

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Teleconference Meeting

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March 25, 2020

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

Absent from Meeting: Rog McArt, Dave Armstrong

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (present)

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

Don stated that this meeting is intended to be BOTH a class meeting (originally scheduled to take place during the San Diego mini-reunion on this date) as well as a class officers monthly teleconference (originally scheduled for March 11th), and that the technical requirements for both were met in accordance with our existing Class Constitution.

Don then called for the formal approval of the Minutes for the February 12, 2020 class officers' teleconference. The Minutes for the conference call/meeting were approved unanimously as written and submitted.

Don then recommended that the next segments of the usual agenda be revised so that the report from the '61 Special Classmate Award Committee will come next and that the report from the '61 Amended Class Constitution Committee will follow after that.

Finally, at the suggestion of Henry Eberhardt, Don asked that all of the class officers and their families remain healthy and safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

D'61 Special Classmate Award Committee

Dave Prewitt, committee chair, stated that the committee had agreed to present an award at the subsequently cancelled San Diego mini-reunion; that award will now be

presented at the teleconference today. Dave asked Vic Rich, committee member and drafter of the citation, to present the award. Vic then presented the award to a surprised Tom Conger, long-term Class Newsletter Editor and friend of the entire Class. The exact wording of the award citation will be on the class website. TC thanked everyone for the award and the recognition by the Class officers for his long-term dedication to the Class of 1961.

After that, Dave stated that the committee had another award to present, which award citation was drafted by Denny Denniston (another committee member). This award was being presented to Vic Rich, current long-term Class Secretary, former Class President, former Class Treasurer and former Class Representative to the Alumni Council. The exact wording of the award citation will be on the Class website. A very surprised Vic thanked everyone for the award and the recognition by the Class officers for his long-term dedication to the Class of 1961.

Amended '61 Class Constitution Update Committee

Bill Collishaw, chair of this committee, reported that after nearly three years of review of the original existing Class Constitution, considering and receiving support from the Class officers for various proposed revisions and improvements, and wording/rewording/rewording the revised changes so that the final draft presented to the College's Alumni Administration for review and to all '61 classmates and the Class' few formally adopted non-classmates for approval represented a quality document which was a clear statement of what the Class was seeking. Bill repeated that the requirements for a duly recognized class meeting had been met in accordance with the requirements set forth in the existing Class Constitution prior to amendment. Bill acknowledged the efforts of the other members of this committee (Denny Denniston, Harris McKee, Vic Rich and Don O'Neill, ex-officio member) and then called for a vote of all class officers attending the teleconference and currently eligible to vote (13 of the 16) and all classmates eligible to vote who completed a valid proxy.

Bill then called on Harris McKee to read the vote from the submissions of the proxies submitted. Harris reported that proxy votes for the Amended Class Constitution had been sent to all classmates and formally adopted non-classmates either electronically or by regular mail for all classmates where a valid email address or postal address existed. A total of 80 proxies had been completed and returned. Of that number, 72 were deemed to be valid and complete, and of that amount 66 approved the Amended Class Constitution as submitted. Bill then called for a vote of the 13 class officers attending the teleconference and eligible to vote, who on a motion to approve by Denny Denniston and seconded by Gerry Kaminsky approved the Amended Class Constitution unanimously. In

summary, 79 classmates approved the Amended Class Constitution out a total of 85 total eligible classmates who voted. Bill mentioned that a quorum of only 38 total eligible voters were required for a valid class election on this matter.

Don thanked all those involved in the multi-year Class Constitution review and amendment process and welcomed the spouses and widows of deceased classmates into the Class of 1961 as functioning informal members of the Class.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the February 12, 2020 class officers teleconference. In addition, during this month he also prepared and submitted the class column for the Class Notes section of the May/June issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. Furthermore, Vic has continued to work with the Class' 60th Reunion Committee. Vic also corresponded with George Lundeen and sent him copies of Dartmouth's official calendar for 2020, which included a winter photograph of the '61's Robert Frost statue as the focal point for the month of December; George appreciated receiving the calendar and the recognition given to the Frost statue.

In addition, Vic had several pieces of correspondence to and from classmates, including one about classmate Ralph Barton who had four (4) children attend Dartmouth, which not only sets a record for the Class, but possibly also for the College. As far as I am aware, the only other classmates who had more than one child attend the College are Ron Boss and Ron Wybranowski, who each had two. Finally, a biography currently is being written about classmate, Mike Kirst, who for decades has been a leader in the field of public education as a professor and now a professor emeritus at Stanford University, as a prolific writer about the subject of public education, as a significant member of and consultant to the U.S. Department of Education (as well as to many prestigious national educational associations), as the recently retired four-term President of the California State Board of Education and as the architect of the recently adopted current education process, from K-12, in California and to a large extent in several other states. Apparently, a few classmates have been or will be interviewed by the authors of the book in conjunction with this project.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances totaled approximately \$45,100 in the Class' primary checking account and approximately \$15,800 in the Class' reunion/mini-reunion checking account. Since July 1, 2019, the Class collected dues of approximately \$13,600 (\$61 from 223 classmates) and voluntary

contributions from many classmates of approximately \$7,400 for various ongoing class projects, totaling approximately \$21,000 through approximately March 22, 2020. During the prior fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Class collected dues of \$16,717 from 264 classmates and voluntary contributions from classmates to various existing class projects of \$6,211, for a total of \$22,928. The second dues mailing for the current fiscal year has been mailed out; one last mailing will be sent out, probably in April. During the current fiscal year, the Class thus far has made \$5,500 in donations to the College, as follows: \$1,500 to the '61 Legacy, \$2,500 to the Dartmouth athletics program and \$1,500 to a student in the College's Anthropology Department.

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 March 23, 2020 versus projected goals for the Class of '61 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

- The DCF dollar goal is \$310,000 for the year ending 6/30/2020; to date, the Class has raised \$220,711 in actual contributions and pledges (\$185,475 in actual paid-in contributions), or 71.3%. To date, the Class was still ahead of last year in contributions and pledges.
- The DCF class participation goal was established at 72% (338 donors out of a total of 468 eligible classmates) for the year ending 6/30/2020; to date, 181 classmates (39%) have made actual or pledged contributions. Thus far, the Class was still ahead of last year in the number of donors.
- With respect to the College's DCF efforts as of mid-March, 2020, it had actual contributions and pledges recorded of \$26.6 million against a goal of \$46.0 million (57.8%).

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. The efforts going forward will be more broad-based to include all classmates in becoming part of the overall class DCF dollar effort and participation challenge. A DCF class committee conference call with Vince Wilson is scheduled to follow this teleconference.

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. The schedule for the weekend and a sign-up form was recently emailed to each classmate and is also on the class website.

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 cancelled because of the rapid spread of the coronavirus and the subsequent increasing restrictions on travel. After substantial negotiations by Dave and Joan, they appear to have convinced the various vendors who had been paid deposits or with whom we had certain minimum guaranteed payments to return all deposits and/or to waive the minimum guarantees. Hopefully, none will renege.

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

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, submitted a report and stated that he has held two teleconference meetings to date (February 13th and March 9th) with the members of his extensive and broad-based 60th Reunion Committee. In addition, he also had a separate conference call with Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich from the '61 Women's Initiative Committee to discuss their potential role in the classmate spouse/significant other/widow solicitation process and in the Reunion program activities. The 60th Reunion areas covered by Pete in his report were the reunion logo (to be derived directly or indirectly from a Robert Frost poem – almost completed), the Reunion souvenir (a monogrammed vest), the Reunion social and athletic program itself (in process), and the Reunion music and entertainment (in process).

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, reported that the program was moving along as planned and that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Bartlett Tower Society Report

Dave Armstrong, BTS chairman for the Class, was unable to attend the teleconference and did not submit a report. However, Don reported that nothing new had been achieved and prior to the teleconference he had a telephone conversation with Dave.

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 Fall Hanover 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 very significant reunion.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted 10 updates to the website and sent 5 iModules emails to classmates, using the new iModules version recently installed by the College, effective March 1st.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist reported that one classmate had passed away during the past month (John Benepe). Refer to the 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 was March 1st, which is the 61st day of 2020. A total of 62 people participated, including 35 classmates and 27 spouses and/or other related parties. After a dip last year, the Class bounced back strongly this year and achieved the second highest annual virtual reunion response total, following only the 77 responses received in 2018.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that he would try to complete and publish one more WWW class newsletter prior to the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, 2020.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, reported that he had received Vic's back-up data and was working to fill in the gaps and to prepare a draft report for review.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, and his committee (including 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. Dave reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

New Business (No new business was presented)

The next class officers teleconference will be Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at noon DST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary