

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

January 13, 2021

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

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Bill Collishaw, Joan Prewitt

Invited Guests: Al Rozycki (attended), Glen Gemelli (attended), Gim Burton (attended), Mort Lynn (unable to attend)

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

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

Don welcomed the four newly nominated members to the Class' incoming executive committee, three of whom who were able to attend the telecom: Al Rozycki, Glen Gemelli, Gim Burton, Mort Lynn.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the December 9, 2020 class officers/executive committee teleconference.

In addition, he prepared and submitted the '61 class article for the March/April issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM).

Furthermore, Vic produced a further updated DRAFT version #4 to date of the "D" related awards and recognitions received by the Class of 1961 and by '61 individual classmates for insertion into the '61 60th Reunion booklet. He is

currently working with Vince to fill in a few possible final missing gaps necessary to complete the '61 Class & Classmates Awards Archive project, which is now about 97%-98% complete.

Vic prepared precise definitions for the 4 (out of a total of 24) College DCF related awards which the Class of 1961 would be eligible to compete for and hopefully achieve during the current 60th Reunion fiscal year and sent out a suggestions memo to class officers for review and consideration (Class of 1964 Award; Mark R. Alperin 1980 Award; Charles F. Moore, Jr. 1925 Award; Harvey P. Hood 1918 Award).

Finally, 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 but not limited to multiple communications with the four newly approved members of the '61 Executive Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class' current cash balances as of January 13, 2021 totaled \$52,849 in the Class' checking account and \$11,048 in the Class' reunion/mini-reunion checking account, totaling \$63,897. Since July 1, 2019, the Class collected \$61 dues of \$11,956 from 196 classmates and voluntary contributions of \$4,000 from classmates (total actually much more, but info only just provided by the College) for 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. Expenses incurred by the Class with the College and paid to date have amounted to \$1,511.

After the upcoming virtual mini-reunion in January, Ron will transfer additional funds from the Class' regular account to the Class' reunion/mini-reunion account so that the total in the reunion account will equal the \$16,000 agreed-to amount that the class will provide for a virtual 60th Reunion.

Finally, the second dues notice for the current fiscal year will be due from our class treasurer to the College by the end of January and will be mailed out to classmates in mid-March.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, Art Kelton, Oscar Arslanian and Rog McArt comprise the Class of '61 current nominating committee. Dave reported that as of today, four classmates had been invited and have agreed to become new at-large members of the Class' executive committee: Mort Lynn, Al Rozycki and Gim Burton. All four were approved with positive comments. The goal is to engage a total of ten new members of the '61 Executive Committee. Invitations have gone out to three classmates as prospective additional members.

Don thanked the nominating committee for their excellent choices and efforts to date. He also requested that each new member of the executive committee submit a brief description of their strengths and interests so that they can be assigned class tasks which they are both interested in and capable of handling. For example, Al Rozycki will become the liaison between the Class of '61 and the College.

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 ending June 30, 2021:

- Our stated class DCF dollar goal is \$610,00 but our stretch dollar goal is \$725,000 for our 60th Reunion and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. As of January 13th, the Class has received \$374,442 in cash and firm pledges (\$275,148 cash received and additional firm pledges of \$99,294). Thus far, the Class has achieved 61.4% of its dollar goal and 51.6% of its stretch dollar goal.
- A plan entitled "60th Reunion Double-Double Challenge" is now activated to encourage more '61 donors to raise their projected donations by providing for matching incentive gifts from a highly active (but anonymous) classmate for any current year gift that equal or exceeds the greater of the classmate's gift for the 55th Reunion or doubles his/her gift for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. An email was sent out in November to classmates explaining the aforementioned '61 Class DCF challenge. Several classmates to date have accepted the challenge and qualified for the matching contribution.

- Our DCF participation goal was established at 72% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Actual classmate contributors to date amount to 136, or 30%, including all of the 16 current class officers and executive committee members (excluding spousal class officers whose husbands also serve as class officers). Another 185 contributors from our class are needed to reach our participation goal for the year.
- Henry Eberhardt presented and discussed briefly a four-point Class of '61 DCF encouragement program to promote, to both classmate donors and (as yet) non-donors on a regular basis, the Class' DCF goals and up-to-date achievements toward meeting these goals, primarily in terms of the dollars contributed, utilization of the classmate double-double challenge, how these funds are being utilized by the College, and the participation rate by members of the Class.
- Henry noted, as an aside, that the public announcement by the College DCF of a new Dartmouth Student Vlog utilizes a winter photograph of our Robert Frost statue along with a four-line excerpt from the Robert Frost poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".

Harris and Henry emphasized that our 60th Reunion will be the last major reunion giving effort by our class. As a result, we will want to go out on top, having achieved and possibly even exceeded our 60th Reunion dollar and participation goals.

D'61 Off-Campus/On-Campus Virtual Mini-Reunion Report (Quarterly)

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion chair, reported that the one day ZOOM virtual reunion held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 was a resounding success. The afternoon no-charge mini included two educational panel discussions of nearly 2 hours each: one on '61 classmates in foreign service and the other a discussion about the book, *The Great Influenza*, by and with the book's author (John Barry) concerning the 1918 flu pandemic and its relevance to the current Covid-19 pandemic. Assisting Maynard with the planning, organization and implementation of the successful effort were Pete Bleyler and Harris McKee. The excellent moderators of each session were Chris Bosworth (widow of Steve Bosworth) and Dave Prewitt, respectively, and they were ably assisted by the four classmate and career foreign service panelists (John Adams, Parker Borg, Jake Gillespie, Jon Sperling) and by the author of the book being

discussed (John Barry). Between the two sessions, classmate Terry Rogers entertained the audience with an exhibition of some of his photographs along and a Q&A with the audience. Approximately 92 people attended the virtual mini event, comprised mostly of classmates and also spouses, widows and outside guests ----- an excellent turnout.

A survey will be submitted to all who attended in order to get a more objective evaluation of the one day mini-reunion. The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for early in April 2021.

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

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, reported that our 60th Reunion, currently scheduled from June 14-17, will likely be completely virtual because of continuing COVID-19 issues. Should coronavirus conditions and College support change prior to our 60th Reunion, an attempt may be made to have at least a portion of the reunion live and on-campus as well as and in addition to virtual on-campus. As of this date, the Alumni Relations Office atypically still has not yet assigned any staff person from that office to our Class to assist us with the reunion.

Because of the time involved and the College's lack of involvement to date, Pete and his committee have decided to move forward with a fully virtual, via Zoom, no charge 60th Reunion in June 2021 with a total class budget of \$16,000, as approved last month.

Assisting Pete in this endeavor are Maynard Wheeler, Harris McKee and Ron Wybranowski, along with an extensive classmate and spouse/widow reunion committee.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, reported that there was nothing significant to report at this time. The dual project, consisting of grants provided to undergraduate students under the John Sloane Dickey Center/'61 Stephen Bosworth Award and under the '61 Arts Legacy, appeared to be running smoothly.

An issue from last month as to how the financial stipends were being determined and funded was researched. The answer from Pete was that the two programs, the Steve Bosworth/John Sloan Dickey/Rockefeller grant and the Hopkins Center/

fine arts '61 grant apparently distribute their '61 grant funds differently to the recipients (lump sum versus periodic distributions).

Digital Content Manager's (Webmaster) Report

Harris McKee, Class Webmaster/Digital Content Manager, reported that during the past month he had begun emailing Class-related material to spouses separately from their classmate husbands in order to eliminate an at times previous communications gap. In connection therewith, Don wrote a letter to all classmates and their spouses in January relating to the now greater strength of the Class by having our Class' spouses and widows included as an integral part of the Class, after adopting all of our Class spouses and widows as honorary members of our Class. As a result, Don's letter requested that all spouses and widows complete a separate contact form and return same to Harris so that he can enter their names, addresses, contact telephone numbers and email addresses onto an official Class contact list.

Harris then mentioned that his efforts to get the College's Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM) personnel to restore its link to our '61 class obituaries has thus far failed.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month we learned that two more classmates (Roger Baumberger and Bob Gillespie, III) had passed away and that obit notices had been published on the class website for those whom obit notices had been received .

Newsletter Editor's Report

•Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that he was planning on publishing four issues of our class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year ending June 30th, instead of the usual three issues. To date, two issues have already been published with the third issue to be published prior to the class officer/executive committee teleconference scheduled for February 10, 2021.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS chair, reported that he has been working with Don to communicate with 24 pre-selected classmates who appear to be good candidates

for joining BTS. Some have shown interest. Vic suggested that the form to be utilized for a classmate testamentary contribution to Dartmouth be as short and as simple as possible. Our goal for the current fiscal year is to sign up an additional 33 BTS members by June 30, 2021; our Class currently has 67 BTS members.

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 spouses of all classmates and with all widows of deceased classmates.

In connection therewith, Nyla (and to a lesser extent, Patti) were working with Harris to establish a more reliable and more consistent communications link to all '61 spouses and widows. In connection therewith, Don recently wrote a letter sent to all classmates, but geared toward all '61 spouses and widows, requesting that all spouses and widows of '61 classmates complete a brief information contact form containing the spouse's or widow's address(es), contact telephone number(s) and primary email address and return same to Harris McKee. Harris will then post same onto an official Class contact list for regular recurring class communications as well as specific WIC related mailings. The current list prepared by Nyla and Patti over a period of nearly 3-4 years contains contact info on approximately only 130 spouses and widows.

In addition, Nyla and Oscar have begun to organize and gather material for the 60th Reunion booklet, with assistance from several other classmates to provide the content.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, Awards Committee chair, reported that Dave and the committee were expecting to present one or more awards during our 60th Reunion in June 2021 and in the Fall of 2021.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Denny Denniston, co-chair of this committee, did not attend this teleconference. Vic Rich, co-chair, reported that he was near finishing this long-standing project

(now about 97-98% completed) and also to provide the information included therein for the 60th Reunion booklet being prepared by Oscar and Nyla Arslanian.

New Business

The annual '61 Virtual Reunion will be held this year on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, the 61st day of the current year. Harris McKee will again be in charge of this annual event and will prepare the '61 Virtual Reunion poster. More to come on this event from Harris next month

The next class officers/executive committee telecon will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at noon EST.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary