

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

May 10, 2023

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

Absent from Meeting: Pete Bleyler, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Art Kelton, Glen Gemelli, 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 welcomed Ken Kolb as a new at-large member of the Class of 1961 Executive Committee. The other members of the '61 executive committee uniformly signified their approval.

Maynard then called for the approval of the Minutes for the February 2023 and the March 2023 class officers/at-large executive committee telecom meetings, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

The Minutes for the April 2023 monthly telecom meeting were not yet completed, but should be completed and submitted at the June telecom along with the Minutes for the May 2023 monthly telecom meeting.

Attendance at the May 10th Zoom telecom was again very healthy, at 78 percent.

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he:

1- Completed and submitted the Minutes for the February 2023 and March 2023 class officers/at-large executive committee members telecons.

2- Partially prepared the Minutes for the April 2023 class officers/at-large executive committee members.

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

4- Partially prepared the plaque inscription for the '61 *Special Classmate Award* to be presented to the recipient during the '61 mini-reunion scheduled for June 1, 2023.

5- Finally, Vic communicated with several classmates, other alumni, and/or, at times, 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 May 9, 2023 totaled \$64,286, including \$60,083 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 year, are \$13,191, 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 (209 classmates to date, with a few dues payments for less than or more than \$61)	<u>\$12,738</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. 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
- 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 (103) 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>23,452</u>
Total Funds Available - Frost Statue Improvement Project	<u>\$85,952</u>

With \$85,952 accounted for (\$12,500 project funds carryover in-house to begin, \$48,452 in donations collected to date, GK’s matching contribution of \$25,000 not yet fully earned or received) only \$1,548 was still needed to reach the agreed-upon budget amount of \$87,500 for the Frost statue improvement project.

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 College.

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 143 classmate donors (versus revised current goal of 277 = 51.6%) contributing a total of \$163,154 (versus goal of \$261,961 = 62.3%).
- 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 fifth place in participation, tied with the Class of '63 (a reunion class). The '61 SWAT team efforts are scheduled to begin in about a week.

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 the following classmates and/or spouses had recently passed away: David Quinn, Hilton Lee Graham and Richard Sax.

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 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 20 class website updates and created/sent 8 iModules emails, including obituary information for those recently deceased classmates and/or spouses where obit notices are available.

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 at least two students per year; for the current year, four students have been selected for stipends via the '61 Stephen Bosworth Award but no students have yet been selected by the '61 Arts Legacy Award.

As a segment of the June 1st '61 mini-reunion, Pete has arranged for at least two Bosworth Award recipients to be interviewed, probably on-line.

D'61 Quarterly Mini-Reunion Report

Pete Bleyler, chair, was not available. However, Maynard 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 will be consistent with the successful recent '61 mini-reunions to date. In addition, numerous detailed agenda notices have gone out to date.

The October 6-8, 2023 '61 mini-reunion has been scheduled to 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*, will be published in late June 2023, after the June 1, 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 hoping to set up some specific affinity groups (e.g. athletic teams, fraternities, etc.) to solicit new BTS members both directly and indirectly. Al reported that the '61 former football team was selected to be the test affinity group.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

WIC co-chairs, Nyla Arslanian, with assistance from Patti Rich, were preparing an article for submission to the June issue of the '61 class newsletter. In addition, Nyla was scheduled to communicate with Pete Bleyler tomorrow to see where the separate session by and for the women would be included as an integrated separate segment of the June 1, 2023 class mini-reunion, probably at the end of the formal meeting segment opposite a simultaneous series of men's classmate chat sessions. Primarily in relation to this proposal and other matters, Patti stated that she and Nyla had a conference call in May with the six of the most active members of the WIC committee (Nyla, Patti, Carolyn "Pani" Kolb, Susan Lynn, Bonnie Gartner, Eileen DiSavino) 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 reported that the committee had decided on a classmate to receive the *D'61 Special Classmate Award*, to be presented at the class mini-reunion on June 1, 2023. Vic was again drafting the citation for approval by the Award's committee.

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee (consisting of Dave Prewitt, Harris McKee, Denny Denniston, and Vic Rich) was again seeking the nomination 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 reason(s) why your proposed 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.

By the end of this fiscal year, the Class of 1961 will have awarded 19 *Special Classmate Awards* to deserving members of the Class of 1961.

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. by the College in general, '61 class, class officer associations, club officer levels, etc.) 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 mid-May 2023 is currently available and that a summary of the actual meeting, to be conducted in May (and from now on as a solely 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 under way in earnest since Spring arrived, with significant signs of restoration becoming visible.

Pictures of the renovations to the Frost statue taken every few days by Roz and other Frost Statue project committee members are being sent to '61 class officers and at-large

executive committee members on a regular basis by Harris McKee, who also posts many of the photos to the class websites.

The projected total cost for the Class of '61 and the Class of '73 improvements and beautifications to "The Rise" area (upper area of College Park) and the area surrounding the Frost statue and paths leading to/from the statue has been fixed in the College's contract at \$175,000 (\$87,500 from each class). See the current '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 the joining of their two separate but overlapping projects into one combined financial 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 recently 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 to the Class. 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. The College itself appears not to be 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 selected in some order. Doug believes that it

would take only 10 or so classmates to establish a '61 book club and that he would agree 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 (e.g. building leadership, cooperation, etc.). Athletic teams appear to have been most open to and successful in these areas in the past.
- 5- The long-term medical and possibly long-term financial issues of Dartmouth's successful and highly respected football coach, Buddy Teevens, are of concern to many in our Class, and probably from other alumni classes. Ken Kolb, who knows Buddy and his family personally, would like the Class of '61 to explore the matter further in order to see if and how Buddy and his family will be taken care of by the College, both by insurance and other existing obligations and by voluntary means (to the extent possible). Further, he would like the Class and other alumni classes to look into the possibility of Dartmouth alumni and others affiliated with Dartmouth football, directly or indirectly, assisting Buddy and his family, directly or indirectly, with long-term ongoing medical and rehabilitation expenses and other financial costs so that he and his family can live their lives going forward as comfortably as reasonably as possible.

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