

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

October 12, 2022

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Mort Lynn, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling, Doug Zipes

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Don O'Neill, Henry Eberhardt, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Gim Burton, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney

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

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

Maynard then introduced and welcomed Patrick Crim from the Dartmouth administration. Patrick is replacing Amanda Addington as the College's DCF representative to work with the Class of '61 on all DCF matters going forward. Maynard thanked Amanda for her dedication, assistance, and friendship to the Class of '61 on behalf of the '61 class officers and members of the '61 executive committee and wished her well with her new class assignment(s).

Maynard then noted that he had been informed by the '61 class secretary that, because of some personal issues, the Minutes for prior two 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 November 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 September 2022 class officers/ executive committee telecom.

- 2- He had partially prepared the bi-monthly *Classnotes* column for the January/February issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM), due by October 28th.
- 3- He had written and submitted a Letter to the Editor of DAM regarding the recent lead article(s) within the September/October issue of the DAM, relating to the importance of college athletics as a potential learning/teaching tool and as a motivation tool.
- 4- The current 2022-2023 Issue of *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Dartmouth #12 among national universities.
- 5- Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates, other alumni, and the College's administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the Class of 1961 in particular.
 - The Celebration of Life in honor of David Birney, held on Saturday, September 10, 2022, was a wonderful event and included a "Memoir for David" from classmate Arthur Bloom and a reading of Yeats's "Song of the Wandering Aengus" by classmate Dennis Regan.
 - Received a warm thank-you email letter from classmate Ken Kolb congratulating the Class leadership for leading the Class effectively over the past six plus decades.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of October 12, 2022 totaled \$56,689, including \$50,655 in the Class's general checking account and \$6,034 in the Class's Reunion checking account.

Class dues (unchanged at \$61) for the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, including 5 dues pre-payments of \$61 from the prior year, totaled \$453.

In addition to the dues being collected for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, many classmates have made and continue to make additional contributions designated to support various class projects through the years:

- Carryover balance for class projects as of July 1, 2022 (includes funds for the '61 Performing Arts Legacy and the Frost Legacy Project)	\$12,429
- Restricted contribution of \$4,000 from Jim Baum '61 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (anticipated allocation for improvements to the Frost statue area during 2023)	<u>4,000</u>
Total	<u>\$16,429</u>

The only new class project now under consideration for the current fiscal year is for improvements to enhance and expand the area surrounding the Frost statue located in College Park. The total negotiated cost projected for this '61 approved capital project is \$85,000. All of the projected costs for the Frost statue improvement project are expected at this time to come directly from voluntary contributions, primarily from classmates, during the current fiscal year. \$48,000 has already been pledged to date by individual classmates, leaving an estimated remaining balance due of \$37,000. No funds have been received to date.

An initial formal written request for contributions is expected to be mailed by the College to all '61 classmates along with the "initial" class dues notice by the end of November, and again with a "second request" dues letter to be received by classmates in March, 2023. If necessary, an additional \$10,000 is being requested from unallocated accumulated class funds (rather than from voluntary contributions from individual classmates).

Major expense categories for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 to date are as follows:

- Fall mini-reunion expenses in excess of fee revenue	\$ 211
- Dues solicitation and class newsletter mailing costs	-
- Web software	-
- Plaques and honorariums	-
- Dues processing fees	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 211</u>

Donations made by the Class during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and to date through June 30, 2023:

	<u>F/Y/E</u> <u>6/30/22</u>	<u>F/Y/E</u> <u>6/30/23</u>
- "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>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$8,339</u>	<u>\$ None</u>

(*represents donations by the Class in memory of each classmate and spouse of each classmate who passed away during each fiscal year ending June 30th)

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent for our Class's DCF efforts (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt), presented the '61 DCF report to date for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

- 1- A Class dollar goal of \$261,961 and a participation goal of 70% was finalized for the Class's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- 2- Patrick Crim, our Class's newly appointed assistant from the College's DCF staff, has recently replaced the talented and well-liked DCF staff person, Amanda Addington, who has been appointed to work with other classes going forward. Harris thanked Amanda on behalf of the entire '61 DCF team for her DCF related services to our class and wished her good luck in her new position.
- 3- A revised and updated version of VOLT, the DCF volunteer on-line DCF solicitation and communication tool, was recently released by the College for usage by all classes. Harris and the '61 DCF team promoted and supported this effort.

D'61 On-Campus Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the "hy-flex" Fall mini-reunion from Friday, September 30th – Sunday, October 2nd was a successful combination of live on-campus (with class dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings and lunch on Saturday afternoon during the live on-campus and virtual off-campus segments (again utilizing Zoom for the formal segment on Saturday, October 1st).

The virtual segment (via Zoom) was held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 11:30AM to approximately 3:30PM EDT. The speakers, both classmate and non-classmate, were both interesting and informed. The program content was 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. One effective new speaker that the Class had was the new Director of Athletics, Mike Harrity. Approximately 85 classmates and spouses/widows, both live and virtual attendees, took part in our Class's first hybrid reunion.

In addition, during the combined live and virtual hybrid session on Saturday, Vic Rich, on behalf of the Class presented a *D'61 Special Classmate Award* to Ron Wybranowski, current class treasurer, former class president, former reunion chair, and a truly valuable member of the Class of 1961 from its inception in 1957.

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 8 class website updates, including six of Pete Bleyler's October 1st hy-flex mini-reunion updates, a link to the mini-reunion recording and 11 iModules emails. In addition, Harris was again a key to the mechanical success of the Hy-flex mini-reunion.

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. Where appropriate, the class officers and class executive committee, upon behalf of the Class, would extend its written condolences to the families of deceased classmates. 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.

Finally, Harris reported on the passing of Jim Wright, the 16th President of Dartmouth College just hours prior to today's '61 class officers and class executive committee monthly meeting. Jim was a respected past president of Dartmouth, a friend to the College and a friend to the Class of 1961. He was exactly our age, and he will be missed.

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 November 2022.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair with Al Rozycki, reported that the Class currently has 76 BTS members. Dave mentioned that some additional classmates appear to be close to joining.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Unexpectedly, neither Nyla Arslanian nor Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, were able to attend this month's meeting at the last minute and no report was submitted. However, Vic Rich reported that they were preparing a brief article for submission to the next issue of the '61 class newsletter, due to be published in early December.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

With the absence of Dave Prewitt, chair, Vic Rich reported that the committee, consisting of Dave Prewitt (chair), Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich, had selected one *'61 Special Classmate Award* recipient prior to the Fall '61 hybrid mini-reunion and Vic presented that award on campus to Ron Wybranowski virtually via ZOOM during the mini-reunion on October 1, 2022.

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, and thereafter. The final draft of this awards archive booklet has also been

delayed due to other more important unexpected “D” and D’61 related involvements by Vic and Denny and by some personal issues regarding Vic during the past year plus.

Alumni Council D’61 Representative Report

Don O’Neill, our class’s current representative to the Alumni Council, was absent from the meeting and no report was submitted. According to Maynard, however, he was not aware of anything new coming from the Alumni Council.

Proposed Improvement of the Robert Frost Statue Visitation Area

Al Rozycki, the classmate currently leading the Class’s efforts to promote improvements to the immediate and broader area surrounding the ‘61’s Robert Frost statue located in College Park, reported that the improvements are necessary and desirable, because the area 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. 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 Class of ’73 (which also has a Class project improve the College Park area) and the College 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 from the College a fixed total cost to improve the two allocated areas in College Park and a definitive allocation of those costs between the Class of ’61 and the Class of ’73. As of now, the total cost to improve the entire College Park area is projected to be approximately \$170,000, with the projected allocation between each of the two classes to be approximately \$85,000 each.
- 4- Determine with the College the breakdown of the work to be done and the related costs between what work should be done before winter sets in versus

what work will be deferred until the Spring (with the costs fixed or closely approximated now). Then determine what work, and related costs, can be eliminated entirely (at least for the foreseeable future) if the necessary funding for the entire job cannot be raised from the funds available to the Class by June 30, 2023.

- 5- Determine what funds are available within the Class now and how much of those funds can be appropriated for this project now and what funds can be raised by the Class from classmates (including widows) and friends from the Class by June 30, 2023. Pledges from classmates totaling \$48,000 are already committed.

Roz, Maynard, Pete and/or Ron are scheduling to meet with members from the Class of '73, a selected architect, and an appropriate representative from the College in the near future to discuss further the aforementioned project.

New Business

- 1- Vic Rich had 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 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).

Based on the enormity of the aforementioned request and the timing, it was agreed that a modified and shorter one-page request letter by Maynard Wheeler, current '61 class president be prepared, reviewed and submitted to the current president of Dartmouth's Board of Trustees, with a copy to the current president

of the College, to the incoming president of the College and to the current President of the Alumni Council.

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

The next class officers/executive committee teleconference will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Noon (EDT).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:55 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary