

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

February 8, 2023

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Don O'Neil, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Glen Gemelli, Hop Holmberg, Jon Sperling, Doug Zipes

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Denny Denniston, Oscar Arslanian, Henry Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney

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

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

Maynard called for the approval of the Minutes for the January, 2023 Class Officers telecom meeting, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he:

1- Prepared and revised the Minutes for the January 2023 class officers/at-large executive committee telecom.

2- Prepared, in part, the draft plaque inscription for the '61 *Special Classmate Award* to be presented at the virtual '61 class mini-reunion to be held on February 23, 2023.

3- Wrote personally and submitted in December 2022 a *Letter to the Editor* of the DAM regarding the "importance of athletics" at Dartmouth, in response to the lead article in the September-October 2022 issue of the DAM on the ranking by some DAM selected committee of the supposed 100 best of such Dartmouth athletes over the decades, which from other Letters to the Editor submitted, appeared fairly arbitrary and of little significance to anything. After some requested DAM requested revisions, Vic's letter was published in the January/February 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.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of February 8, 2023 totaled \$59,290, including \$55,087 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 carried over from a prior fiscal year, are as follows through February 8, 2023:

Dues paid in advance during a prior fiscal year	<u>\$ 453</u>
Dues paid during the current fiscal year (178 classmates to date, with a few payments of dues for less than \$61)	<u>\$10,359</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 Statue 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
- Contributions pledged by 2 classmates (A. Kelton & G. Kaminsky) for the Frost Statue Improvement Area Project (\$25,000 each); AK contribution received without restriction; GK contribution restricted to the receipt of matching gifts totaling \$25,000	50,000
- Contributions received (79) during the current fiscal year to date for the Frost Statue Area Enhancement Project (to be applied to the GK match requirement of \$25,000)	<u>19,571</u>
Total Funds Available - Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>\$82,071</u>

With \$82,071 collected, only \$5,429 was still needed to reach the agreed-upon budget amount of \$87,500 for the Frost statue improvement project. 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.

The Class of 1961/Class of 1973 agreement signed with Dartmouth College as of December 13, 2022 states that project payments are due to be paid as follows: “The donors intend to make gifts totaling up to \$175,000, with a single payment each of \$87,500 by June 30, 2023, from the Class of 1961 Treasury and the Class of 1973 Treasury”.

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”).

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

- Dues solicitation and class newsletter mailing costs	\$ 1,796
Web software	1,054
- Plaques and honorariums	-
- Dues processing fees	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,850</u>

Donations made by the Class during the fiscal years 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	25
- Frost Legacy (voluntary w/ dues)	2,375	39
- College Park/Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>-</u>	<u>69,571</u>
Total	<u>\$8,339</u>	<u>\$72,135</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 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% had been finalized for the Class's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- 2- Harris noted that to date the Class has achieved 106 classmate donors (versus our current goal of 278 revised) contributing a total of \$126,542 (versus our goal of \$261,961).
- 3- The Class is lagging slightly behind in the number of contributors ("participation") In comparison to the prior year.

D'61 Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the Class's second mini-reunion, scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023 was set up again with mostly classmate panels and preparation/rehearsals was going along well. 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*.

The third mini-reunion of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 will be held in late May 2023 or early June 2023 (date not yet finalized).

For classmates wanting to attend the October 6-8, 2023 HyFlex '61 mini-reunion (the first for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024) and needing accommodations, Pete announced that the formal program will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 and that those interested in attending should make reservations 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 9 class website updates and 17 iModules emails, including Class mini-reunion updates, obituary information for deceased classmates Bob Hoagland and Bob Jennings, a reference to a preliminary Dartmouth statement on DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging) at Dartmouth, a Frost Statue Enhancement project update, and an announcement about a deceased classmate Peter Holbrook art exhibition.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month, the Class became aware that two classmates had passed away: Bob Hoagland and Bob Jennings. 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 an 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 (second of the fiscal year) class newsletter should be issued in approximately March 2023, after the February 2023 mini-reunion and presentation of another *D'61 Special Classmate Award* in February.

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

Patti Rich, WIC co-chair with Nyla Arslanian, reported that they were preparing an article for submission to the next issue of the '61 class newsletter, scheduled to be published in March, 2023. In addition, Nyla was communicating with Pete Bleyler to see if it was feasible to hold a short special women's segment during the May or June, 2023 mini-reunion, possibly at the end of the formal meeting segment, to include the 6-8 most active '61 spouses and widows plus any other spouses and widows interested in attending. Primarily in relation to this proposal and other matters, Patti stated that she and Nyla are planning a conference call with the most active 6-8 members of the WIC committee to discuss and plan the anticipated upcoming events for both the WIC committee in particular and the Class of '61 spouses and widows in general.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, 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. Also, existing College records on awards to specific alumni classes in general and alumni awards to and appointed/elected positions held by individual classmates in particular (e.g. Alumni Council, class officer leadership positions, club officer leadership positions, class officer association memberships and individual office holdings within those groups, etc.) are (once past the top awards) often non-existent, incomplete, vague, and at times even incorrect, especially for the older classes and older alumni. The final draft of this awards archive booklet has also been delayed due to other more important “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. There is nothing new to report at this time.

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 (project led by Al Rozycki, Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler, and Ron Wybranowski), the Class of ‘73 (alumni class co-partner in the College Park improvement and restoration project), and the College, with an agreed-upon signed contract.

The projected total cost for the Class of ‘61 and the Class of ‘73 improvements and beautifications to the area surrounding statue area and paths leading to/from the statue has been fixed in the College’s contract at \$175,000 (\$87,500 from each class) 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. No more than \$12,500 from existing class funds already accumulated in past years and allocated to current and future class projects, whether specified or not, is included in the funds to be provided by our class.

The Class of '61 and the Class of '73 were recently recognized by the College and awarded a joint citation for this unique joint class project.

New Business

- 1- Continuing interest in the topic of Critical Race Theory and DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging) at Dartmouth: What is Dartmouth's current position on these topics? Where on the spectrum of these issues does Dartmouth want to be? Where on the spectrum does Dartmouth currently lie with respect to its position on the spectrum regarding these issues? How does Dartmouth anticipate that it will reach its goal on these issues, and over what period of time?

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary