

Minutes (Revised 1/10/2023)

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

December 14, 2022

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Oscar Arslanian, Henry Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Art Kelton, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Glen Gemelli, Hop Holmberg, Jim McElhinney, Jon Sperling, Doug Zipes

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Dave Prewitt

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

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

Maynard remarked about the excellent attendance at this pre-holiday telecom, with over 90% attendance from class officers and at-large executive committee members.

Maynard proudly noted that the Class of '61 had received three alumni awards at the annual VOX meeting held in early December: two awards related to our Class's outstanding participation efficiency in annual fundraising for the Dartmouth College Fund (referred to more precisely in prior Class Minutes) and one award was for the joint class project with the Class of '73 to beautify and improve the College Park area of campus, including the Robert Frost statue and surrounding space.

The Minutes for the October Class Officers telecom meeting were approved unanimously as submitted. The approval of the November Minutes, submitted to some prior to the December telecom meeting but requiring a few minor revisions and then submitted to all members shortly after the December telecom meeting, was postponed until the January 2013 telecom meeting.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that:

- 1- He prepared the Minutes for the October and November 2022 class officers/ executive committee telecom.

2- He partially prepared the bi-monthly *Classnotes* column for the March/April 2003 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM), due by December 28th.

3- 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.

(Classmate Mike Kirst biography project completed in November with issuance of a multi-media biography, including a book, *Mike Kirst: An Uncommon Academic*, which covers the history of public educational policy in the U.S. and Mike's involvement in the development and implementation of that policy. The book is available on Amazon.)

(Classmate Oscar Arslanian and spousal classmate Nyla Arslanian interviewed on prime-time Hollywood television where they received a tribute; both were very effective and engaging.)

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of December 12, 2022 totaled \$63,004, including \$58,801 in the Class's general checking account and \$4,203 in the Class's Reunion checking account.

Class dues (unchanged at \$61) for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, including \$453 from a prior fiscal year, are as follows through December 12, 2022:

Dues paid in advance during a prior fiscal year	<u>\$ 453</u>
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Dues paid during the current fiscal year (62 classmates to date)	<u>\$ 3,782</u>
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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. For this fiscal year only, it is intended that all such donations be used for the Robert Frost Area Enhancement Project.

- Carryover balance for class projects as of July 1, 2022 (\$12,429 rounded to \$12,500)	\$12,500
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(includes restricted contribution of \$4,000 from Jim Baum '61 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which is

anticipated to be allocated for improvements to the Frost statue area during the current fiscal year)

- Contributions <u>pledged</u> by 2 classmates for the Frost Statue Improvement Area Project (\$25,000 each; one pledge is presently restricted in part)	50,000
- Contributions <u>received</u> during the current fiscal year to date for the Frost Statue Improvement Area Project	<u>6,174</u>
Total	<u>\$68,674</u>

The only new class project approved for the current fiscal year is for improvements to enhance and expand the area surrounding the Frost statue located in College Park. The total '61 cost projected for this '61 capital project is approximately \$87,500. All of the projected costs for the Frost statue improvement project are expected to come directly from voluntary contributions, primarily from classmates, during the current fiscal year. \$50,000 has already been pledged to date by 2 individual classmates. After receipts and pledges to date, there is an estimated remaining balance due of \$18,826.

All contributions for this Robert Frost Area Enhancement Area Project should be made out to the "Class of 1961 at Dartmouth" (with notation "for the Frost Statue Improvement Area Project").

Only if necessary will the additional \$12,500 referred to above come from unallocated accumulated class funds (rather than from voluntary contributions from individual classmates and friends of the Class).

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

- Dues solicitation and class newsletter mailing costs	\$ 615
- Web software	619
- Plaques and honorariums	-
- Dues processing fees	_____
Total	<u>\$ 1,234</u>

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

	F/Y/E <u>6/30/22</u>	F/Y/E <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 passes 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- The class has 32 living classmates who do not have email addresses, which means that these classmates are not receiving timely notifications of both Class and College information, including those relating to DCF solicitations.

- 3- Harris noted that the DCF conducted a “Forever Green” challenge until November 29th, with various economic and non-economic incentives for both classes and individual contributors to make DCF contributions from November 15th through November 29th. Five '61’s were honored by the College for their significant gifts during the November “Forever Green” challenge participation period: Ron Boss, Ron Heinemann (deceased), Joe Navach (deceased), Dave Schmidt (deceased), *Mike Steinberg (deceased)*.

- 4- Use VOLTx, the volunteer on-line tool for logging into solicitation contacts.

- 5- During the VOX annual Fall meeting, two of the three awards received by the Class of '61 related to the Class’s outstanding fundraising efforts during the past fiscal year: the *John R. Mason 1915 Award* for the class having the highest non-

reunion participation (72.6%) and the *Class of 1979 Award* for the class with the best post-reunion participation retention.

D'61 On-Campus Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, confirmed that going forward the Class would produce three “HyFlex” (hybrid) mini-reunions per year. The second HyFlex mini-reunion (formal session) will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, and the third will be held in May 2023 (date not yet finalized). The formal mini-reunion sessions on February 23rd will total approximately 3.5 hours, will include two formal classmate-based sessions, and will also be held virtually on ZOOM.

For classmates wanting to attend live on campus the popular October 2023 mini-reunion and needing difficult-to-get hotel/inn/motel rooms, Pete announced that the mini-reunion for next Fall will be held on October 7-8, 2023 and that prime location reservations should be made as soon as possible.

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 approximately 18 class website updates and 18 iModules emails, including a retrospective on Arthur Bloom (deceased) from Michelle Roberge and Jessica Bloom, a TV interview and tribute to Oscar and Nyla Arslanian, the recent Alumni Council Meeting report from Don O'Neill, and the IRS tax exemption letter for the Dartmouth Class of 1961.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month three classmates had passed away: Jeff Conn, David Steele Dickey, and Ray Blanchard. Where possible

and appropriate, the class officers and 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.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class newsletter editor, reported that, with assistance from Harris McKee, he published the first edition of the '61 class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, in December 2022 for the current fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023. The next class newsletter should be issued in approximately March 2023, after the February 2023 mini-reunion.

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, but are not there yet.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Both Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, reported that they would be preparing a brief article for submission to the next issue of the '61 class newsletter, due to be published in March, 2023. In addition, Nyla was communicating with Pete Bleyler to see if was feasible to hold a special women's segment during the February 2023 mini-reunion, possibly at the end of the formal meeting, to include the 6-10 most active '61 related spouses and widows.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, was unable to attend the meeting, but Vic Rich reported that the committee, consisting of Dave Prewitt, Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich, were in the process of discussing viable and deserving candidates for a *'61 Special Classmate Award* to be presented at the February 2023 hybrid mini-reunion.

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.

Alumni Council D’61 Representative Report

Don O’Neill, our class’s current representative to the Alumni Council, noted that a summary of the Alumni Council Report for the Alumni Council meeting held over the weekend of October 21-23, 2022 was now available for review. The next Alumni Council meeting is scheduled for May 2023.

Proposed Improvement of the Robert Frost Statue Visitation Area

Al Rozycki, the classmate leading the Class of ‘61 efforts to promote improvements and beautification to the immediate and broader area surrounding the ‘61’s Robert Frost statue located in College Park, reported that the allocated improvements and beautification necessary and desirable with respect to the Frost statue area, have been agreed to by the Class of ‘61 (Al Rozycki, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, and Ron Wybranowski), the Class of ‘73 (alumni co-partner in the College Park improvement and beautification project), and the College.

The projected cost for the Class of ‘61 improvements and beautifications has been fixed at \$87,500, allocated primarily for the improvement of the Frost Statue immediate and surrounding area and wheelchair-acceptable path, with all or most of these funds to come from contributions from living classmates, the estates of deceased classmates, widows of classmates, friends of the Class, and, if necessary, no more than \$12,500 (not anticipated) from existing class funds already received and allocated to current and future class projects, whether specified or not.

Roz and his committee have agreed with the Class of ‘73 (which has a similar Class project to improve the College Park area) and the College as to:

- 1- The areas within College Park to be improved and the allocation of such areas between the Class of 1961 and the Class of ‘73 as to which area(s) each class would be responsible for improving and/or beautifying.

- 2- Allocation of the work required to be done to each area of responsibility between the Class of '61 and the Class of '73, with the assistance of an architect.
- 3- Division of the total costs to be incurred for the total project and allocation of the costs between the Class of '61 and the Class of '73.
- 4- Based on the aforementioned allocations, the total projected costs agreed to (\$175,000) have been divided equally between the Class of '61 and the Class of '73 (\$87,500 each). Anticipated completion date and payment in full due by June 30, 2023.
- 5- A summary of the aforementioned, primarily the financial terms, has been put into a formal Dartmouth Current Use Gift Agreement between the Class of 1961, the Class of 1973 and the current Dartmouth College Provost, which Agreement was signed by all three parties on 12/13/2022.

New Business - None

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Noon (EDT).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:50 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary