

Minutes-To Be Approved 11-11-2020

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

August 12, 2020

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

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Pete Bleyler, Dave Armstrong, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (attended)

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

Don asked for the approval of the Minutes for the July 8, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference meeting, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Don reported that Dave Armstrong's heart surgery went well and that he should be released from the hospital today. Everyone was pleased to hear this and wished him well.

Don took a moment to praise the overall accomplishments of the Class of '61 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, in spite of having to deal with and overcome the effects of COVID-19, and thanked all of the current members of the '61 class officer/class executive committee group, any and all of the '61 classmates and their spouses and significant others, and DCF assistant director Vince Wilson for their assistance and/or contributions to helping the Class of 1961 achieve most and exceed many of its goals for the fiscal year recently ended. He especially thanked those responsible for writing much of and editing all of the '61 Class Activity Report (CAR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020: Denny Denniston, Harris McKee, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski (and also add Don O'Neil to this list).

It was clear to Don and others that the Class again would have been a very serious contender for the prestigious "Class of the Year" award for the year ended June 30, 2020, except that the College's Alumni Association decided to defer the award for the fiscal year just ended because of the indirect effects of the coronavirus.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the July 8, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference. In addition, he completed the secretary's section and edited most other sections of the Class Activity Report (CAR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, submitted to the College's Alumni Activities Office at the end of July.

Vic communicated with several classmates and various members of the College's administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the Class of 1961 in particular, including congratulating classmate Dick Noel who shot a 72 in the recent finals of his golf club's senior golf championship (on a regular sized course) ----- beating his two younger opponents by 4 and 5 strokes respectively (a well-deserved "*wah hoo wah*" to Dick). In addition, Vic reported sadly that the College's administration had just eliminated five long-term varsity sports at Dartmouth: men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's golf and men's lightweight rowing teams.

Finally, In order to conform with the reality of the Class' long-term operation, Vic proposed and it was agreed unanimously to conform the name of monthly "class officer teleconference meetings " to the "class officer/executive committee teleconference meetings".

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, submitted a detailed treasurer's report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, which report was just recently presented to the College (as required by each class). The Class' current cash balances as of June 30, 2020 totaled \$50,448, consisting of \$41,630 in the Class' checking account/time deposit accounts and \$8,818 in the Class' reunion/mini-reunion checking account. For the entire past fiscal year, the Class collected class dues of \$15,341 from 252 classmates, contributions from classmates to various existing class projects in the amount of \$7,665 and receipts of \$8,230 from classmates for class mini-reunions. For the entire past fiscal year, the Class disbursed \$11,539 in donations to various established class projects, a donation of \$2,500 (same as last year) to the

Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program, disbursements of \$14,520 for various class mini-reunions (a portion of which is still due to be refunded due to the cancellation of the San Diego mini), College fees and various other expense charges incurred (net of some minor interest income) in the amount of \$3,211 and refunds to classmates for duplicate payment of dues in the amount of \$438. Net class disbursements exceeded net class receipts by \$972 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

For the current fiscal year beginning July 1st, there was little financial activity to report.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-chair (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt) of our Class' DCF efforts, presented the Class' report of actual dollars contributed to date by classmates and number of classmates contributing to date versus projected goals for the Class of '61 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020:

- Because of the Class' outstanding effort, and success, for the year ended June 30, 2020, the Class raised \$357,114 for the DCF against a goal of \$310,000.
- Our DCF class participation rate was an outstanding 78.1% against a goal of 72% for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Class' base for the year was 461 active and reachable classmates (506 classmates still alive less 45 classmates "lost", "incapacitated" or completely "not interested"), from which 360 classmates contributed. The Class' participation percentage of 78.1 was the highest of all classes, both non-reunion and reunion (only three classes achieved above 70% and only eight "D" classes exceeded their participation goals), and resulted in the Class again earning the *John R. Mason 1915 Award* for the highest non-reunion class participation.
- Harris also reported that our preliminary 60th Reunion DCF goal was established at \$610,000 [subsequently increased to \$725,000] and our participation goal was established at 72%. To date, "Early Bird" gifts and pledges of more than \$1,000 totaled just over \$48,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
- Thanks for the Class' aforementioned DCF results go out especially to Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt,

Don O'Neill, Bob Conn, Zhouman Gardner and, finally, to all '61 alumni who contributed to the '61 DCF effort and who encouraged other classmates to contribute.

Finally, Harris, Henry and Roger completed their section in the annual '61 Car Report.

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

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, reported that because of the increasing effects that the still rampant coronavirus was having both on and off campus, the Class officers made the correct decision to hold the College's first multi-day virtual mini-reunion, but within a two day period (October 2-3) rather than the original on-campus three days coinciding with Homecoming Weekend (October 2-4). A total of six diverse semi-educational/informational sessions are now planned, three on Friday and three on Saturday, each scheduled to last approximately 1 ½ hours, including a question/discussion period following each session, along with a class meeting scheduled for Saturday.

Harris McKee is assisting Maynard with the technical issues; Pete Bleyler is assisting Maynard with the six semi-educational sessions, their panelists and their content; Don O'Neill is putting together the Class meeting agenda and content; Vic Rich is working on the awards and other plaque presentations.

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

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, was not available for this teleconference but Vic, a member of Pete's committee, was able to fill in for him. Because of continuing COVID-19 issues, the on-campus events for the reunion planned from June 14-17 cannot be scheduled or committed to at this time, primarily because the College's Alumni Administration Office will not commit that such on-campus reunion(s) will even be allowed during that general time period. As a result, Pete and his committee are seriously considering converting the 60th Reunion from live on-campus to virtual on-campus, and is actually planning for same in whole or in part.

The 60th Reunion is usually the last large-scale in-person assembly of classmates and their spouses/significant others. However, it is becoming increasingly likely that the Class' 60th Reunion will be virtual on-line in whole or in part.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, was not able to attend this teleconference. However, Don and Maynard reported that both a faculty member/administrator and the two students who had been selected this year for grants under the John Sloane Dickey Center/'61 Stephen Bosworth Award and the one student selected this year for a grant under the '61 Arts Legacy were all scheduled to speak at the upcoming '61 Fall virtual mini-reunion.

Digital Content Manager's (Webmaster) Report

Harris McKee, Class webmaster/digital content manager, reported that during the past month he had posted 7 iModules emails to classmates. In addition, he worked with Oscar and Nyla Arslanian to greatly improve the aesthetics of our class website and worked with Don O'Neill and Dave Armstrong to greatly improve the Class' Bartlett Tower Society website page. Finally, Harris worked with Maynard on the technology structure for the Class' October virtual mini-reunion.

Harris also completed the Digital Content Manager's (website manager) section of the Class' annual CAR report for the year ended June 30, 2020 and also edited several other sections written by other classmates.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month we learned that one additional classmate (Russ Holmes) had passed away and published his obit notice on the class website. Harris also prepared the Memorialist's section of the Class' annual CAR report.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that he was beginning the next issue of our class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, and is planning to publish it in late October, 2020. Tom also prepared the Newsletter Editor's section of the class' annual CAR report.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS chair, reported that he has been working with Don O'Neill and others to improve the class website page for the Bartlett Tower Society members and to prepare correspondence to encourage classmates to join BTS. The preliminary goal for our 60th reunion is to achieve a total of 100 members; our Class' current BTS list includes 67 members as of September 9, 2020.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, reported that they were continuing to communicate, orally and/or in writing, with the recent widows of deceased classmates. In addition, Nyla, with assistance from Patti Rich, completed an article about WIC for the upcoming class newsletter. In addition, they completed a brief report for the Class' annual CAR report.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee

Dave Prewitt, '61 Awards Committee chair, reported that one or more additional Special Classmate Awards were expected to be presented at the Class' 60th Reunion in June 2021, whether on-site or virtual.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the Nominating Committee (consisting of Dave, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian and Art Kelton), stated that the committee is working diligently to develop a new slate of key class officers and an expanded executive committee membership to lead the Class from June 2021 through June 2026. A more formal report with recommendations for a slate of officers and executive committee members will be presented at a meeting in the near future.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, was not able to present a report at the meeting because of a lack of time and did not submit a written report.

New Business

At a “closed door” segment of this teleconference (without the presence of Vince Wilson), a final discussion was held as to “formally adopting” Vince Wilson, an Assistant Director of Individual and Class DCF Giving at Dartmouth, into the Class of 1961. After discussion of Vince’s valuable assistance to the Class of ’61 and his qualities as a human being, such adoption was approved unanimously and will take place during the virtual Fall mini-reunion in October. Vic Rich was assigned the role of creating the plaque description and getting the plaque produced in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The next class officers/executive committee telecon will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at noon EST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:05PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary