

Minutes
D'61 Class Officers Conference Call/Meeting
February 12, 2020

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

Absent from Meeting: Henry Eberhardt, Pete Bleyler, Tom Conger

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (not 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 January 8, 2020 class officers' conference call/meeting. The Minutes for the conference call/meeting were approved unanimously as written and submitted, subject to subsequent discussion and clarification with respect to the right to vote by classmates and informally approved spouses, as expressed in the proposed Amended Class Constitution.

Don announced that the alumni staff servicing the various alumni classes was recently revamped so that Beth Kelley, Director of Class Activities, has replaced Angela Stafford, former Assistant Director of Class Activities, who has transferred out of the Alumni Class Activities area. Don and others thanked Angela for her valuable contribution to our Class during her tenure of approximately five years.

Finally, Don asked for a moment of silence for all '61 classmates who passed away thus far during the current year.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes and Amended Minutes for the January 8, 2020 class officers conference call/meeting and has started to work with the Class' 60th Reunion Committee. In addition, Vic prepared the inscription write-up for the next selected recipient of the D'61 Classmate Special Recognition Award for presentation during the San Diego mini-reunion in March. Finally, he received and responded to several letters from classmates concerning various matters.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances totaled approximately \$44,300 in the Class' primary checking account and approximately \$11,700 in the Class reunion/mini-reunion checking account. Since July 1, 2019, the Class collected dues of \$13,023 (\$61 from 215 classmates) and voluntary contributions of \$7,225 to various ongoing class projects, totaling \$20,248 through February 10, 2020. During the prior fiscal year ended June 30 2019, the Class collected dues of \$16,717 from 264 classmates and contributions to various existing class projects of \$6,211, for a total of \$22,928. The second dues mailing for the current fiscal year is scheduled to go out by regular mail in February, 2020.

Amended '61 Class Constitution Update Report

Bill Collishaw, chair of the 1961 Class Constitution Update Committee, reported that the Amended '61 Class Constitution was now complete and being processed to classmates in preparation for an "up" or "down" vote scheduled to take place at the upcoming San Diego mini in March.

Harris McKee stated that a cover letter and proxy statement, along with a copy of the Amended '61 Class Constitution has been recently submitted or otherwise made available to all '61 classmates and formally adopted classmates for whom a valid email address or a valid mailing address exists on file. To date, 47 proxies have already been returned, with 46 of those proxies voting in favor.

Class Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Report

Harris McKee, co-chair of our Class DCF efforts (along with Henry Eberhardt and Roger McArt), presented the Class' actual dollars contributed and number of classmates contributing through February 10, 2020 versus projected goals for the Class of '61 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

- The DCF dollar goal was established at \$310,000 for the year ending 6/30/2020; to date, the Class has raised \$212,794 in actual contributions and pledges (\$177,708 in actual contributions), or 69%. To date, the Class was approximately \$50,000 ahead of last year in contributions and pledges.

- The DCF class participation goal was established at 72% (340 donors out of a total of 472 eligible classmates) for the year ending 6/30/2020; to date, 165 classmates (35%) have made actual or pledged contributions (165 classmates, 35%, have actually made recorded contributions). As of January 13th, the Class of '61 was ranked second in overall participation percentage efforts among all classes and first among all non-reunion classes (thus leading for the *John R. Mason 1915 Award*), and was 39 donors ahead of where we were last year at this time.

With respect to the College's DCF efforts as of January 13, 2020, it had actual contributions and pledges recorded of \$26.3 million against a goal of \$46.0 million (57.2%).

With respect to the DCF efforts to date, the primary focus of our Class effort has been towards leadership giving for the year ended June 30, 2020 combined with the Class' 60th Reunion giving effort, led by Don O'Neil, Gerry Kaminsky and Denny Denniston. From here on in, the efforts will be more broad-based to include all classmates in becoming part of the overall class DCF effort and participation challenge.

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

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, reported that the next Fall mini-reunion on campus, scheduled to be held October 2-4, 2020 (which coincides with Homecoming Weekend), is coming together nicely and on schedule.

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

Dave Prewitt and Joan Prewitt, off-campus mini-reunion co-chairs, reported that the off-campus mini-reunion in San Diego was in place and ready to go. Check out the class website for details and projected costs. Costs have been projected based on an anticipated overall attendance of 60 people for the event. Also, note that the special hotel room prices and reduced resort fee is based on a minimum of 20 rooms and is limited to a maximum of 30 rooms, placed on hold only until February 24th. Surprisingly however, the number of classmates signed up to date do not include enough people from the West Coast. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that an email/telephone communications blitz be undertaken immediately, primarily to West Coast full-time and part-year residents/classmates.

(The San Diego mini was subsequently cancelled due to the rapid spread of the coronavirus pandemic.)

D'61 On-Campus 60th Reunion (Hanover, NH – June 2021)

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, was not able to attend the conference call/meeting and did not submit a report. However, Vic mentioned that a 60th Reunion Planning Committee teleconference scheduled for February 11th had to be cancelled due to call-in complications, but was rescheduled for February 13th. Pete's submitted agenda was carried forward. In the meantime, Hop Holmberg has begun to canvas Reunion Committee members on reunion souvenirs for the 60th.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, BTS chairman for the Class, reported that nothing new had been achieved, but he was looking to set up a conference call with Don, Denny and possibly a few other class officers.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was unable to attend the conference call and did not submit a report.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of the WIC, reported that the WIC will hold another women's discussion group moderated by Patti and Nyla at some time during the San Diego mini. Patti and Nyla also responded to Pete Bleyler's request that they would assist Pete with our upcoming 60th Reunion in Hanover in June 2021, with primary emphasis on encouraging the spouses, significant others and widows of '61 classmates to attend this significant reunion.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted 12 updates to the website and sent 7 iModules emails to classmates. Harris also stated that a new iModules system was being put into place by the College, effective March 1st.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist reported that two classmates had passed away during the past month. Refer to Class obit write-ups on the '61 Class website for the names and obituary notices about deceased classmates and spouses of deceased classmates.

D'61 Virtual Reunion for 2020

Harris McKee reported that the Class' virtual reunion date for this year will be March 1st, which is the 61st day of 2020. A copy of the '61 virtual reunion logo sheet for the current year has been published on the class website.

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 reported that the current edition of the '61 class WWW newsletter was completed and published.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Special Classmate Awards Committee, reported that a classmate has been selected to receive the next Special Classmate Award, which will be presented during the San Diego mini in March. The citation has been completed.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, was awaiting a mailing of whatever replacement data Vic could relocate from his original files relating to the various class and classmate awards achieved since graduation in 1961. Vic sent the material, which Denny should be receiving within a day or two.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of this committee (whose other members include Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian and Art Kelton), are working on the development of a new slate of class officers and executive committee members to lead the Class from June 2021 through June 2026. There was nothing to report at this time.

New Business (No new business was presented)

The next class officers conference call/meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 **(subsequently adjusted to March 25, 2020)** at noon DST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary