

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Teleconference/Meeting

April 8, 2020

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

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Denny Denniston

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 March 25, 2020 class officers teleconference and jointly held class teleconference meeting. The Minutes for the teleconference/meeting were approved as written and submitted.

Don stated that the coronavirus pandemic had taken its toll on many citizens of the U.S. and the world, and also a toll on many of the "citizens" (students, alumni, faculty, administration) of Dartmouth College. However, to the best of his knowledge (and that of the other '61 class officers), no member of the Class has as yet passed away from the virus or has even contracted this terrible virus. Hopefully, we will continue with a clean record. Don closed his remarks with an affirmation of the overall strength and health of the College, but a plea that during the short term the College will need the support of ALL of its alumni, and all of the members of the Class of '61, to help it get through this pandemic period with as little damage as possible. One immediate way to assist in this effort is for all living classmates to make a contribution of any comfortable amount to this

year's DCF effort and, for those who are able, to make an additional contribution or a larger contribution than they would otherwise have made.

Don then asked for comments from other class officers. Several did comment, with the general consensus being that the members of the Class of '61 undoubtedly have been very careful, and lucky, to date and that the College needs the help of its alumni to maintain its financial stability during this terrible pandemic and during its recovery period.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed and submitted the Minutes for the March 25, 2020 class officers teleconference and class meeting, including revisions thereto. In addition, during this month he also corresponded orally and/or in writing with several classmates.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances totaled approximately \$45,400 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 \$14,900 (\$61 from 243 classmates) and voluntary contributions from many classmates of approximately \$7,600 for various ongoing class projects, totaling approximately \$22,500 through approximately April 7, 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 third and final dues mailing for the current fiscal year is be mailed out by May. 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 by classmates and by number of classmates contributing through April 6, 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 \$224,611 in actual contributions and pledges (\$189,375 in actual paid-in contributions), or 72.5%. As of April 6, 2020, the average amount of gift per classmate amounted to \$1,230, which ranked the Class sixth overall (just behind the Class of '58 with \$1,370; first place was the Class of '62 with an average gift of \$2,347).
- 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; as of April 6, 2020, 183 classmates (39%) have made actual or pledged contributions. At 39% participation, the Class ranked 2nd among all classes in non-reunion class participation (the Class of '54 ranked first for the John R. Mason Award with a non-reunion participation percentage of 42.9%).
- With respect to the College's DCF efforts as of March 2020, it had actual contributions and pledges recorded of \$26.6 million against a goal of \$46.0 million (57.8% dollars achieved) and it had achieved a participation level of 20% against a College participation goal of 40%.

A unanimous consensus among DCF class committee members clearly implied that our class DCF efforts were beginning to languish and needed to be stepped up now. Don stated that in this pandemic year of the coronavirus, our Class participation goal should be stepped up to 100% of all living and reachable classmates. Don recently sent out one personal letter to all classmates and is planning to send out another. Hank emphasized that our immediate short-term efforts should be directed toward going after all of the "low hanging fruit" of as yet noncontributing classmates: 1 of 18 class officers, 9 of 35 DCF class agents, 12 of 43 EYSG (every year since graduation) donors. Harris requested that each class agent communicate with the classmates assigned to them and then report back

on the class website or to Harris directly as to their progress. Rog suggested that the 46 (out of 59) currently "unassigned" classmates who have not yet contributed to the DCF be picked up by or assigned to a current class agent; a list of those classmates should be made available quickly.

Vince Wilson provided an update as to what was happening at the College with respect to its dealing with this pandemic at all levels: undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, administration and alumni. A conference call with Vince and several key class officers involved in the DCF efforts is scheduled to follow this teleconference.

Because of limited remaining time, Don decided to end the meeting before several other committee reports could be presented, unless any committee chair or any other class officer had something else significant to contribute. Although no one spoke out, several committee chairs had submitted reports or comments prior to the teleconference, so these will be summarized below.

D'61 Special Classmate Award Committee

Dave Prewitt, committee chair, wrote that other classmate names have been submitted and were being considered for the *D'61 Special Classmate Award* at a future date.

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 has been put together and is waiting for all classmates to sign up. 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 *all* cash deposits paid by the Class and by classmates in connection with the San

Diego mini-reunion cancelled due to the coronavirus are to be returned in full cash (not in "credits" for future stays or utilization and not in "points"). Dave and Joan convinced the various vendors who had been paid deposits and/or with whom we had certain minimum guaranteed payments to return all deposits and/or to waive any minimum guarantees (Dave and Joan must have mentioned their "friends in high places"). Refund checks will be going out to classmates within a few days.

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

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, did not submit a report, but based on emails received, he has been putting in ample time communicating with various members of his 60th Reunion committee members.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project did not submit a report, but commented 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, 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 a women's discussion group moderated by Patti and Nyla during the Fall Hanover mini and would assist Pete Bleyler 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. Patti had commented that she has been calling the widows of recently deceased classmates, where such widow existed and was reachable. Nyla agreed to attempt to write an article from WIC in time for the upcoming class newsletter.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past two weeks he had posted six updates to the website and sent five iModules emails to classmates, using the new iModules version.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist reported that two classmates had passed away during the past two weeks (Ron McDougald and William Walls). 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.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that he would complete and publish within the next few weeks a final WWW class newsletter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, was unable to attend the class officers teleconference and did not submit a report.

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 commented 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, May 13, 2020 at noon DST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary