

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Teleconference/Meeting

June 10, 2020

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

Absent from Meeting: Pete Bleyler, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (present)

Denny Denniston, Class Vice-President (in place of the absent Don O'Neill, Class President), called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

Denny then called for the formal approval of the Minutes for the May 13, 2020 class officers telecon/meeting. The Minutes for the telecon/meeting were approved as written and submitted.

Denny stated that Don, who was travelling, hoped to be able to hook into the teleconference later on.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed and submitted the Minutes for the May 13, 2020 class officers teleconference. In addition, he also corresponded orally and/or in writing with several classmates and various members of the College's administration dealing with alumni matters. Finally, at the recent request of "D" Trustee Cheryl Bascomb, Vic called everyone's attention to the new "D" educational and entertainment programs available online during the period June 14th - June 19th: lectures, panel discussions, town hall meetings, videos.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances totaled approximately \$39,800 in the Class' primary checking account and approximately \$6,800 in the Class' reunion/mini-reunion checking account. Since July 1, 2019, the Class collected dues of approximately \$15,300 (\$61 from 251 classmates) and voluntary contributions from many classmates of approximately \$7,700 for various ongoing class projects, totaling approximately \$23,000 through approximately June 8, 2020. During the prior fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Class collected dues of \$16,717 (\$61 from 274 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 has been mailed out by the College. During the current fiscal year, the Class thus far has made \$9,219 in donations to the College, as follows: \$1,500 to the '61 Legacy, \$2,500 to the Dartmouth Athletics Sponsors Program, \$1,500 to a student in the College's Anthropology Department and an additional \$3,719 from voluntary additions to the '61 Legacy and Robert Frost existing class projects. Finally, \$1,247 was paid out by the Class primarily for mailing expenses incurred by the College related to the '61 class activities.

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' report of actual dollars contributed by classmates and number of classmates contributing through May 12, 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; as of May 12, 2020, the Class has raised \$302,699 in actual contributions and pledges (\$260,125 in actual paid-in contributions), or 97.6% of its dollar goal. As of June 10, 2020, the average amount of gift per classmate amounted to \$1,037, which was among the highest among all classes.
- The DCF class participation goal was established at 72% (now 335 donors out of a total of 465 eligible classmates) for the year ending 6/30/2020; as of June 10, 2020, 292 classmates (out of a now eligible

total of 465) have made actual or pledged contributions. At 62.8% participation, the Class ranked first among all non-reunion classes in class participation and first among all classes, including reunion classes. Noted that the College's participation goal is 40% for the current fiscal year.

In summary, both our Class' DCF dollar goal and our Class participation goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 were well within the realm of achieving and could very possibly be exceeded.

The Class DCF "swat team" began its annual solicitation efforts on May 15th to obtain donations from all remaining classmates who have not yet made a contribution, with special emphasis on those classmates who contributed Last Year But Not This Year ("LYBUNTs").

Harris also noted that DCF leadership efforts by Don, Gerry and Denny with respect the multi-year contribution commitments covering the years including and surrounding our 60th Reunion have been going well.

Vince Wilson provided a brief update as to what was happening at the College with respect to its dealing with this pandemic at all levels. A conference call with Vince and several key class officers involved in the Class DCF efforts 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, has been planned, scheduled and budgeted, with sign-up sheets having been emailed/sent to all classmates and also located on the class website. Because of COVID-19 ramifications, final approval by the College administration is still outstanding.

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

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, was not available for the meeting, but did submit a detailed report which was summarized to everyone by Vic, as follows: 1) the dates for our 60th reunion will be June 14-17, 2021, 2) the class slogan for our '60 is to be "The road to our 60th", based on the photo by Ron Wybranowski of a stone road marker somewhere in New England, 3) the photo of the stone road

marker and the slogan for our 60th Reunion will become the basis for a personalized birthday card to go out by email or regular mail to each classmate on his birthday, 4) after much discussion, it was agreed that the Class' memorial service will again be held in Rollins Chapel, rather than at the Robert Frost statue location, 5) primarily because of COVID-19 issues, Reunion housing options are still not resolved, 6) consideration is being given to having a few of the Class' reunion events on-line, available via ZOOM or streaming to classmates who are not able to attend personally, 7) the 60th Reunion gift(s) to classmates and spouses attending has been decided upon by a reunion sub-committee, with approval by the 60th Reunion committee, 8) Pete is considering the preparation and submission to all classmates a brief survey about potential 60th Reunion activities and 9) because of the COVID-19 virus, changes may have to be made to the agenda and/or timing of certain reunion events.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was not able to attend the meeting and did not submit a report; however, he had stated previously that everything was moving along as planned and that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster, reported that during the past month he had posted approximately 13 website updates and 5 iModules emails to classmates (including three obit notices). In addition, pursuant to Oscar's comments at the prior Class officers telecon, he reviewed and made several improvements to the class website.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported about three classmates whose passing notices were received during the past month (Dick Manero, Jim Smith and the highly class-active Alan Orschel) and whose obit notices were posted on the Class' website.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class Newsletter Editor, reported that all three editions of the Class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 were completed and published. Our next class newsletter is scheduled for preparation and publication in or about October 2020.

Bartlett Tower Society Report

Dave Armstrong, BTS chairman for the Class, was not able to attend the meeting and did not submit a report; no information was made available.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC)

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, co-chairs of the WIC, reported that they would assist with the promotion of 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 commented that she and Nyla has been contacting the widows of recently deceased classmates, either by telephone or in writing.

D'61 Special Classmate Award Committee

David Prewitt, committee chair, stated that other classmate names have been submitted and were being considered for the *D'61 Special Classmate Award*. In addition, another request notice will be sent out after the end of the current fiscal year {June 30, 2020}. Finally, Dave confirmed that he sent out the award plaques to the most recent recipients of the award, Vic Rich and Tom Conger, who because of the COVID-19 related cancellation of the San Diego mini-reunion in March, could not be presented their awards in person.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, reported that there was no update to report at this time.

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. He reported that the committee was discussing various classmate possibilities for incoming Class President, but there was nothing to comment on at this time.

New Business

No one proposed any new business for discussion at this time. However, has the matter of improving and updating the class website (from May's telecon) been addressed satisfactorily (Oscar/Harris)?

The next class officers telecon will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at noon DST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary