

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

August 11, 2021

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Henry Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, David Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Gim Burton, Mort Lynn, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney, Tim Grumbacher

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson

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

Maynard then stated that the Class of '61, although one of the numerically smaller classes even among those classes which preceded co-ed education and the shift to a larger class size, had proven itself to the College and to other classes in many areas during the past decades. Therefore, during his term as class president Maynard wants to focus the Class more on building or re-building personal relationships of classmates with the Class and with each other. He noted that our Class' success in utilizing ZOOM to hold virtual meetings during the past year should more than offset the increasing inability of classmates to travel to mini-reunions on and off campus and to on-campus reunions going forward as we continue to progress into our sunset years. The installation of regular quarterly virtual reunions using ZOOM or some similar format is the first step in that direction. Maynard invited feedback from the class officers, executive committee members and general classmates regarding the aforementioned.

Maynard mentioned to all that Vince Wilson's new non-Dartmouth employment position and his relocation to California may well tend to make his attendance, virtually and/or physically, a problem at regular monthly class officer/executive committee meetings, quarterly mini-reunions, et al. Therefore, it has been agreed with Vince that he will remain an at-large member of the Class executive committee who will attend as

many virtual monthly tele-conferences and quarterly mini-reunions as possible without jeopardizing his new employment position; in the Minutes going forward Vince will be recorded as a “present” member of the ’61 executive committee when present “and as an “invited guest” when absent, at least for the foreseeable future until he is able to better comprehend and control his schedule. Again, everyone wished Vince the very best going forward with his new position and thanked him for his contribution to the Class of 1961.

Maynard then asked for the approval of the Minutes for the July 14, 2021 class officers/executive committee teleconference meeting, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted and revised.

Secretary’s Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he had completed the Minutes for the July 14, 2021 class officers/executive committee teleconference.

In addition, he prepared and submitted the Minutes for the July 21, 2021 special class officers/executive committee telecom, which discussed various apparent issues and problems which have arisen or become more prominent at Dartmouth during the past few years. These issues have had or could have an impact upon the Class of 1961 and other alumni classes, the students, the faculty and/or Dartmouth as an institution, directly or indirectly.

Vic further updated the DRAFT version (up to version #17) 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. Printing and publication have been deferred in order to update and include new class officer positions, classmate awards and recognitions, and anticipated DCF-related awards received by the Class for the year ended June 30, 2021. The new target date for publication is the Fall quarterly mini-reunion scheduled for November 2021.

In addition, Vic prepared the Secretary’s section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates, a few other class secretaries from other classes 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, among other things, that the Class' current cash balances as of August 10, 2021 totaled \$47,427, including \$42,308 in the Class' general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class' 60th Reunion checking account.

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 25 fewer classmates. 58.3% of the classmates paid dues for the fiscal year ended June 30th. In addition, six classmates paid their dues in advance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

In addition, the Class received voluntary contributions to the Class of \$13,884 from classmates for various class projects. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Class to date has made donations of \$12,514 to the following: \$2,500 to the Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors program, \$3,398 to the Performing Arts Legacy project in memory of deceased classmates and spouses, \$2,384 to the Performing Arts Legacy from living classmates, and \$3,192 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 \$10,881.

Ron reported that a class check to the College dated and mailed in July, 2021 in the amount of \$1,865 (\$1,263 for the Frost Endowment and \$602 for the Performing Arts Legacy project) was not deposited by the College until August 9, 2021 and will be counted in fiscal 2021-2022.

Finally, Ron was in the process of preparing the Treasurer's section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

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 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 versus projected goals for the Class 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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Class actually received \$883,590 in firm contributions. Therefore, the Class readily exceeded both its original stated goal of \$610,000 (by 45%) and its stretch goal of \$725,000 (by 22%).
- The Class DCF challenge plan entitled “60th Reunion Double-Double Match Challenge”, activated to encourage more '61 donors to raise their donations by providing for matching incentive gifts from an anonymous classmate, clearly was very successful. Thank you, anonymous classmate!
- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, our class had 40 members of the *1769 Society* (contributed \$2,500 or more) versus 33 for the prior fiscal year, an increase of 7 members with fewer living classmates.
- It should be noted that our original class size was 721 classmates. Our class size as of June 30, 2021 was down to 475 classmates, a decline of 246 classmates (34%). However, for the DCF base calculation, the College also deducts from the base all “lost” classmates/bad mailing addresses, incapacitated classmates, adopted classmates and “not interested” classmates, all of which for our class totaled 48 classmates as of June 30, 2021. As a result, our Class DCF base was 427 as of June 30, 2021.
- Our DCF participation goal was 72% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Classmate contributors through June 30, 2021 amounted to 323 contributors, or 75.6%. This participation percentage of 75.6% was the highest of any Dartmouth class for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, including both reunion and non-reunion classes. The aforementioned success was achieved primarily as a result of the efforts of the '61 DCF SWAT team. The Class' participation of 75.6% won the “Mark R. Alperin Award” for the class with the highest reunion participation for the year ended June 30, 2021.
- Finally, Harris was in the process of preparing the DCF section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

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

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that, based primarily on the results derived from a recent survey among classmates, the Fall mini-reunion will be held for one day on Saturday, November 6th of the November 5-7 weekend and probably will be entirely virtual, but possibly may be hybrid depending on the state of the coronavirus and the openness of the Hanover campus by that weekend.

As in the recent past, our upcoming Fall mini will focus on a panel of classmates (tentatively including 4 classmates – Doug Zipes, Jerry Greenfield, Robert Tunnell and Chris Bosworth; a panel of 2 undergraduate students to whom our Class provided financial grants under the Arts Initiative segment of the endowed Robert Frost class project; and if a hybrid mini on-campus in part, then at least one dinner (probably on Saturday evening), a Friday evening pre-football game cocktail party, and possibly a Sunday brunch would be included.

Finally, Pete and others were in the process of preparing the Mini-Reunion section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

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.

In addition, Pete was in the process of preparing the Class Projects section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster's Report

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

In addition, Harris was in the process of preparing the Digital Content Manger/Webmaster's section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month there were no classmates or spouses who had passed away. However, prior to the period covered by this report, an obit notice had been received for Nancy Meng, the longtime partner of classmate Dick Spenser, who has been entered on the class website.

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 was in the process of preparing the Memorialist section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, was unable to attend this teleconference but Harris, after discussion with TC, reported that the initial edition of the '61 Class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year will be published sometime during Fall, 2021, probably shortly after the November '61 mini-reunion.

In addition, TC was in the process of preparing the Newsletter Editor's section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Al Rozycki, Class BTS co-chair with Dave Armstrong, reported that the Class was now up to 75 BTS members, with 3 new additions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Five additional classmates are in the process of becoming members in the near future. Al wants to get participation of 100% from all members of the current class officer executive committee, but is still not 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).

In addition, Al Rozycki and Dave Armstrong were in the process of preparing the Bartlett Tower (gift planning) section of the Class Activity Report f/y/e 6/30/2021.

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 committee efforts to promote the connectivity and communication among the Class of '61's spouses and widows and with the Class itself is now ongoing throughout the year

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, was not available to attend the telecom. However Vic Rich reported that the committee, also consisting of Harris McKee, Denny Denniston and Vic, was reviewing potential nominees with the expectation of presenting one or possibly two awards during our upcoming Fall mini-reunion in November 2021.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, co-chair of this committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project was being revised to include significant updated information arising as of June 30, 2021, 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 rep to the Alumni Council and the anticipated College award(s) for the outstanding fundraising achievements by the Class for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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 ending June 30, 2022.

New Business

- 1- The status of the annual Class Activity Report f/y 6/30/2021, due for submission by 8/31/21, was reviewed. The CAR is currently in process and will be completed by the due date.

- 2- The topic of the possible 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 was not discussed in detail due to a lack of time, but has been and will continue to be discussed off line primarily until the next class officers/executive committee meeting in September.

- 3- Other Dartmouth related issues and possible potential problems are still under review and were discussed only briefly due to a lack of time. They will be further reviewed offline and further discussed at the class officer/executive committee teleconference in September.
 - a- "D" administrative Issues affecting alumni in general and the Class of '61 in particular.
 - b- "D" administrative issues affecting the students, the faculty and the College in general.
 - c- "D" administrative decisions vs. depth of input and involvement by other interested parties other than the "D" administration (e.g. faculty, students, alumni, trustees, etc.).
 - d- Review of Don O'Neill's proposed list of "D" issues to be brought to the Alumni Council level for discussion; Don is the incoming '61 class representative to that group.

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 at noon EDT.

Maynard adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

