

Minutes—To Be Approved 11-11-2020

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

October 14, 2020

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Henry Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Rog McArt, Tom Conger, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Vince Wilson

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Ron Wybranowski, Dave Prewitt, Bill Collishaw, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: None

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

Don asked for the approval of the Minutes for the September 9, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference meeting, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Don then offered condolences to Dave Armstrong from all of the members of the class officers/executive committee group on the sudden unexpected passing of his oldest son from an automobile accident.

Finally, Don welcomed Vince Wilson into the Class of 1961 and congratulated Dave & Joan Prewitt and Maynard Wheeler on their Special Classmate Awards.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the September 9, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference. In addition, he wrote the '61 Special Recognition Award plaques for current honorees David & Joan Prewitt and for Maynard Wheeler as well as the formal adoption plaque honoring Vince Wilson's induction into the Class of 1961 ---- all awards presented to the aforementioned three honorees during the '61 virtual

Fall mini on October 3rd. Harris worked with Vic to get the plaques camera-ready for production by the plaque development company.

In addition, Vic is working with Vince Wilson to obtain precise definitions for the four out of the 24 College DCF related awards which, upon a review of the cursory requirements, the Class of '61 would be eligible to win during the current 60th Reunion fiscal year: the Class of 1964 Award, the Mark R. Alperin 1980 Award, the Charles F. Moore, Jr. 1925 Award, the Harvey P. Hood 1918 Award. This arose primarily as a result of our class winning the John R. Mason 1915 Award for the highest non-reunion DCF participation for approximately three of the past five years, including this past year.

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 working with Maynard to establish a firm count of the number and names of attendees (classmates, spouses and widows, external speakers and sundry outside guests) at our first two-day virtual mini-reunion, held in September 2020.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, was absent from the teleconference, but submitted a detailed treasurer's report for September 2020, which report was presented by Don. The Class' current cash balances as of October 13th totaled \$35,134 in the Class' checking account and \$11,248 in the Class' reunion/mini-reunion checking account. Since August 1, 2019, the Class collected dues of \$181 from 3 classmates and no voluntary contributions from classmates to various existing class projects. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Class has to date made a donation of \$2,500 (same as last year) to the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program.

Finally, the first dues notices for the current fiscal year should be mailed out to classmates in November.

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, 2021:

- Because of our outstanding class effort, and success, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and after receiving input from Sylvia Racca, the Dartmouth College Fund Executive Director, and Vince Wilson, Don and the Class DCF committee increased our class DCF dollar goal from \$610,000 to \$725,000 for our 60th Reunion and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The Class has already received leadership pledges to date amounting to nearly \$500,000.
- A plan, entitled “Double-Double for the 60th” is being put into place to encourage more ’61 donors to raise their projected donations by providing for matching incentive gifts from anonymous classmates for any gift that exceeds the greater of the classmate’s gift for the 55th Reunion or twice the gift for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
- Our DCF participation goal was established at 72% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. No actual contributions have been received to date.

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

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, reported that the no-charge Fall virtual on-campus mini-reunion which took place on October 2-3, 2020 was a resounding success. Note that the Class of 1961 was the first Dartmouth Class to hold a formal multi-day virtual reunion. Maynard noted that Harris was a big help with respect to the technical aspects of the seven events held over the two-day period.

According to attendance records maintained, 62 classmates signed up. However, only 53 classmates attended along with 18 spouses and widows, 9 outside speakers and 1 outside guest, for a net total of 81 attendees. This was an excellent turn-out for a class of our size, our age and our general lack of advanced technological skills.

A post-mini-reunion survey was sent out to 59 attendees. An initial early return of 31 responses (52.5%) showed an overall rating of 4.3%, which is “very good” to “outstanding”. Two of the most popular sessions were those held with head football coach Buddy Teevens and two of his assistant coaches.

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

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, was not available for the meeting but Vic, a member of Pete's committee, was able to fill in for him. Because of continuing COVID-19 issues, much of the actual events and housing for the reunion from June 14-17 cannot be completed or committed to at this time. However, work towards those goals are progressing.

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 '61 Class' 60th reunion will be virtual in whole or in part. Apparently, no person from the Alumni Relations office has as yet been assigned to our class for the 60th Reunion. Until further notice, Pete has delayed any formal communications by the Class to '61 classmates regarding the 60th Reunion.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, chair of this project, reported that the two students who had been selected for grants under the John Sloane Dickey Center/'61 Stephen Bosworth Award and one student for a grant under the '61 Arts Legacy were all interesting and successful speakers at the recent '61 virtual mini-reunion, which was also attended by Christine Bosworth, the widow of classmate Steve Bosworth for whom the '61 John Sloane Dickey Center grants are named.

Digital Content Manager's (Webmaster) Report

Harris McKee, Class webmaster/digital content manager, reported that during the past month he had posted approximately 18 website updates and 8 iModules emails to classmates, plus a letter from a recruited hockey player whose campus visit our Class funded. In addition, he worked with Oscar and Nyla Arslanian and greatly improved the aesthetics of our class website and especially the Bartlett Tower Society section. Finally, Harris worked with Maynard on the technological structure for the Class' October virtual mini-reunion.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month we learned of four more classmates and/or classmate spouses who recently had passed away and published the obit notices on the class website for three whom obit notices had been submitted ((Jerry Foote, Nancy Klath and Patty McElhinney). Although

classmate F. Don Kelly also passed away recently, we have not yet received an obituary notice for him.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that he was completing the next issue of our class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, and is planning to publish it in October.

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 members and to prepare solicitation correspondence to join BTS which has gone out to selected classmates. The preliminary goal for our 60th reunion is to achieve 100 members in total; however, this goal has not yet been finalized. Our 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, completed an article about WIC for the upcoming class newsletter.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee

Dave Prewitt, Awards Committee chair, unexpectedly was not able to attend the teleconference and did not submit a report. However, two additional Special Classmate Awards were presented at the Class' virtual mini-reunion in early October, numbers #8 and #9. Vic mentioned that Dave and the committee was hoping to present one or more awards during our 60th Reunion in June 2021.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, chair of this historical perspective of the Class, was not present for the teleconference and did not submit a report.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair of the committee consisting of Dave, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian and Art Kelton, unexpectedly was not able to attend the teleconference and did not submit a report. However, the committee is working diligently to develop a new slate of key class officers and executive committee members to lead the Class from June 2021 through June 2026.

New Business (None)

The next class officers/executive committee telecon will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 2PM EST (note time change from noon to 2PM for this telecon meeting).

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:40PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary