

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

January 11, 2023

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Gerry Kaminsky, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Oscar Arslanian, Henry Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Glen Gemelli, Hop Holmberg, Jim McElhinney, Jon Sperling, Doug Zipes

Absent from Meeting: Denny Denniston, Don O'Neill, Dave Prewitt, Dave Armstrong, Art Kelton

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (attended); Patrick Crim (attended)

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

Maynard remarked about the continued excellent attendance at this telecom (with 81% attendance from class officers and at-large executive committee members), not as spectacular as last month's record attendance, but still excellent.

Maynard called for the approval of both the Minutes for the November 2022 and December 2022 Class Officers telecom meetings, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that:

- 1- He prepared or revised the Minutes for the November 2022 and December 2022 class officers/executive committee telecom.
- 2- He completed the bi-monthly *classnotes* column for the March/April 2003 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine (DAM), due December 28th.
- 3- At the request of the editors of the DAM, Vic revised slightly his earlier letter to the editor based on the lead article from the September/October 2022 issue of the DAM. [The letter was published in the recently received January/February 2023 issue of the DAM.]

4- 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.

(Vic reported that Henry Eberhardt had informed him that his wife, Laurie, was currently in the hospital. Henry updated the report by stating that the initial perceived severity of the medical issue had diminished and that Laurie was improving rapidly and should be discharged from the hospital in the near future to recover from home. Everyone attending the telecom wished Laurie a complete recovery.)

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of January 11, 2023 totaled \$103,853 including \$99,650 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 January 11, 2023:

Dues paid in advance during a prior fiscal year	<u>\$ 453</u>
Dues paid during the current fiscal year (168 classmates to date, with a few payments of dues for less than \$61)	<u>\$10,115</u>

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, unless specifically notated otherwise.

- Carryover balance for class projects as of July 1, 2022 (\$12,429 rounded to \$12,500) \$12,500

(includes restricted contribution of \$4,000 from Jim Baum '61 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which is to be allocated for improvements to the Frost statue area during the current fiscal year)

- Contributions pledged by 2 classmates (A. Kelton & G. Kaminsky) for the Frost Statue Improvement Area Project (\$25,000 each:

one pledge (AK) received; other pledge (GK) currently restricted to receipt of matching gifts totaling \$25,000)	50,000
- Contributions received during the current fiscal year to date for the Frost Statue Improvement Area Project	<u>16,374</u>
Total Funds Available - Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>\$78,874</u>

Other funds received to date during the current fiscal year for other specified class projects are as follows:

- Contributions (1) for the '61 Performing Arts Legacy Endowment	\$ 25
- Contributions (1) for the Frost Endowment	<u>39</u>
Total	<u>\$ 64</u>

The total '61 cost projected for this '61 capital project has been budgeted at \$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 been pledged to date by 2 individual classmates. After receipts and pledges from 66 individuals to date, there is an estimated remaining balance due of \$8,626.

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 class funds accumulated for non-specified class projects (rather than from voluntary contributions received from individual classmates and '61 Class friends during the current fiscal year).

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

- Dues solicitation and class newsletter mailing costs	\$ 1,020
- Web software	761
- Plaques and honorariums	-
- Dues processing fees	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,781</u>

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

	F/Y/E <u>6/30/22</u>	F/Y/E <u>6/30/23</u>
- "D" Athletics Dept.	\$2,500	\$2,500
- '61 Performing Arts Legacy (in memoriam*)	2,000	-
- '61 Performing Arts Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	1,464	-
- Frost Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	2,375	-
- Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>-</u>	<u>53,874</u>
Total	<u>\$8,339</u>	<u>\$56,374</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)

Ron reported that the Class of '73 requested that the Class of '61 provide some funding at this point in time, as the Class of '73 apparently has footed all of the out-of-pocket costs for the entire joint class College Park Beautification Project up to this point. Ron proposed that \$45,000 be transferred to the College's "Rise at College Park Gift Account" (the College's administrative account for the entire joint class College Park improvement project) for the Classes of '61 and '73. Ron requested that the transfer of the \$45,000, or any material dollar amount, should be approved by a positive vote by the '61 class officers and the at-large members of the '61 executive committee.

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 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- Harris noted that to date the Class has achieved 98 classmate donors (versus our current goal of 283) contributing a total of \$120,225 (versus our goal of \$261,961).
- 3- As a result, the Class is slightly behind in the number of contributors and slightly ahead in the amount of dollars received to date, versus the prior fiscal year.

D'61 Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, confirmed the Class would hold its second mini-reunion (out of three for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023) on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The third will be held in May 2023 (date not yet finalized). The February mini-reunion will be virtual via Zoom, will total approximately 3.5-4 hours, and will include two formal classmate-based sessions and the presentation of one *D'61 Special Classmate Award*.

For classmates wanting to attend the October 6-8, 2023 HyFlex '61 mini-reunion and needing accommodations, Pete announced that the formal program will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 and that reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, reported that 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, continues to run 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 11 class website updates and 6 iModules emails, including the notice of the Class receiving two significant annual awards for DCF participation and a joint class award with the Class of '73 for the proposal and joint effort to enhance and beautify a significant area of College Park, including the area surrounding the Robert Frost statue. Also included was an article written by Ross Sandler on the current status of Columbus memorials.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month two classmates had passed away: Scotty Locker and Bob Hoagland. Where possible and appropriate, the class officers and executive committee, on behalf of the Class, extends 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 the spouse/widow of each classmate 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 early January 2023 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 and presentation of an additional *D'61 Special Classmate Award*.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Al Rozycki, Class BTS co-chair with Dave Armstrong, noted that the Class still has 76 BTS members. Al mentioned that he and Dave were planning to set up some specific affinity groups (e.g. athletic teams, fraternities, etc.) to solicit new BTS members.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Both Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, reported that they would prepare an article for submission to the next issue of the '61 class newsletter, to be published in March, 2023. In addition, Nyla was communicating with Pete Bleyler to see if was feasible to hold a short special women's segment during the February 23, 2023 mini-reunion, possibly at the end of the formal meeting, to include the 6-10 most active '61 spouses and widows plus any other spouses and widows interested in attending.

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, had discussed viable and deserving candidates for a '61 *Special Classmate Award* to be presented at the February 23, 2023 virtual mini-reunion and concluded that one award would be presented. The recipient has been selected and Vic Rich will again prepare the inscription.

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, 2023, and possibly 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.

Robert Frost Statue Enhancement Project Update

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. A contract was signed by the three parties in December 2022.

The projected total cost for the Class of ‘61 improvements and beautifications to the area surrounding statue area and paths leading to/from the statue has been fixed at \$87,500, with all or most of these funds to come from current contributions from living classmates, the estates and widows of deceased classmates, and friends of the Class. If necessary, no more than \$12,500 from existing class funds already received and allocated to current and future class projects, whether specified or not, will also be available (currently not anticipated) to help fund the p[r

Roz and his committee have agreed formally 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 within each area of responsibility between the Class of '61 and the Class of '73, with the assistance of an architect.
- 3- 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). The anticipated completion date and payment in full by each class is due by June 30, 2023.
- 4- 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 by 12/13/2022.
- 5- Al stated that a short video fly-over by drone of the total College Park area to be improved by the classes of 1961 and 1973, related maps, and drawings will be provided shortly to the '61 class officers and executive committee members when available.

New Business

Prior to today's virtual telecom, Vince Wilson brought up with Maynard Wheeler a current issue of significance at all levels of education today: To what extent, if any, should Critical Race Theory and/or Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging be included in the American education system and, if so, at what levels (primary school, middle school, high school, and/or college)? After some thoughtful preliminary discussion, Maynard decided that that today's meeting should be used only to explain the issues with broad brush strokes and to see if there was enough interest to discuss the issues involved in more depth at one or more future regular or special class officer/at-large executive committee meetings and/or at a special meeting of the entire class. As a result of both written and oral comments prior to and during the January 11, 2023 class officer/at-large executive committee telecom, there appeared to be more than enough interest to learn more about the issues involved and to then decide whether to debate the matter further on a class-wide level and then as to whether the

debate should then be carried over to a place within the Dartmouth undergraduate educational system.

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at Noon (EDT).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary