

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

August 10, 2022

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowskyi, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Henry Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Dave Armstrong, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Bill Collishaw, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney, Doug Zipes

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

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

He then emphasized the need for all class officers and other required '61 executive committee members to complete their sections of the annual CAR reports for the year ended June 30, 2022 as soon as possible and that Denny Denniston had agreed to coordinate the entire annual CAR report for the Class, due by August 31st, with assistance from Maynard Wheeler, Harris McKee, Ron Wybranowski, and Al Rozycki.

Maynard then noted that he had been informed by the '61 class secretary that, because of some personal issues, the Minutes for prior three months class officers/executive committee virtual telecom meetings had not yet been completed in time for this monthly '61 telecom so that submission and approval of those Minutes will be postponed, hopefully only until the September monthly '61 telecom

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that:

- 1- He had partially prepared but not yet completed the Minutes for the prior three months class officers/ executive committee telecons. He apologizes for this.

- 2- He had partially prepared the bi-monthly *Classnotes* column for the November/December issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM), due by August 28th.
- 3- He had drafted and submitted for the review and comment of the '61 class officers and executive committee members, some thoughts for a preliminary draft proposal to the "D" Board of Trustees with a copy to current President Phil Hanlon (and now also President-Elect Sian Leah Beilock) concerning what they need to focus on in the immediate future. See more detailed outline in the "New Business" section near the end of these Minutes.
- 4- Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates, other alumni, and hopefully the College's administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the Class of 1961 in particular, including:
 - a- Gerry Kaminsky just became a great grandfather for the first time in July.
 - b- Mike Murphy and Vic Rich attended the Celebration of Life event for Joanie Prewitt in July at the Merion Cricket Club in PA. Don and Ellen O'Neill had also planned to attend, but Ellen was still recovering from Covid at the time.
 - c- Facilitated the Tanzi Plaque transfer from Mike Murphy to its final guardian, Jim Baum, before being retired and donated to the College.
 - d- Pete Bleyler is teaching a course on an *Osher Lifetime Learning* HYFLEX program on Wednesdays from August 31st to September 21st. The course content covers Pete's adventures, the beautiful views and anecdotes in hiking the White Mountains, which includes Mt. Moosilauke. One can attend the program in person in Lebanon or participate via Zoom. If interested, contact Pete directly for further information.
 - e- Ross Sandler, law school professor, wrote a news column ("Bernhard Goetz & NYC's Vigilante Future"), published in the New York Daily News on July 6th, about the recent Supreme Court decision on June 23rd to overturn New York State's 111-year-old Sullivan Law which regulated the right to carry concealed firearms in New York.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of August 9, 2022 totaled \$55,714, including \$50,595 in the Class's general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class's 60th Reunion checking account.

Class dues (unchanged at \$61) for the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, including 5 dues pre-payments of \$61 from the prior year, totaled \$13,877, with a 53.1% participation rate (the College has us at a 54.1% participation rate, using somewhat different numbers). Either way, the Class ended up in 2nd place in terms of participation for the current fiscal year ended June 30th, behind the Class of 1960 which had a participation rate of 58.5%. Our Class participation rate for the prior year was 58.9%.

In addition to the dues collected for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, many classmates made additional contributions designated to support various class projects.

- '61 Performing Arts Legacy	\$1,451
- Frost Legacy Project.	2,362
- Other class projects (as yet undetermined)	<u>3,075</u>
Total	<u>\$6,888</u>

Major expense categories for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 were as follows:

- Dues solicitation and class newsletter mailing costs	\$1,679
- Web software	269
- Plaques and honorariums	237
- Dues processing fees	<u>284</u>
Total	<u>\$2,469</u>

In the March, 2022 treasurer’s report, Ron presented an analysis of funds received from classmate and friends of the Class for undesignated class projects during the past nearly 5 years to date less funds expended on previously undesignated class projects during that period, resulting in the remaining balance of funds currently available for new class projects going forward:

- Funds received from classmates and others during the past years for non-designated class projects, less funds expended on previously undesignated class projects during that period of time, and the remaining balance of unspent non-designated funds available for new projects as of 6/30/2021 = \$13,354 - \$4,000 = \$ 9,354 (See Minutes from 2/8/2022 telecom)	\$9,354
- Add: Funds received during the current fiscal year (7/1/21 – 6/30/22) for non-designated class projects	3,075
- Less: Funds expended on non-designated class projects during the current fiscal year, through 6/30/2022	<u>none</u>
Funds Available for New Class Projects (undesignated as of 6/30/22)	<u>\$12,429</u>

Donations made by the Class during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

- "D" Athletics Dept.	\$2,500
- '61 Performing Arts Legacy (in memoriam)	2,000
- '61 Performing Arts Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	1,464
- Frost Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	<u>2,375</u>
Total	<u>\$8,339</u>

The aforementioned indicates that the unspent \$12,429 referred to above is available for use on class projects, either new projects or (presumably) currently existing projects if no satisfactory new class projects can be agreed upon. Note that the unspent funds include \$4,000 contributed by classmate Jim Baum and \$1,000 contributed by Virginia Rice Kelsey, a long-term friend of the Class of '61.

One new class project recently proposed for fiscal 2022, improving and expanding the landscaping around the Frost statue, could be funded in whole or in part with the remaining unspent funds of \$12,035 as of June 30, 2022 (referred to above) plus any additional unallocated funds contributed through the end of the upcoming fiscal year, June 30, 2023, and thereafter, deemed available for a new class project or projects.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt) of our Class's DCF efforts, presented the final '61 DCF report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

- 1- A Class dollar goal of \$261,961 and a participation goal of 72% was finalized for the Class's fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The Class actually was credited with contributions of \$412,040 for the fiscal year recently ended, which represented a 157.3% of our original goal.
- 2- The Class participation goal for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was a difficult-to-achieve 72%. The actual participation achieved was an outstanding 72.6%, with 297 classmate and widow donors helping the Class exceed its goal and ending up again in first place in participation over all other "D" classes. The classes with the next highest rankings were the Class of '60 with a participation rate of 70.0% and the Class of '53 with a participation rate of 64.1%. Note that the overall participation rate for the College as a whole was 35%.

Harris McKee, Co-Class Head Agent, acknowledged the extensive work of the two other Co-Class Head Agents for the Class of '61, Henry Eberhardt and Roger McArt, as well as Don O'Neill, Denny Denniston, Gerry Kaminsky, Bob Conn, Hop Holmberg, Zhuoman Gardner, and Amanda Addington (the Class of '61 representative from the College). Harris noted that the '61 "swat team" brought in a remarkable 76 DCF donations during the last 10 days of the fiscal year.

As a result of the aforementioned achievements, the Class of '61 won two prestigious DCF awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

- 1- *The John R. Mason 1915 Award* – for the "Highest non-reunion participation"
 - The Class of 1961: 72.6%
- 2- *Class of 1979 Award* – "Class with [the] best post-reunion retention"
 - The Class of 1961: 93%

The College also officially noted on the 2002 DCF Awards announcement page in the August Issue of the Alumni Magazine that "A special thank you to the classes of 1960, 1961, 1979, 1997, 2010 and 2019 for noteworthy results during the June Challenge."

D'61 On-Campus Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the next mini-reunion will be a Fall "Hyflex" combination of live on-campus (with class dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings and lunch on Saturday afternoon) and virtual off-campus again utilizing Zoom for the formal segment.

The virtual segment (via Zoom) will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 11:30AM to approximately 3:30PM EDT. The sessions are set and the speakers, both classmate and non-classmate, are set. The program content will be similar to the other '61 recent Class virtual mini-reunions, both in content (ongoing theme of classmates "roads travelled and less travelled" along with student presentations (individual presentations generally followed by a comments and questions period). Again, the class is hopeful of having over 100 live and virtual attendees. In addition, the Class will be presenting another *D'61 Special Classmate Award* during this Saturday segment of the hybrid mini-reunion.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, reported 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 relatively smoothly. Each program is currently funding two students per year with cash grants or awards.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Digital Content Manager/Webmaster, reported that during the current monthly period he had generated 12 class website updates and 11 iModules emails, which included no classmate death notices.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month no classmates and/or spouses had passed away or the Class had not yet learned of their passing. The class officers and class executive committee, upon behalf of the Class, extends its written condolences to the families of the aforementioned. Formal obituary notices, when available, are emailed to all classmates and posted to the '61 class website.

In addition, Harris notifies the Class Treasurer of the passing of each classmate and classmate's spouse so that \$100 will be contributed to the *'61 Performing Arts Legacy* in honor of each such deceased person, in accordance with established class policy.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class newsletter editor, reported that he was planning to prepare and, with the assistance of Harris McKee, publish the first edition of the '61 class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year in late October or early November 2023.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair with Al Rozycki, reported that the Class currently has 76 BTS members, including 7 new members during the past few fiscal years. The Class of

'61 is ranked 10th among all Dartmouth classes and 2nd among all Dartmouth classes from our decade of the 1960's. According to prior comments by Roz and Dave, some additional classmates appear interested in joining and, hopefully, will join the BTS during the current fiscal year. Both Roz and Dave thanked Amanda for her support to our Class.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Patti Rich, WIC co-chair, reported that she and co-chair Nyla Arslanian are planning to send out an email communication in late August to the nine active WIC committee members for a team virtual meeting to review interesting and timely topics for discussion and/or luncheons among both that group and the wider group of spouses, widows and significant others of classmates from the Class of '61.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee, consisting of Dave, Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich, will present one *'61 Special Classmate Award* during the Fall '61 hybrid mini-reunion to be held on campus and virtually during the weekend from September 30th through October 2, 2022. Vic will again draft the inscription for the plaque of the recipient, whose selection has not yet been finalized.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, co-chair of this committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project is being revised to include significant updated information arising through June 30, 2022. The final draft of this awards archive booklet has also been delayed due to other unexpected "D" related involvements by Vic and by some personal issues during the past several months.

Alumni Council D'61 Representative Report

Don had no report as nothing new had arisen from the Alumni Council.

Proposed Improvement of the Robert Frost Statue Visitation Area

Al Rozycki, the classmate currently leading the Class's efforts to convince the College that improvements are necessary to the immediate and broader area surrounding the

Frost statue, which had now become unattractive, seedy and unsafe. Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, and Ron Wybranowski have joined Roz in this effort. The goal is to obtain several repairs and improvements at a reasonable cost, hopefully with some financial assistance from the College (doubtful) to cover certain repair and maintenance related costs for work which should have been done by the College in the first place. Some of the improvements recommended include one or two sitting benches, a “mending wall” (referred to by Frost on the statue’s bronze writing tablet), a flatter ground area in front of the Frost statue, and a better-defined path leading to and from the statue area.

Roz and his committee are working with the College and the Class of '73 to:

- 1- Divide the total area within College Park to be improved and divide same between the area that the Class of '61 desires to improve and the area within College Park that the Class of '73 will improve.
- 2- Determine which improvements the Class of '61 deem to be necessary and most desirable versus those improvements which could be deferred or eliminated, if necessary.
- 3- Obtain an approximate cost from the College as to the total cost of improving each of the two allocated areas.
- 4- Determine with the College the breakdown of the work to be done and the costs between what work should be done as soon as possible (by the end of October 2022, before the ground begins to freeze and the snows begin) and what costs can be fixed now versus what work can, if necessary or desired, can be deferred until the Spring (with the costs fixed or closely approximated now) versus what work, and related costs, can be eliminated entirely (at least for the foreseeable future) if the necessary funding for the entire work cannot be raised from the funds available to the Class at this time plus the funds that can be raised from the Class/classmate/friends of the Class during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- 5- Determine what funds are available within the Class now for this project, what funds can be raised by the Class during the remainder of calendar year 2022 and what funds can be raised during the first six months of the calendar year 2023.

Roz, Maynard and Pete are scheduled to meet with members from the Class of '73 and a selected architect on Friday, August 12th to discuss the aforementioned project.

New Business

- 1- Vic Rich suggested that the Class of '61 recommend to the Board of Trustees, with a copy to current President Philip Hanlon and incoming President Sian Leah Beilock, as to what focus should be undertaken by the Board as soon as reasonably possible:
 - a- Who and what is Dartmouth today?
 - b- Who and what do we want to be going forward, and why?
 - c- How are we going to get there?
 - d- What is or should be our timetable for getting there?

To obtain the answers to these key questions, it is paramount for the College's current administration, including current President Phil Hanlon and also incoming President Sian Leah Beilock, and the Board of Trustees to immediately prepare a detailed Master Plan for Dartmouth for 5, 10 and 20 year periods, and obtain the general understanding and, hopefully, approval of all of Dartmouth's constituencies (administration, faculty, students, alumni).

- 2- No other new business was brought up for discussion.

The next class officers/executive committee teleconference will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2022 at Noon (EDT).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 PM (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary