

## Minutes

### D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

March 8, 2023

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Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Henry Eberhardt, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Al Rozycki, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Glen Gemelli, Hop Holmberg, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Oscar Arslanian, Art Kelton, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Jim McElhinney, Doug Zipes

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

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

Maynard deferred the approval of the Minutes for the February, 2023 Class Officers telecom meeting, which Minutes were not yet completed and submitted.

#### Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he:

- 1- Prepared partially the Minutes for the February 2023 class officers/at-large executive committee members telecom.
- 2- Prepared and submitted the plaque inscription for the *'61 Special Classmate Award* presented to Rog McArt at the virtual '61 class mini-reunion held in February, 2023.
- 3- Prepared and submitted the bi-monthly D'61 *classnotes* column for the May/June issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. (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 received many positive written and oral responses to his Letter to the Editor of the DAM, published in the January/February 2023 issue of the DAM regarding the importance of a competitive and intermural intercollegiate athletic program at Dartmouth in the lead article in the September/October issue of the DAM about rating the best former athletes from Dartmouth's past.

### Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class's current cash balances as of March 7, 2023 totaled \$59,761, including \$55,558 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 March 7, 2023:

Dues paid in advance during a prior fiscal year	<u>\$ 453</u>
Dues paid during the current fiscal year (185 classmates to date, with a few dues payments for less than or more than \$61)	<u>\$11,285</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 was agreed 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 1:1 matching gifts up to \$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>20,492</u>
Total Funds Available - Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>\$82,992</u>

With \$82,992 accounted for (\$12,500 project funds in-house to begin, \$45,492 in donations collected to date, GK’s matching contribution of \$25,000 still not fully earned or received) only \$4,508 was still needed to reach the agreed-upon budget amount of \$87,500 for the Frost statue improvement project. However, it now appears possible that some additional funding may be required to create the desired stone wall/stone bench seating area intended to be built within the Robert Frost statue area.

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”. Thus far, \$70,000 has been transferred by the Class of ‘61 to the “1961 and 1973 Class Project – College Park Landscaping – Allocation #113545” at Dartmouth.

All contributions for the 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>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,850</u></b>

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

	<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	\$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>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$8,339</u></b>	<b><u>\$72,135</u></b>

(\* Represents donations by the Class in memory of each classmate and spouse of each classmate who passes away during each fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>)

### 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% finalized for the Class's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- 2- Harris noted that to date the Class has achieved 113 classmate donors (versus our current goal of 278 revised) contributing a total of \$136,159 (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. However, as of March 7, 2023, we were in sixth place in participation, 0.1% below the Class of '63 (a reunion class).

Harris also issued an update report from '61 co-head class agent Henry Eberhardt on the success of the 28 '61 volunteer DCF agents in their annual communication and solicitation efforts to date. Some agents doing well; some agents could do better.

### D'61 Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, Hanover/virtual mini-reunion chair, reported that the Class's second mini-reunion of the fiscal year, held virtually via Zoom on February 23, 2023, was a success, with two formal classmate panels totaling approximately 3.5 hours and the presentation of one *D'61 Special Classmate Award* to Rog McArt.

The third mini-reunion of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 will be held virtually via Zoom, in 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 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 23 class website updates and 15 iModules emails, including Class mini-reunion updates for the February, 2023 mini-reunion; obituary information for deceased classmates Sam Nuckols, Tom Walther, and Bruce Donaldson; a 61st Day Virtual Mini reunion report; a Frost Statue Enhancement Project update; a Ravens video shared by Glen Gemelli; and an announcement about another upcoming art exhibition from the estate of deceased classmate Peter Holbrook.

Harris reported that more than 50 classmates participated in the Class of 61's annual virtual mini-reunion held on the 61<sup>st</sup> day of each year (this year on March 2, 2023). Participants forwarded photos, comments and/or participated in a joint Zoom happy hour celebration.

## Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month, the Class became aware that three classmates had recently passed away: Sam Nuckols, Tom Walther, and Bruce Donaldson.

Where possible and appropriate, class officers and/or executive committee members, 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 approved class policy.

### Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class newsletter editor, reported that, with assistance from Harris McKee, the next edition of the '61 class newsletter, *Wide World*, will be published later in March 2023, after the February 2023 mini-reunion and presentation of another *D'61 Special Classmate Award* at the mini-reunion 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.) as a test to solicit new BTS members.

### Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Neither Patti Rich nor Nyla Arslanian, WIC co-chairs, were able to attend this current March teleconference, but Patti reported earlier that they were preparing an article for submission to the March issue of the '61 class newsletter. In addition, Nyla was communicating with Pete Bleyler to see if was feasible to hold a short special women's segment during the May or June, 2023 class 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 in early May with the most active 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 selected a deserving candidate, Roger McArt, for a *'61 Special Classmate Award* which was presented to him by Dave Prewitt at the February 23, 2023 virtual mini-reunion. Vic Rich again prepared 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 again being deferred 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 appointed/elected positions

held by individual classmates in particular (e.g. at “D” class, class officer associations, and club levels) have been found to be lacking and/or difficult to obtain. 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 to be held in May 2023 should become available for review shortly after that date. 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, along with Maynard Wheeler, Pete Bleyler and Ron Wybranowski, to promote restoration, improvements and enhancements to the immediate and broader area surrounding the ‘61’s Robert Frost statue located in College Park, reported that the improvements and beautification agreed to in partnership with the Class of ‘73 with respect to the broader College Park area, have begun in earnest now that winter is disappearing.

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 our class’s required funds to come from current contributions from living classmates, the estates and widows of deceased classmates, and friends of the Class. Included is \$12,500 from existing class funds already accumulated in past years and allocated to current and future unallocated class projects is included in the funds to be provided by our class for this project. See the ‘61 Treasurer’s Report for more details.

Also, it is possible that our Class’s current budget of \$87,500 may require a modest increase if we want a combined stone wall and stone bench seating area of the size and quality desired. This issue is still under review and in discussion.

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, April 12, 2023 at Noon (EDT).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary