

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

June 9, 2021

Attending the Meeting: Don O'Neill, Maynard Wheeler, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Henry Eberhardt, Bill Collishaw, Oscar Arslanian, Rog McArt, David Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Vince Wilson, Al Rozycki, Gim Burton, Mort Lynn, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Pete Bleyler, Tom Conger, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney, Tim Grumbacher

Invited Guests: None

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

Don asked for the approval of the Minutes for the May 12, 2021 class officers/ executive committee teleconference meeting, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the May 12, 2021 class officers/executive committee teleconference.

Vic further updated DRAFT versions (up to version #15) of the archive of "D" related awards and recognitions conferred upon the Class of 1961 and '61 individual classmates for insertion into a *'61 Class & Classmate Awards and Recognition Archive* booklet. Project complete and material being reset for the smaller sized pages in the booklet.

Vic worked on various aspects of the 60th Reunion, both directly and indirectly.

Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates and various members of the College's administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the Class of '61 in particular.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, submitted a written report stating that the Class ' current cash balances as of May 11, 2021 totaled \$43,899 in the Class 'general checking account and \$5,413 in the Class 'reunion checking account, totaling \$49,312. Since July 1, 2020, the Class has collected dues of \$14,904 from 248 classmates, mostly at \$61 each, and voluntary contributions to the Class of \$12,828 from classmates for various existing class projects. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Class to date has made donations of \$12,779 to the following: \$2,500 to the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program, \$3,600 to the Performing Arts Legacy project in memory of deceased classmates and spouses, \$1,784 to the Performing Arts Legacy from living classmates, and \$4,895 to other existing class and non-class projects. Reunion related expenses paid to date amounted to \$10,587.

Included in other project donations received was a donation of \$1,000 from special classmate Virginia Rice Kelsey which has been allocated to the current updating, reprinting, and mailing to classmates of the '61 Class Directory.

Another classmate, Jim Baum, has contributed \$4,000, to date unallocated, to be used toward a specific class project to be identified by the Class 'Executive Committee and approved by Jim, which project can be Dartmouth related, community related or both. Furthermore, Jim has stated that if he likes the project he would be willing to provide additional funding for another one or two years.

The third and final dues notice for the current fiscal year was mailed out in May to classmates who had not yet paid class dues for the current fiscal year. Dues collections for the current fiscal year (248) are currently still running slightly behind the prior year (252), partially due to the passing of many classmates during the current year.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that all required class officer and executive committee positions had been filled for the coming five-year term and that there was nothing else

to report. He thanked the other members of his committee (Art Kelton, Oscar Arslanian, Rog McArt) for their participation and due diligence.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent (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 submitted stretch dollar goal is \$725,000 for our 60th Reunion and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. As of June 8th, the Class has received approximately \$684,000 in cash and firm pledges. Therefore, the Class has exceeded its stated goal of \$610,000 (including both cash and firm pledges) and needs only approximately \$41,000 to reach its stretch goal of \$725,000. Thus far, the Class has achieved approximately 112% of its stated dollar goal and 94% of its stretch dollar goal.
- A Class DCF challenge plan entitled "60th Reunion Double-Double Match Challenge" was activated to encourage more '61 donors to raise their projected donations by providing for matching incentive gifts from an anonymous classmate for any current year gift that equals 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. As of May 28th, 63 classmates have accepted the challenge and qualified for the matching contribution, currently totaling nearly \$176,000.
- Last year, our class had 28 members of the *1769 Society* (contributed \$2,500 or more); to date this year our class, with fewer living classmates, has already exceeded that number with 36 to date and at least three more added subsequently
- Our DCF participation goal was established at 72% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Classmate contributors (including firm pledges) through June 8th amounted to 234, or 54.4%, including all 27 current class officers and executive committee members. Another 76 contributors (18%) are needed to reach our participation goal for the year.

- As of June 8th, the Class of '61 has just moved into first place among all other classes (barely ahead of the Class of '60) with respect to its current interim participation. The Class' SWAT team for solicitation, consisting of 9 people, has begun its efforts and is now in full operation until the fiscal year end.

D'61 Virtual 60th Reunion (June 2021)

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, was unable to attend this telecom but a recap of various reunion-related update emails by Pete and/or Harris, reported that:

- The 60th Reunion, fully virtual, will begin in 5 days and will take place from June 14th - June 17th, 2021. This reunion will be cost-free to all classmates and other attendees. At this point more than 200 classmates, spouses and widows have registered, which is already an excellent response.
- Pete, Maynard and Harris will be handling all of the administrative and technical issues for each session, with two of the three managing each session.
- The underlying theme of five classmate panel discussions will be "The Paths We've Chosen": classmates who have changed, altered or revised their professions or occupations so as to include an entirely different aspect or direction to it, hence the reference to Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken*.
- All of the '61 class events will be moderated by classmates and/or spouses or widows of classmates, including the five classmate panels, the Dickey Center/Bosworth Award student panel, the women's only discussion session, the two entertainment sessions and the two classmate artist slideshows.
- The 60th Reunion book, prepared primarily by Nyla Arslanian with some input and assistance from a few classmates, has been printed and mailed out to all classmates and widows.

D'61 On-Campus and Off-Campus Quarterly Virtual Mini-Reunion Report (Fall 2021)

Maynard Wheeler, on-campus mini-reunion and off-campus virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the Fall mini-reunion probably will be virtual, possibly held on a weekday, probably from 1PM – 4:30PM, but will try to be tied directly or indirectly into a Saturday

with a televised “D” football game, preferably during Homecoming Weekend on October 7-8, 2021. However, during Homecoming Weekend, the College is likely to run a College-wide Homecoming Reunion program. Therefore, the type of mini and timing for October is still open.

As in past Fall minis, our upcoming mini will focus on undergraduate students to whom our Class provides financial grants under various class projects, along with a class business meeting and probably some breakout sessions.

Other future quarterly (and probably virtual) ’61 minis for 2022 will be scheduled for January, April, July and October.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, was unable to attend but noted that there was nothing significant to report. The dual project, consisting of grants provided to undergraduate students in accordance with the John Sloane Dickey Center/’61 Stephen Bosworth Award and the ’61 Arts Legacy, appeared to be running smoothly.

Chris Bosworth, Steve’s widow, will be the moderator of one of the panel sessions, on June 16th, which will include two undergraduate recipients of financial awards under the *’61 Stephen Bosworth Award* established by the Class.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster’s Report

Harris McKee, Class Digital Content Manager/Webmaster, reported that he had generated 21 class website updates and 18 iModules emails since the prior telecom.

In addition, Harris will be the primary technical support for the upcoming 60th Reunion and has been the primary technical support for the Zoom mechanical aspects of all class officer/executive committee meetings as well as all ’61 virtual mini-reunions and other ’61 virtual teleconferences.

Harris, with some minor assistance from a few other classmates, revised and updated the ’61 Class Directory (last done for our 55th Reunion). The revised directory book has been bound and is awaiting mailing by the College to all classmates/spouses/widows.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month we were notified that two classmates (Tony Piccolo and Jim Silen) had passed away and that obit notices had been published on the class website for those whom obit notices had been received. In addition, Harris notifies the Class Treasurer of the passing of each classmate and classmate spouse so that \$100 can be contributed to the '61 *Performing Arts Legacy* to honor each such person.

Finally, Harris prepared the PowerPoint presentation for the 60th Reunion memorial service to support the reading of the names of those classmates (87) and spouses (12) deceased since our 55th Reunion and through June 14th .

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, was not able to attend but reported that the fourth and final class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, of the current fiscal year was published and distributed in mid-May.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair with Al Rozycki, reported that the Class was now up to 72 BTS members, with several additional classmates considering seriously to become members at this time. Al is anxious to get participation of 100% from all members of the Class' executive committee by our 60th Reunion, but is not quite there yet. Al and Dave have prepared a simple outline for those interested to follow. They emphasized that a testamentary gift to Dartmouth can be of any fixed dollar amount or percentage of your estate (no minimum amount is required).

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 the widows of deceased classmates. A '61 women's sub-committee of 10 classmate spouses and widows were actively involved in increasing the level and pace of communication with other classmate spouses and widows, including attending the 60th Reunion and encouraging their classmate husbands to attend.

In addition, a brief survey was developed and distributed to all spouses and widows as to the type of topics that they would like to discuss during the spousal/widow only program segment to be held during the 60th Reunion and moderated by Nyla and Patti. Finally, Nyla has completed the preparation of the 60th Reunion booklet, with assistance from several classmates and Pete Bleyler in providing, selecting and organizing the content submitted.

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D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, Awards Committee chair, reported that the committee, also consisting of Harris McKee, Denny Denniston and Vic Rich, was expecting to present more than one award during our upcoming 60th Reunion. Dave specifically did not offer any more details as to the number or names of the recipients in order to maintain the element of surprise.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, co-chair of this committee, reported that this multi-year project was now completed. The finalized archival segment of our Class 'permanent class and classmate alumni award history has been included in summary form in the 60th Reunion booklet and will be more fully included in a separate booklet of about 12 pages to be published and distributed to all classmates after the 60th Reunion.

Vic noted that although the draft version (#15) was now completed, there may still be some some further revisions as new and additional information is received for the archive of "D" related awards and recognitions conferred upon the Class of 1961 and '61 individual classmates. The page size of the final booklet will be 5 ½ " x 8 ½", so that the draft pages must be reduced accordingly.

New Business

1. Don asked that the class officers and members of the executive committee think about potential projects for the Class to consider that might qualify for the type of project acceptable to Jim Baum, who contributed \$4,000 in 2021 and who has stated that he might be willing to contribute additional funds in 2022 and/or 2023 if he considered the project selected to be meaningful.

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at noon EDT.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary