

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

July 14, 2021

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Henry Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, David Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Vince Wilson, Al Rozycki, Art Kelton, Gim Burton, Mort Lynn, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli

Absent from Meeting: Dave Prewitt, Bill Collishaw, Jim McElhinney, Jon Sperling, Tim Grumbacher

Invited Guests: None

Maynard Wheeler, incoming Class President, called the meeting to order at noon EDT.

Maynard then thanked everyone for their support of him to be the incoming president of this outstanding class. He also announced three new or revised class positions: "Past President", "Quarterly Mini-Reunion – Hanover/Virtual Chair", "Travel Mini-Reunion – Out-of-Hanover Chair". Maynard also thanked Vince for his service to the Class while at Dartmouth and wished him well in his future employment position in California.

Maynard asked for the approval of the Minutes for the June 9, 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 June 9, 2021 class officers/executive committee teleconference.

Vic prepared and submitted the '61 Class article for the *ClassNotes* Column of the September/October issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM).

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. Deferring publication in order to update and include new class officer positions, classmate awards and recognitions, and anticipated DCF-related awards to be received by the Class for the year ended June 30, 2021

Vic worked on and participated in various aspects of the Class' 60th Reunion in June.

Vic summarized and distributed an analysis and comments of some of the College issues impacting the Class of '61 directly or indirectly (e.g. cancellation, for second year in a row, of the annual alumni competition for Class of the Year/Reunion Class of the Year as well as the competition for individual Class Officers of the Year).

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 July 14, 2021 totaled \$44,309 in the Class' general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class' reunion checking account, totaling \$49,428. Total 60th Reunion expenses received through July 14, 2021 amounted to \$10,587.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Class has collected dues of \$15,452 from 254 classmates, mostly at \$61 each. This resulted in both more dues payers and more dues collected than for the prior fiscal year, and accomplished with far fewer classmates. Approximately 58.3% (not yet confirmed by the College) of the classmates paid dues for the fiscal year ended June 30th.

In addition, the Class received voluntary contributions to the Class of \$14,054 from classmates for various class projects. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Class to date has made donations of \$14,379 to the following: \$2,500 to the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program, \$4,000 to the Performing Arts Legacy project in memory of deceased classmates and spouses, \$2,384 to the Performing Arts Legacy from living classmates, and \$4,455 to the Frost Endowment projects (which includes the '61 Stephen Bosworth Award) and \$1,040 for a non-College related project. Reunion related expenses paid through July 14, 2021, amounted to \$10,587.

The '61 Legacy for the Performing Arts had a market value of \$1,779, 608 as of April 30, 2021 (the most recent valuation date available), with distributions of \$55,425 for the fiscal year. The Frost Endowment had a market value of \$140,486 as of April 30, 2021 (the most recent valuation date available), with distributions of \$4,289 for the fiscal year.

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 ended June 30, 2021:

- Our stated class DCF dollar goal was \$610,00 but our submitted stretch dollar goal was \$725,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. As of July 14th, the Class has received approximately \$870,000 in firm contributions (the final amount is still being determined by the College). Therefore, the Class has readily exceeded its original stated goal of \$610,000 and its stretch goal of \$725,000. Thus far, the Class has achieved approximately 143% of its stated dollar goal and approximately 120% 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 either equaled or exceeded the greater of the classmate's gift for the 55th Reunion or double his gift for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, 92 classmates had accepted the challenge and qualified for the matching contribution, which totaled \$191,044 (\$95,522 contributions+ \$95,522 matching contributions).
- Last year, our class had 28 members of the *1769 Society* (contributed \$2,500 or more); this year our class, with fewer living classmates, exceeded that number with 39 members projected (but not yet confirmed by the College).
- Our DCF participation goal was 72% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Classmate contributors through June 30th amounted to 332, or approximately 77% participation (not yet confirmed by the College). This included 50 contributors during the last week of the campaign. This participation

percentage was accomplished to a great extent by the efforts of the '61 DCF SWAT team, consisting of Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Bob Conn, Hop Holmberg, Zhuoman Gardiner, and Harris McKee. Kudos to this team for their outstanding efforts and success. The Class' participation percentage of 77% was the highest of any Dartmouth class for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, including both reunion and non-reunion classes.

D'61 Virtual 60th Reunion (June 2021)

Pete Bleyler, 60th Reunion chair, reported that the Class' virtual ZOOM 60th Reunion was a resounding success and he thanked everyone who helped to make it happen, especially Harris McKee and Maynard Wheeler, who planned and handled many of the technical aspects of the ZOOM sessions along with him:

- The 60th Reunion, fully virtual and utilizing ZOOM, took place from June 14th - June 17th, 2021. The reunion was cost-free to all classmates and other attendees.
- More than 230 classmates, spouses and widows and guests registered and there were strong turnouts for each program segment.
- There were 24 distinct sessions of which 14 were formal programs lasting more than one hour and several were one-and-a half hours: 5 classmate panel discussions, 2 panel discussions segments each involving multiple students who had received financial grants from the Class, a formal memorial service honoring deceased classmates, a "Passages" classmates discussion session (as in prior reunions), an extensive business meeting segment, a panel discussion exclusively for classmate spouses and widows, several art segments with original artwork from classmates/spouses/widows, 3 evening entertainment sessions (2 classmate and 1 College generated), multiple classmate breakout groups, several open-mike conversation group sessions, and election of new class officers.
- There was an extensive 60th Reunion booklet prepared primarily by Nyla Arslanian and sent to all classmates.
- Desktop device stands & refrigerator magnets were provided as the 60th reunion gifts for all classmates and widows.

- There was a revised and updated '61 Class Directory prepared primarily by Harris McKee and sent to all classmates both in a hard copy and an on-line version.

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

Maynard Wheeler and Pete Bleyler, incoming quarterly – Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the Fall mini-reunion probably will be virtual in whole or in part, possibly held on a weekday afternoon, but will try to be tied directly or indirectly into a Friday or 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 and timing of the mini-reunion for October is still wide open.

As in the past, our upcoming Fall mini will focus on undergraduate students to whom our Class provides financial grants under various class projects, along with a class business meeting, probably some breakout sessions and if live on-campus in whole or in part, then at least one dinner (probably on Saturday evening) and Sunday brunch would be included for those able and willing to be on-campus. More thought will have to be given to the issues involved, as well as the anticipated status of the coronavirus for the dates involved. After some further thought, perhaps a survey will be sent out to classmates to gain further input.

D'61 Travel Mini-Reunion – Out-of-Hanover (Periodic)

Dave Prewitt, chair, was unable to attend but noted previously that no out-of-Hanover travel event was currently under consideration, due primarily to the still existing coronavirus and other factors.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, noted that there was nothing significant to report. The dual project, consisting of financial awards 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. Each program is currently funding two students with grants. Hopefully, these students will be available to speak to the Class during its Fall mini-reunion.

Chris Bosworth, Steve's widow, was a very effective moderator of one of the 60th Reunion panel sessions, which included 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 19 class website updates and 25 iModules emails since the prior telecom.

In addition, Harris was the primary technical support for the recent 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 assistance from a few other classmates, revised and updated the '61 Class Directory, which was finally mailed by the College to all classmates/ spouses/widows.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month he was notified that two classmates (Ken DeHaven and John Hinsman) and one spouse (Ellen Banks) 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 noted that 89 classmates and 12 spouses were known to have passed away since our 55th Reunion and through June 30, 2021, 30 classmates alone during the past fiscal year.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that the initial Class newsletter, *Wide World*, for the current fiscal year will be published sometime during the Fall, 2021.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair with Al Rozycki, reported that the Class was now up to 75 BTS members, with 3 new additions during the current fiscal year. Several additional classmates are still considering becoming members within the near future. Al wants to get participation of 100% from all members of the Class' executive committee, but is still not quite there yet. Al 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 are actively involved in increasing the level and pace of communication with other classmate spouses and widows. The sub-committee members include Chris Bosworth, Eileen DiSavino, Lauri Eberhardt, Bonnie Gartner, Carol Jozus, Susan Lynn, Madge Ginn, Carolyn ("Pani") Kolb, and Susan Moore

The '61 classmate spouse and widow only session held during the recent 60th Reunion was very successful. Approximately 50 spouses and widows joined the 1 ½ hour program segment and most were actively engaged in discussing the various issues emphasized in the survey sent out prior to the 60th Reunion. The program segment was moderated by Nyla and Patti.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, was not available to attend the telecom but Vic Rich reported that the committee, also consisting of Harris McKee, Denny Denniston and Vic, had presented four '61 Special Classmate Awards during the 60th Reunion (to Ron Boss, Gerry Kaminsky, Pete Bleyler and Don O'Neill). In addition, the committee was expecting to present one or possibly two awards during our upcoming Fall mini-reunion.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, co-chair of this revised committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project was now being revised to include significant updated information

arising at the end of the past fiscal year, including but not limited to the four new recipients of the '61 Special Classmate Award, the new incoming '61 Class President, the new '61 Class representative to the Alumni Council and the anticipated College awards for the outstanding fundraising achievements by the Class for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

An abbreviated archival segment of our Class' permanent class and classmate alumni award history through June 30, 2021 was included in summary form in the 60th Reunion booklet. The updated and more complete *'61 Class & Classmate Awards and Recognition Archive* will be included in a separate booklet of about 12 pages to be published and distributed to all classmates during the Fall of the current fiscal year.

Nominating Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, was unable to attend. However, there was nothing new to report as all nominations for the current fiscal year ended had been completed and approved.

New Business

- 1- Status of the annual CAR report f/y 6/30/2021, due for submission by 8/31/21.
- 2- Consider preparation and submission of a letter from the Class to the Office of Alumni Affairs and/or the Office of the President objecting to the elimination of the annual selection of Class of the Year/Alumni Class of the Year and the selection of the individual Class Officer of the Year for each of several class officers for the year ended 6/30/2021.
- 3- "D" admin. Issues affecting alumni in general and the Class of '61 in particular.
- 4- "D" admin. issues affecting the students, the faculty and the College in general.
- 5- "D" admin. decisions vs. depth of input and involvement by interested parties other than the "D" administration (e.g. faculty, students, alumni, trustees, etc.)

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at noon EDT.

Maynard adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary