social aspect, this side event could be considered a mini-reunion. After some discussion, Don appointed Denny Denniston and Gerry Kaminsky to plan for an after-game dinner and/or a before-game luncheon.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm EDT.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary