

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting

November 13, 2019

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Tom Conger, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Bill Collishaw, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Dave Prewitt, Dave Armstrong, 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 formal approval of the Minutes for the October 16, 2019 class officers' conference call/meeting. The Minutes for the conference call/meeting were approved unanimously as written and submitted.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the October 16, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting.

In addition, the Secretary prepared and submitted the Class' article for the January/February 2020 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM).

Furthermore, he worked with the Class Officers Association Executive Board (COAEB) for several months on a task force to prepare a white paper on "Integrated Class Communications". The research for the development of the white paper was derived from a close examination of the seven classes labeled as "rock star classes" for communication (1955, 1957, 1961, 1979, 1982, 1988 and 2004). The Class of 1961 has 3 quotes from the from the Class of '61 in the final report.

Also, Vic corresponded several times with Richard Wooster '71, younger brother of recently deceased esteemed classmate John Wooster, who brought up an interesting

question as to the disbursement from John's Estate of a testamentary gift to Dartmouth, where it was not clear in John's Will exactly where the funds were to go at Dartmouth and whether the Class would receive credit for the testamentary gift, which according to Richard was a clear desire of John's. Vic subsequently turned this matter over to the Class' DCF and BTS officers and to Vince Wilson from the College's DCF office for follow-up and clarification.

Furthermore, the Secretary had been corresponding with George Lundeen, sculptor, in late October/early November about the expanding presence and importance of the Robert Frost statue on campus, as illustrated by the new Dartmouth calendar for 2020 highlighting the statue as the "D" related photo for the month of December 2020, highlighting the statue in a new Hood Museum brochure illustrating the existing statues on the "D" campus and the screen photo image of the Robert Frost statue relating to the HOP commissioned (in conjunction with "D" 250th Anniversary) "Symphony for Winds: 'Dartmouth'", where the Third Movement of four movements was titled "Frost and the Lone Pine". Lundeen was excited and pleased to learn of the aforementioned and requested copies of any written or visual material related to each of the aforementioned.

In addition, the Secretary reported that 9 classmates and 8 spouses/significant others/other family members had attended the Dartmouth/Princeton football game held on November 9, 2017 at Yankee Stadium. Denny had put together the process of classmates ordering seats together within the same section. Because the College had several pre-game events scheduled for invited 'D' attendees, any specific pre-game class event (which was what was being planned) would have been counterproductive.

Also, in early November, the Secretary sent a detailed email correspondence to Sean Plottner, the editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, again requesting a DAM article on the origins and the current significance and reality of the Robert Frost statue on campus, as well as its current place in D's campus life and on life on D's campus, and finally the statue's tie-in to the Class of 1961. A reply from Mr. Plottner is still pending ; if one is not received by the end of the month, an expanded follow-up letter will be sent by Don, as Class President.

Finally, Vic stated that he had put together all of the outstanding and diverse drafts of proposed revisions/additions/deletions to the Class Constitution currently in place and compiled all of the recommendations generated over a period of nearly two years, where deemed necessary or appropriate correcting or re-writing several of the proposed revisions to the Class Constitution and making some further corrections thereto and adding further revisions where deemed appropriate, so that a complete up-

to-date version of the proposed amended draft of the Class Constitution, with any newly proposed revisions/additions/deletions clearly notated, could be presented to the Class Constitution Revision ad-hoc committee as a starting point for moving forward to complete this project.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer reported that the Class' current cash balances totaled approximately \$40,000 in the Class' primary checking account and approximately \$4, 000 in our Class reunion checking account, most of which was subsequently reimbursed to Maynard Wheeler to cover credit card expenses incurred on behalf of the on-campus mini-reunion in October 2019.

Ron has put the Class' two accounts onto Quicken to better maintain the Class' books on a more timely basis and to better allocate income and expenses.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Class was shrinking so that fewer dues and fewer excess contributions would be coming in each year and that funds were needed for our upcoming 60th Reunion on campus, possibly for any deficits incurred for on-campus or off-campus mini-reunions, and for continuing or possible new class projects. As a result, Ron stated that the Class needs to be more diligent in the future regarding the planning of revenue-neutral or near revenue-neutral reunions and mini-reunions and by the avoidance of unbudgeted, unexpected and unwanted reunion deficits. Such deficits can best be avoided by more detailed budgets prepared well in advance of the reunion or mini-reunion events, and then matching expenses to the revenues anticipated. Ron offered to review the budgets prepared for these events.

Ron also stated that the Class' first dues request letter to classmates for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was just recently sent out by the College. Also, beginning with the next dues letter, the option to pay by credit card will be available.

D'61 Amended '61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the ad-hoc 1961 Class Constitution Update Committee, was not able to attend the conference call/meeting due to a conflict with his law school reunion and no report was submitted. However, Don noted that much progress was now being made by the other ad-hoc committee members (Harris, Denny, Vic, Gerry and Don), so that a final draft copy of the 1961 Amended Class Constitution should be available for

distribution to all of the class officers to review and approve, hopefully, by the December 11, 2019 class officers conference call/meeting.

After approval is received by the '61 officer group, Vic stated that the following should be sent out/made available electronically on line to all '61 classmates and to the College's alumni administration, hopefully prior to December 31, 2019. The end goal hopefully will be approval of the Amended 1961 Class Constitution by the College in January 2020 and by the Class during the Class mini-reunion to be held in San Diego during March 22-25, 2020. The vote to amend the Constitution can be in person or by proxy.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Henry Eberhardt and Harris McKee, co-chairs (along with Roger McArt) of our Class DCF efforts, presented the Class' actual dollars contributed and number of classmates contributing through November 13, 2019 versus projected goals for the Class of '61 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

* The financial and participation goals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 have been established as follows:

- The DCF dollar goal was established at \$310k for the year ending 6/30/202; to date, the Class has raised \$56,200 in cash and pledges (\$36,200 in cash) .
- The DCF class participation goal was established at 72% (341 donors) for the year ending 6/30/2020 ; to date, 37 classmates (8%) (have made or pledged contributions (36 classmates have actually made contributions: 8%).

* Regarding achievement of the DCF dollar goal, large-gift DCF agents Gerry Kaminsky and Denny Denniston will first solicit leadership gifts, including "early bird special" and multi-year payment options.

- The College is offering two contribution "enhancements": First, under the "early bird" option, any contribution of \$1,000 or more made during the fiscal year prior to the major reunion fiscal year (and followed by an additional contribution of some amount during the year of the major reunion) will also be counted as a reunion year contribution for recognition credit both by the class and the donor. Second, any donor pledging \$25,000 or more during the one or two fiscal years prior to a major reunion can pay their pledge at any time over a three year period and get recognition credit each non-reunion

year for the amount paid during that year and during the reunion year (both the class and the donor) get recognition credit for the full amount pledged.

- DCF D250 Anniversary Donation Challenge: Objective is to obtain 500 separate actual donations (not pledges) from a group of classes (classes from 1950-1969 in our case) from November 9th through December 3rd to unlock an additional \$50,000 scholarship from a group of anonymous donors. Henry requested that ALL '61 class officers make some contribution between the dates indicated.

* The Volt system will again be used by all DCF agents (rather than EverTrue) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

D'61 On-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (Hanover, NH – October 2020)

Maynard Wheeler, On-campus mini-reunion chair was not able to attend the conference call/meeting but did submit a report. Primarily as a result of the unexpectedly large deficit from the October 2019 mini In Hanover and the ensuing discussion held during the October class officers conference call/meeting, Maynard submitted several recommendations (with some modifications by other class officers) for future Hanover minis, as follows:

- 1- Charge higher fees, if necessary, so that all expenses will be covered fully, except possibly for guests invited by the Class to various meals (e.g. students, faculty members, other College personnel, etc.)
- 2- Cocktails and meals should involve minimal driving and more local eateries like the Hanover Inn, Sixth South Street Hotel, the DOC House (when improvements are completed), The Hilton Garden Inn, etc. Although very nice, avoid places like the Montshire Museum in Vermont where a more expensive outside caterer is required
- 3- Cocktails at all meals will be switched to all cash bars
- 4- A weekend in early October will more likely be selected, as the weather is warmer and it will probably take place prior to Homecoming Weekend, when housing is usually much more expensive and getting around in Hanover more difficult. Will try to pick a weekend with an Ivy League football game
- 5- The format for class activities will remain generally the same as for past Hanover minis
- 6- At this stage of our lives, a significant goal should be to optimize costs to classmates at a rate which will generate maximum attendance and participation by classmates, which is the major goal of most mini-reunions

For 2020, the weekend of October 2-4 (Penn football game, probably on Friday evening) is currently under serious consideration for the Fall 2020 Hanover mini.

D'61 Off-Campus Mini-Reunion Report (San Diego, CA - March 2020)

Neither Dave nor Joanie were able to attend the conference call/meeting and did not submit a report. However, as an add-on to the San Diego mini, Oscar suggested that the group travel together in a hired bus, drive separately or fly from San Diego to Los Angeles to spend a few days ----- or weeks ----- in Hollywood (a.k.a. Oscarland) or the reverse trip if the Hollywood add-on comes prior to San Diego. Oscar can make the reservations at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, if there is viable interest.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report.

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 everything appeared to be running smoothly now.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of the WIC, reported that they often were receiving no telephone numbers or addresses for the widows of deceased classmates or that many of the telephone numbers and addresses that they did receive were obsolete, especially where the classmates had passed away several months ago. This was hampering them from expanding and updating the WIC contact list for the widows of deceased classmates.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted nearly 30 updates to the website (including six classmate and adopted classmate obit notices, a recently published Class newsletter (WWW), the finalized Minutes of the September class officers conference call/meeting and the current '61 class article for the

ClassNotes section of the January/February issue of DAM) and sent eight iModules emails to classmates.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist (a/k/a Necrologist) reported that five classmates (Joe Zinn, Keith Ober, Tom McDonough, Chris Kraatz, John Wooster) and one adopted classmate (Thad Seymour) had passed away during the past month (or that's when we received formal notification from the College) . 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, reported that the current edition of the '61 class newsletter (WWW) was completed and published in early November. Check the '61 class website.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, was unable to attend the class officers conference call/meeting and no report was submitted, However, Vic mentioned that several classmates are 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. Vic Rich, who previously had turned over his early paper files on this topic was looking through his old Class-related paper files in order to try to recover at least some of the historical data so that Denny could reconstruct the earlier portions of his file. Vic thought that he had previously located same, but had not.

Nominating Committee

This committee was established recently to select nominees for the six key officer posts and at-large Management Committee members for a term of five years beginning July1st of the fiscal year immediately following our 60th Reunion at Dartmouth and ending on June 30th of fiscal year ending with our 65th reunion date and each new term

to be for each succeeding 5-year period thereafter. The long-term goal will be to engage more classmates, spouses and/or widows of classmates to become involved in the leadership and management of the Class, either as an at-large class officer or as a member of a revived and enhanced class Executive Committee. The short-term goal will be the selection of a slate of key class officers and Executive Committee members to lead the Class of 1961 from the 60th Reunion to the 65th Reunion.

Don selected Dave Prewitt to chair the committee, which also will include Rog McArt, Art Kelton and Oscar Arslanian.

New Business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary