

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

August 14, 2019

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

Absent from Meeting: Pete Bleyler, Red Facher, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (present)

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

Don then called for the approval of the Minutes for the July 20, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting, which Minutes for that date were approved unanimously as written and submitted, subject to two revisions.

At this point, Don stated that the Class had completed its detailed Class Annual Report (CAR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and submitted same by the due date of July 30, 2019. He thanked the several class officers involved in producing and editing the various sections of the CAR report on such a tight timeframe.

Finally, Don welcomed Ron Wybranowski as the incoming Class Treasurer and also thanked Jim Baum for assisting the Class as Treasurer for the past year. Don also thanked Pete Bleyler for volunteering to be the Reunion Chair for the Class' 60th Reunion in June 2021.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the July 10, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting.

Vic worked along with a small team of other class officers (Denny, Don, Harris) to complete and edit the Class Activity Report CAR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, submitted for Class of the Year consideration on July 30th.

Vic mentioned that a member of the Class of '60 wrote a "Letter to the Editor", published in the recent September/October 2019 issue of the DAM, stating that it was about time that '61 classmate Denny Dinan had effectively been exonerated from being removed or forced to retire in 1983 by then College President David McLaughlin '54 as the then editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (1973-1983) over policy agreements apparently relating to the magazine's too independent viewpoints and Denny being told increasingly what he could and could not publish in the magazine. I regret not sending in a similar "Letter to the Editor" on behalf of the Class of '61 prior to receiving a copy of such letter from the '60 alumnus; definitely my mistake of omission as Class Secretary.

Vic received an email from Red Facher which included a photo of Red and Dick Beattie at a music concert this summer at Tanglewood, a music concert venue in Lenox, MA. Apparently, they both had planned to get together there at the same time, with their respective spouses and separate friends. Both looked great! This was a special moment for two long-time friends of approximately 60 years and Red specifically requested that Vic forward the photo to TC for publication in the next '61 newsletter. As an aside, Marylou Facher requested that all future emails for Red be sent directly to her at maryloufacher@verizon.net.

Finally, Vic sent an email to President Hanlon congratulating him and his administration for quickly tackling the issue of overt sexual harassment on campus and for settling quickly through arbitration the outstanding sexual harassment lawsuit against the College.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Baum, outgoing Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances totaled \$46,303. Jim also stated that the first class dues letter to classmates for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was currently being drafted and is intended to be mailed out earlier than in prior years.

Finally, Jim volunteered to work with Ron Wybranowski, the incoming Class Treasurer, to effect a smooth transition. Most immediately, Jim will work with Ron, with assistance from Denny Denniston, to complete and submit the Class'

annual financial report and annual federal tax Form 990 by the required due dates for each.

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

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on-campus mini-reunions, reported that as of now 15 classmates and spouses/significant others had registered formally to attend the '61 mini on October 11-13, 2019. However, Maynard further indicated that another 10-12 people were planning to attend but had not yet formally registered. Because the mini weekend coincides with Homecoming Weekend, Maynard urged everyone expecting to attend should obtain off-campus housing as soon as possible and formally register. Maynard, Harris and Vince will prepare an email to be posted on the class website and otherwise distributed to facilitate registration and obtaining off-site housing. Also, the names of those attending would be posted.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Hank Eberhardt and Harris McKee, co-chairs (along with Rog McArt) of our Class DCF efforts, presented the revised annual class DCF report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

- Total cash contributions of \$242,282 were received versus our '61 cash goal of \$225,000, or 108%.
- With respect to participation, 359 classmate donors made a DCF contribution out of a donor base for the Class of 478, which puts the Class at 75.1% versus the Class' stated goal of 75%. Among all classes, only the Class of 1960 achieved a higher class DCF participation rate, at 77.2%.

Harris stated that he was engaged in reviewing VOLT entries made by '61 DCF solicitors for alumni info to be updated to '61 Dartmouth alumni records. Also, all '61 class DCF agents will use VOLT for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, rather than EverTrue. Finally, during the next several weeks, the '61 DCF team will review the DCF class agents for the year ended June 30, 2019 to better evaluate their willingness to serve and their willingness to document their DCF activities.

Within the near future, the Class DCF leadership team will need to recommend a '61 class dollar goal and a '61 class participation goal for the current fiscal year.

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, reported that Don had recently compiled a revised draft (Articles III, V, VI, VII) of the proposed revised Class Constitution for the committee members (Bill, Don, Denny, Harris and Vic) to "final" review and approve. When the final draft is approved by the committee, hopefully by the end of September 2019, it will then be submitted to the entire '61 class officers group for their review and approval, hopefully by the October, 2019 class officer's conference call/meeting. After that is achieved, a copy of the existing current Class Constitution, the proposed amendments and the proposed amended Class Constitution will be sent to all '61 classmates and to the College's alumni administration prior to the end of the calendar year 2019. The end goal hopefully will be approval of the Amended '61 Constitution by the College by the beginning of calendar year 2020 and by the members of the Class of 1961 no later than the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2020 (but expectedly well before that).

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair along with Red Facher, stated that he was looking to set up the delayed conference call in September that he would initiate with Red, other selected class officers and Vince Wilson to decide how best to move forward immediately with expansion of the Class' BTS effort. Consideration would be given to adding a third classmate to the BTS committee.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was unable to attend the conference call but did 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) in order for the Class to fully fund the \$100,000 minimum financial requirements necessary to endow this class project. In addition, Pete had mentioned previously that there were some project administrative matters and confusions that needed to be clarified and dealt with.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Committee

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of the WIC, reported that they were sending out condolence cards, emailing or otherwise communicating with the widows of deceased classmates. Serious consideration was being given by Patti to setting up another luncheon in the New York area for '61 spouses, significant others and widows, as a follow-up to the successful event held in Manhattan two years ago. Nyla planned to draft a communication oriented toward encouraging more spouses, significant others and widows to attend the '61 October mini in Hanover and the November 9th Dartmouth/Princeton football game at Yankee Stadium in New York. Also, Nyla stated that they planned to expand and update the WIC contact list of '61 spouses, significant others and widows.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted nine updates to the website and seven IModules emails to classmates.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (Necrologist) reported that three classmates passed away during the past month. See the class obit write-ups on the Class website for names and full details. After a few quiet obit months in a row, the "obit process" has picked up again.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that the next edition of the '61 class newsletter is currently being put together and will be completed and published shortly after the October '61 mini-reunion in Hanover.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, was not able to attend the conference call/meeting and no report was submitted. However, there were some classmates currently being considered for this award.

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 he has lost his on-line file of data which had been accumulated and recorded. Since much of the earlier class and classmate award info had been accumulated and submitted to Denny by Vic Rich, Denny asked him to look through his files in order to try to recover at least some of the historical data so that Denny could reconstruct at least the earlier parts of his file.

Dartmouth/Princeton Football Game Events – November 9, 2019

Apart from having a '61 seating section for the Saturday football game at Yankee Stadium, there are other Dartmouth sponsored events inserted for the weekend from Friday, November 8th through Saturday, November 9th. In addition, Denny Denniston and Gerry Kaminsky are in charge of planning a '61 Class dinner for Saturday evening. Denny stated that he would follow up with Gerry.

New Business

- Don asked all existing '61 class officers to consider ways to engage other classmates, spouses of classmates and widows of classmates to engage in the leadership and management of the great Class of '61 going forward. Also, submit the names of any specific classmates, spouses and/or widows for consideration to be added to the existing 20-person class officer group before the end of calendar year 2019.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm EDT.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at noon EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary