

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

April 12, 2023

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

Absent from Meeting: Dave Prewitt, Bill Collishaw, 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 deferred the approval of the Minutes for the February and March 2023 Class officers/at-large executive committee Zoom telecom meetings, which Minutes were not yet completed and submitted.

Attendance at the April 12th Zoom telecom was a very healthy 82+ percent.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he:

1- Prepared partially the Minutes for the February 2023 and March 2023 class officers/at-large executive committee members telecom.

2- Prepared partially the bi-monthly D'61 *classnotes* column for the July/August 2023 issue of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. (DAM).

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.

- a) After several communications with the College administration, the submission of classmate obit notices received initially by the College rather than by the Class appears to be now flowing more smoothly to Harris McKee, our Class Memorialist.
- b) Special thanks to classmate, Al Rozycki, who is now providing the Class with appropriate news columns, etc., from local Hanover and Lebanon, NH publications, et al, concerning what possibly is and possibly is not going on at the College.

Treasurer’s Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, reported that the Class’s current cash balances as of April 11, 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>
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Dues paid during the current fiscal year (189 classmates to date, with a few dues payments for less than or more than \$61)	<u>\$11,457</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 was agreed that all such donations be used for the Robert Frost Statue Area Enhancement Project, unless specifically notated otherwise. The goal of this current project is \$87,500.

- Carryover balance for class projects as of July 1, 2022 (\$12,429 rounded to \$12,500)	\$12,500
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- 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
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- Contributions received (87) 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>20,731</u>
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Total Funds Available - Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>\$83,231</u>
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With \$83,231 accounted for (\$12,500 project funds carryover in-house to begin, \$45,731 in donations collected to date, GK’s matching contribution of \$25,000 still not fully earned or received) only \$4,269 was still needed to reach the agreed-upon budget amount of \$87,500 for the Frost statue improvement project. However, according to Al Rozycki, some not-material additional funding may be required to create a quality stone and wooden bench seating area being constructed the Robert Frost statue.

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” at the College.

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>
Total	<u>\$ 2,850</u>

Donations made by the Class of 1961 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 Sponsors Recruiting Fund	\$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
- The Rise/Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000**</u>
Total	<u>\$8,339</u>	<u>\$72,564</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)
(** Transferred by the Class of '61 to the College re The "Rise" and Frost Statue Improvement Projects

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 130 classmate donors (versus revised current goal of 277) contributing a total of \$138,861 (versus goal of \$261,961).
- 3- The Class is lagging slightly behind in the number of contributors ("participation") In comparison to the prior year. As of April 11, 2023, the Class of '61 was in sixth place in participation, 1.4% 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.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month, the Class became aware that five classmates and/or spouses had recently passed away: Dwight "Tad" Foote, Sam Bell, Jim Baum, Kathy Mooney and Diane Church.

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 (approved class policy) can be contributed to the '61 *Performing Arts Legacy* in honor of each such deceased person.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Digital Content Manager/Webmaster, reported that during the current monthly period he had generated approximately 19 class website updates and created/sent 16 iModules emails, including a *WWW* Class newsletter, a follow-up to Ted Tapper's mini-reunion presentation in February, 2023, and obituary information for several deceased classmates and/or spouses: Dwight "Tad" Foote, Sam Bell, Kathy Mooney and Diane Church (obit information for Jim Baum was not yet available for distribution).

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, reported that the dual project, consisting of financial stipends provided to undergraduate students in accordance with the John Sloane Dickey Center/'61 Stephen Bosworth Award and the '61 Arts Legacy award, continues to run smoothly. Each program is currently funding two students per year.

As a segment of the June 1st '61 mini-reunion, Pete will attempt to get two or more Bosworth Award recipients and/or '61 Arts Legacy award recipients for interviews, live or on-line.

D'61 Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, chair, reported that the third mini-reunion of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 will be held virtually via Zoom, on Thursday, June 1, 2023, and that the format would be consistent with the successful recent '61 mini-reunions to date.

The October 6-8, 2023 '61 mini-reunion will be Hy-flex (both on-campus and Zoom off-campus), with the formal program to be held on Saturday, October 7th, assuming that the College's varsity football game remains on Friday evening. Those interested in attending should make reservations as soon as possible.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Class newsletter editor, reported that, with assistance from Harris McKee, an edition of the '61 class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, was published in late March 2023, after the February 2023 mini-reunion and the presentation of another *D'61 Special Classmate Award* at that mini-reunion.

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. Nothing new to date.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

WIC co-chairs, Nyla Arslanian, with review assistance from Patti Rich, prepared and submitted an article for submission to the March issue of the '61 class newsletter. In addition, Nyla was communicating with Pete Bleyler to see how and where a separate session by and for the women could be included as a separate segment during the anticipated June, 2023 class mini-reunion, possibly at the beginning or end of the formal meeting segment. 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 6-8 most active members of the WIC committee to discuss and plan for the anticipated upcoming events for the Class of '61 spouses, widows., and significant others.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Vic Rich, in the absence of Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee (consisting of Dave Prewitt, Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich) was again seeking the nominations of classmates as deserving candidates for a *'61 Special Classmate Award*. Contact all or any member(s) of the committee in writing with any recommendation(s). Each nomination should include the reasons why your candidate is deserving, in the following order of importance: 1) service contributions to the Class of 1961, 2) service contributions to the College, and 3) service contributions to society in general.

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" in general, '61 class, class officer associations, and club levels) have been found to be lacking and/or difficult to obtain. The completion of this award 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 letter of the pre-Alumni Council agenda for the Alumni Council meeting to be held in May 2023 is currently available and that a summary of the actual meeting, to be conducted in May and from now on as a virtual meeting, should become available for review approximately one month 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 the upper portion of College Park, reported that the improvements and beautification agreed to in partnership with the Class of '73 with respect to the broader upper College Park area (in the future to be called "The Rise") are now under way in earnest since Spring arrived.

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. Also included in the '61 funding is \$12,500 from existing class funds accumulated in past years and allocated to future class projects. See the '61 Treasurer's Report for more details.

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 topics of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB) at Dartmouth: What is Dartmouth's 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

achievements regarding these issues and its position on the spectrum? How does Dartmouth anticipate that it will achieve its goals and objectives on these issues, and over what period of time. Several new administrative officers and also faculty members have been hired and/or promoted to deal with the areas of CRT and DEIB at Dartmouth, and several role areas have been re-grouped. As of now, much of the aforementioned is not clear to the members of the Class of 1961, and we would appreciate better communication and clarification from the College.

- 2- The issue of the future of the Class's Tanzi's License Plate plaque has arisen sooner than anticipated with the return of the plaque by its current classmate/holder for medical reasons (Jim Baum, now deceased). Based on the advancing age of our class members, it was agreed that the best solution was to locate a permanent "home" (display area) for the plaque going forward. Oscar Arslanian volunteered to contact Hopkin's Center and Lou's Restaurant to see if either or both were interested. Also, the current plaque needs some restoration.
- 3- Doug Zipes suggested that the Class set up an on-line Zoom D'61 Book Club, to read/discuss/ review books in some order of selection. Doug believes that it would take only 10 or so classmates to establish a '61 book club at inception and, that he would volunteer to be the initial moderator for a while until others volunteer.
- 4- Vic Rich recommended that the College establish an obligatory new course for all members of each incoming freshman class: a combined freshman seminar and hands-on course in team building, primarily to ease incoming students into the areas covered in #1 above (CRT/DEIB) and for other important reasons (building leadership, cooperation, etc.). Athletic teams appear to have been most open to and successful in these areas in the past.

The next class officers/executive committee telecom will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Noon (EDT).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:05 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

