

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

September 11, 2019

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

Absent from Meeting: Bill Collishaw, Pete Bleyler, Ron Wybranowski, Maynard Wheeler, Rog McArt, Tom Conger, Red Facher, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

Invited Guests: Jim Baum (absent), Vince Wilson (absent)

Don called in to say that because of a medical-related issue he would be a little late to the meeting; Harris McKee acted as the moderator in his place until he was able to attend and called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, noted that although the draft Minutes for the class officers conference call/meeting of August 14, 2019 had been completed and submitted for review, he had not as yet received review comments from a majority of the informal review committee. Therefore, since final draft Minutes were not yet submitted to the entire '61 class officer group, formal approval of the aforementioned Minutes by the group was deferred until the October, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting.

At this point, Harris stated that the Class' finalized Class Annual Report (CAR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, submitted by the due date of July 30, 2019, had been placed on the Class' website.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the August 14, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting.

Vic stated that he received the Class Annual Reports (CAR) statistics for all of the other classes for the year ended June 30, 2019 and that he would analyze same for all classes out more than 25 years and then send a copy to Don for his review, in order to assist him in planning for the management of Class of 1961 for the current and near-future fiscal years .

Vic has received copies of several emails from classmate Dick Noel sent to the editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM) and to the College's President and responded to those requiring a response. The two topics he covered were the two-time reduction of the maximum word count allotted to older classes for their articles appearing in the ClassNotes section of each issue of DAM and recommending that the College should consider establishing a new undergraduate course dealing with the possibility of "afterlife".

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, was not able to attend the conference call/meeting but submitted a written report that the Class' current cash balances totaled \$50,561. Jim also stated that the Class' first dues letter to classmates for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 has been completed, sent to the College for mailing and is intended to be mailed out in late October or early November.

Jim Baum, the preceding Class Treasurer, has been working with Ron to effect a smooth transition.

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

Maynard Wheeler, chair of the Class' on-campus mini-reunions, was not able to attend the conference call/meeting but submitted a written report stating that 20 classmates plus numerous spouses and significant others had registered formally to attend the '61 mini on October 11-13, 2019. In addition, another 10-12 people indicated that they were planning to attend but had not yet registered formally. Don suggested that the current list of names of all of those attending be posted on the Class website; Harris will work with Maynard to make this happen. Finally, Maynard indicated that all required plans were in place, including the dinner on Friday evening at the Hanover Inn, presentations to the class by four undergraduate student recipients of financial stipend awards from two separate '61 endowments, box lunch on Saturday at Halderman Hall, dinner on Saturday evening at the Montshire Museum in Norwich, VT and breakfast on Sunday morning at the Norwich Inn in Norwich, VT.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Harris McKee and Henry Eberhardt, co-chairs (along with Rog McArt) of our Class DCF efforts, presented the follow-up action to the Class' successful annual DCF results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

- Volt system bio-data review – Approximately 50% of the DCF VOLT records have been reviewed to date for data not incorporated into Alumni records; updates for 26 '61s were forwarded to D's alumni records.
- Class agent retention - '61 class agent performance has been reviewed by Vince Wilson (our Class' excellent DCF resource from the College) and shared with the '61 DCF co-head agents. The '61 co-head agents will now contact each of the aforementioned Class DCF agents over the next month or so to make sure that they are willing to continue for the next two years and, where appropriate, to confirm that they are willing to step up their Class DCF efforts, with regard to both dollar goals and participation goals.

Finally, Harris stated that all '61 class DCF agents will use the VOLT system for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, rather than EverTrue.

Henry stated that within the next month (probably during the September 2019 VOX meeting in Hanover), the Class DCF leadership team will attempt to set '61 class dollar goals and class participation goals for both the current fiscal year f/y 6/30/2020 and for our 60th reunion year f/y 6/30/2021. Regarding achievement of the DCF dollar goal, the Class DCF agents will first solicit leadership gifts, including "early bird special" and multi-year payment options.

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 not able to attend the conference call and did not submit a report. However, Don reported that he had recently compiled a rough 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 October 2019, it will then be submitted to the entire '61 class officers group for their review and approval, hopefully by the November, 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, hopefully by the end of the calendar year 2019. The end goal, hopefully, will be approval of the Amended '61 Constitution by the College at the beginning of calendar year 2020 and, hopefully, by the members of the Class of 1961 during the class mini-reunion scheduled for March, 2020 but no later than the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2020.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair along with Red Facher, stated that he had set up a conference call following this conference call along with Red, other selected class officers and College-related estate planning personnel to decide how best to move forward immediately with expansion of the Class' BTS efforts. Attention will 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 and did not submit a report. However, Don reported that since last month the final \$931 funds were contributed, so that the Class has now fully funded the \$100,000 minimum financial requirements necessary to endow this class project. Also, based on conversations with Pete, Don reported that the two recipients had been selected by the appropriate faculty members to receive the initial grants from the Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment Fund.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of the WIC, were not able to attend the conference call/meeting but submitted a report to the Class Secretary. Vic Rich reported that the WIC (via Patti Rich) was planning to hold a discussion session for all of the wives, widows and significant others attending the Hanover mini-reunion planned for October 11-13, 2019. Also, Patti was considering to set up another luncheon in the New York Metro area for '61 spouses, significant others and widows. Nyla had previously stated that she planned to draft and send a communication oriented toward encouraging more spouses, significant others and widows to attend the November 9th Dartmouth/Princeton football game at Yankee Stadium and other post-game D'61 events in New York. Also, Nyla had previously stated that the WIC 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 six updates to the website and sent two iModules emails to classmates.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (a/k/a Necrologist) reported that no classmates passed away during the past month. Refer to the class obit write-ups on the '61 Class website for the names and full details about deceased classmates.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, was unable to attend the conference call/meeting and did not submit a report. However, Harris indicated that the next edition of the '61 class newsletter is currently being put together and will be completed after the October '61 mini-reunion in Hanover and published shortly thereafter..

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee (established nearly three years ago), reported that an as yet unnamed sixth class member had been selected to receive the '61 Special Classmate Award, which will be presented during the upcoming '61 Hanover mini-reunion. In addition, there were several additional classmates being considered for this award at some future date.

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 he had been accumulating. 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 the earlier parts of his file. Vic responded that he was looking for some old hard copy files of class background info relating to this matter; his computer files did not contain anything relating thereto.

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 have been charged by Don to plan a '61 Class dinner for Saturday evening. Denny stated that he would follow up with Gerry later in the day or tomorrow.

Committee to Engage Other Classmates to Assist in the Leadership and Management of the Class of '61

Don stated that this will be an important committee whose goal will be to engage more classmates, spouses and/or widows of classmates to become involved in the leadership and management of the Class. He followed by stating that he will look for a classmate to lead this project by the October, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting and, hopefully, at least two other talented members to join the committee at the same time or shortly thereafter. At Vic's suggestion, Don also requested that each of the 19 current class officers submit the name of at least one classmate, spouse or widow (including brief supporting info) to be considered for selection as a member of the Class' management structure, as either a class at-large officer or as a member of the class' executive committee.

New Business

Dave and Joan Prewitt reported that they were planning the next '61 off-campus mini-reunion was being scheduled for March 22-25, 2020 at the Del Coronado Hotel in San Diego, CA. Thirty rooms have been blocked off for our class; other financial specifics are currently being worked out with the hotel.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm EDT.

The next class officers conference call/meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at noon EDT **(subsequently revised to Wednesday, October 16th at noon EDT).**

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

