

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

September 8, 2021

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Henry Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Art Kelton, Mort Lynn, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Pete Bleyler, David Armstrong, Gim Burton, Hop Holmberg, Jim McElhinney, Tim Grumbacher

Invited Guests: Amanda Addington (attended); Vince Wilson (unable to attend)

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

Maynard then welcomed Amanda Addington, who was appointed as the replacement for the recently departed Vince Wilson as the College's DCF team member working with the Class of 1961 going forward. Everyone welcomed Amanda to the meeting and to the Class, and look forward to her DCF assistance.

Maynard stated that the finalized annual '61 Class Activity Report (CAR) and the '61 Annual Financial Report had been submitted to the College prior to the August 31, 2021 deadline and he thanked all those involved in putting the two reports together.

Maynard mentioned that the approval of the Minutes for the August 11, 2021 class officers/ executive committee teleconference meeting would be postponed until next month.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he was in the process of completing, but because of personal issues had not yet been able to complete, the Minutes for the August 11, 2021 class officers/executive committee teleconference.

In addition, Vic had prepared and submitted in late August the '61 class article for the *classnotes* section of the November/December 2021 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. Vic also noted that the prestigious full page cover photo for the *classnotes* section of the September/October issue of the DAM was entitled "The Journey Begins" and shows approximately 37 classmates preparing to leave for the freshman trips in 1957. Several classmates (or their specific attire) are, or may be, recognizable. Take a look and let me know if you can identify yourself or another classmate in the photo.

In addition, Vic prepared several informal emails concerning recent Dartmouth issues and problem areas and submitted same to various '61 class officers and members of the class executive committees in response to comments and questions. These issues have had or could have an impact upon our alumni class other alumni classes, current and future "D" students, the faculty and/or "D" as an institution (directly or indirectly).

Vic continues to further update the draft version for new *'61 Class and Classmate Awards and Recognitions Archive* booklet for revisions and the addition of new awards and recognitions conferred upon the Class of 1961 and '61 individual classmates during the current "D" fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending six months later on December 31, 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 September 7, 2021 totaled \$47,484, including \$42,365 in the Class' general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class' 60th Reunion checking account, where invoices primarily from the College are still outstanding.

Ron had prepared and on August 27, 2021 submitted to the College and the Class the required formal Annual Financial Report for the Class of 1961 for the year ended June 30, 2021, a copy of which is posted on the '61 class website.

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' DCF report for the two months of minimal DCF activity for the current fiscal year which began July 1, 2021:

1. As of the current date, neither a dollar goal nor a participation goal has been finalized for the Class' fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
2. Amanda Addington has recently been appointed as the '61 DCF Class Manager, replacing the excellent Vince Wilson, who took a new job and moved to California. Amanda had previously been a Development Coordinator with Dartmouth for the past three years.
3. The Class DCF starting base of potential contributors to the DCF for the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 is 431 classmates.

Finally, Henry recommended that the Class consider the class DCF logo for this year to be < '61's for our 61st>. This will be our first and only opportunity to utilize this logo until 2061, and by then none of us will be around to care about it.

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

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, could not attend, but Harris reported that, after much consideration by the class officers and the members of the executive committee, the mini-reunion will be held for one day on Saturday, November 6th and most probably will be entirely virtual, via Zoom.

As in the recent past, our upcoming Fall mini will focus on a panel of classmates, with the focus on their "roads travelled and less travelled" ----- their careers, career changes, avocations, adventures and mis-steps. Tentatively, the mini will include two classmate sessions each with two classmates and a moderator for each session. Doug Zipes, Jerry Greenfield, Robert Tunnell and Chris Bosworth are the anticipated classmates scheduled to be speakers. In addition, there probably will also be a panel of two undergraduate students to whom our Class provided financial awards under the Arts Initiative segment of the endowed Robert Frost class project and a panel of another two undergraduate students who are currently receiving or previously have received, a one-year stipend

from our class. Finally, the event will also include one or two popular art/photograph exhibits by one or more classmates/ spouses/widows.

Should there be an opportunity for on campus attendance activity, the mini may be expanded to include one or two class dinners, luncheons and/or brunches, group seating at the Friday evening football game, possibly with a preceding cocktail party.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, was not able to attend the teleconference but Harris 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.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Digital Content Manager/Webmaster, reported that he had generated 40 class website updates and 26 iModules emails since the prior telecon.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month several classmates and/or spouses had passed away or the Class had just learned of their passing, as follows: Ann Connolly Henry (11/11/2013 – spouse of John Henry), Marilyn Starr (7/11/2014 – spouse of John Starr), Frank Small (8/8/2021), Rick Jaspersen (8/17/2021), Bill Glenn (8/20/2021), Dick Spencer (8/23/2021), Dave Cook (8/28/2021), No other classmates or spouses are known to have passed away since our last teleconference.

Going forward, due to obit reporting changes by the College, Harris will list all of our classmate and spouse obits in reverse chronological order on our class website and on an annual basis.

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.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that the initial edition of the '61 Class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year will be published sometime prior to or shortly after the November '61 mini-reunion.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Al Rozycki, Class BTS co-chair with Dave Armstrong, reported that the Class was up to 75 BTS members at the beginning of the current fiscal year. One classmate apparently has joined during the current fiscal year and another four are close to or have begun the process of joining.

Al wants to get 100% participation from all members of the current class officer and executive committee members, 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).

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, widows and significant others of all classmates and the '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. As a result, classmate spouses and widows were a direct part of both our 60th Reunion program and will be directly involved in our upcoming Fall mini-reunion program.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee, also consisting of Harris McKee, Denny Denniston and Vic Rich, 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, committee co-chair of this committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project was being revised to include significant updated information arising on or after June 30, 2021, including six new recipients of the '61 Special Classmate Award, the new incoming '61 class president, the new '61 class rep to the Alumni Council, the College award received for outstanding DCF participation, and any other anticipated award(s) or recognition(s) anticipated after June 30, 2021 (at the now annual Fall VOX meeting) for 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 current fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Alumni Council D'61 Representative Report

Don O'Neill, our class' current representative to the Alumni Council reported that, although his term has begun and he has received his committee assignment(s), he has not yet had any in-person or on-line Council meetings. These meetings are scheduled to begin this year in late October, 2021. The Alumni Council, in general, holds two meetings per year, one in April or May and the other in October or November. As of now, the upcoming Council meeting will be entirely virtual.

As a prelude to the meeting, Don has been working on a series of questions and discussion points to address with other members of the Council and possibly also the administration, based primarily on emails and informal discussion among some '61 class officers and a few members of the class executive committee, and then integrated into Don's own questionnaire and list of comments.

New Business

Vic recommended that all of the class officers and members of the class executive committee should read the recently made available *Strategic Master Plan for Dartmouth College*. It should take no longer than one hour, at most --- even if you read very slowly, as most of it consists of pictures, maps and charts *and* most of the print is in large type. His conclusion is that for a STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN, it is neither "strategic" nor a "master plan". Also note that all or nearly all or nearly all of the people on the

main and the secondary committee listed as participating were from either the administration or the faculty with one sole exception that I could see (the liaison to the Board of Trustees). I recommend that we discuss this at our November meeting.

The next class officers/executive committee teleconference will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Noon (EDT).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary