

Dartmouth Class of 1968 Meeting at the 45th Reunion of the Class
Minutes from Meeting of June 15, 2013
Silbsy Hall Room 028, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: 40 classmates and 2 guests

1. President Ron Weiss welcomed classmates and guests, and called the Class Meeting to order.
2. **Class Mission:** Ron Weiss opened the meeting with a review of the three part Class Mission: to maintain cohesiveness among classmates, to improve communications to and among classmates, and to serve the College, both with fund raising and other types of service.

The next portion of the meeting consisted of reports from Class Officers, which included a brief discussion of the job description of each.

3. **Head Agent's Report:** Dave Walden presented a report on behalf of Head Agent Joe Nathan Wright, who could not attend due to his wife's recent illness. He thanked Janet Rosa and Debbie Stearns of the Alumni Office for their continued support, and Participation Co-Chairs Peter Wonson and Dave Walden for their work in maintaining and increasing classmate participation. He also thanked the 37 volunteers who assisted this year's campaign. As of the meeting, \$1,132,000 had been raised toward the \$1,168,000 which the Class expects to raise by the end of June. Gifts have been received from 322 classmates, with represents a 46% participation rate so far, with hope to reach 50% by the end of the month.
4. **Treasurer/Webmaster Report:** Jim Lawrie reported approximately \$20,000 in the class checking account, \$28,154 in the bond investment funds, and \$85,900 in equity investments. On the web activity, Jim reported modest activity. He updates every 4 to 6 weeks, with news, photos, videos and schedules for upcoming events. The online sale of Frank Couper memorabilia raised several thousand dollars. The site can be reached at Dartmouth68.org.
5. **50th Reunion Gift Planning:** Bill Rich updated the class on the goal of several million to 5 million dollars. If we reach the full amount, the gift will endow the Freshman Trips, and possibly the acquisition of loaner camping equipment for incoming Freshmen who need equipment. To date, the fund stands at approximately \$800,000. Bill asked for support from classmates to consider hosting dinners in their home areas, inviting nearby classmates for a focused mini-reunion to raise funds toward our gift. It was suggested, during discussion, that the Freshman Trips require a deposit from participants, which would be returned to them upon attendance (thus making the trips free); the deposit would ensure attendance.
6. **Secretary's Report:** David Peck reported he continues to maintain the bimonthly columns in the Dartmouth Magazine with no problems to date, though

sometimes news must be proactively sought. More Social Media, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, are being used, with only limited success

7. **Newsletter Report:** Dave Gang reported that the next newsletter will be inclusive of many photographs from the reunions. The gathered classmates commended the recent color format change. Dave also noted, like the Secretary comments, that news is sometimes hard to get, and urged classmates to share news for both the Alumni magazine column and newsletter. He also noted that of the 11 classmates on the “masthead”, 7 have AOL addresses, indicating perhaps how old we are.

8. **Mini-Reunions:** Bear Everett reported the plans for the coming year: October 11 through 13th Homecoming weekend (Yale), another Bandon Dunes Golf Outing October 28th through November 2nd, and Class Ski trip at Park City, Utah March 1st through 8th, 2013. Bear noted that this past May, there was a Virgin Islands cruise, organized by Gerry Hills and Norm Silverman, which may become a standing Mini-Reunion like the Ski Trip and Golf Trip. See further discussion on Mini-Reunions below.

9. **President’s Report:** Ron Weiss thanked the Executive Committee for all of their support over the past five years, noting that his job was easy, delegating to so many capable classmates who did all the actual work. It has been a good five years for the Class.

10. **Nominations:** Gerry Bell, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (Clark Wadlow, Steve Calvert, Mark Waterhouse, Ron Weiss, Peter Fahey plus Gerry Bell) recommended election of the following classmates as Class Officers for the next five years (all nominees were unanimously elected by acclamation):
 - President: Peter Fahey
 - Vice President: John Isaacson
 - Treasurer/Webmaster: Jim Lawrie
 - Secretary: David Peck
 - Newsletter: David Gang
 - Head Agent: Joe Nathan Wright
 - Participation Co-Chairs: Bob Ross and Peter Wonson
 - Leadership Gifts: Peter Fahey, John Blair, Bill Rich
 - Mini Reunion Chair: Gerry Bell, John Everett (assistant chair), with help from John Engelman, Ed Heald, Dave Walden, Pete Wonson
 - Planned Giving: Ed Heald (with thanks for retiring Dennis Donahue)

11. **New President’s Report:** Peter Fahey noted that the next five years will be important as the Class ramps up to our 50th Reunion, a culminating event in the life of the Class. He reiterated that Class Executive Committee meetings are open to all classmates, and urged everyone to join the meetings when they can. The first meeting of the new Executive Committee will be on October 12, at the Fall Mini-Reunion on Homecoming Weekend (Yale game). Peter also noted a

future initiative for the Class, starting in 2014: development of a relationship with the Class of 2018, who will enter Dartmouth in the fall of 2014. Our 50th Reunion will coincide with their graduation.

12. **45th Reunion:** John Engelman, Chairman of the 45th Reunion, wanted to express his thanks to those who have helped make it a success: David Walden as Treasurer, Bear Everett and Ed Heald on meals, John Isaacson and David Peck on the Memorial Service at Rollins Chapel, Peter Wonson and Steve Calvert for Flagrant Neglect (the band, not the grade), and Peter and Helen Fahey for hosting the Friday luncheon. The assembled Class Meeting, in turn, gave a hearty thanks to John for his leadership on the reunion.

13. **Open Discussion:**

- It was noted that a new class **directory** will be shared with the class in the near future. It had been scheduled to be available prior to and at the Reunion, but has been running late. Peter noted that let's use this as a tool to reconnect with classmates, in particular those relatively nearby, to get more active in Class activities.
 - There was discussion of **future mini-reunion** ideas, which included a Class 68th Birthday (why wait until we're 70?), Theater in New York City, golf in Fort Myers, Florida, canal cruise in Europe, rafting the Grand Canyon or a highly rated river in the East, hiking portions on the Appalachian Trail on the same day (ie some classmates in the south, some in the central Atlantic states, some in New England, all on the same day)
 - During discussion of mini-reunions, there was special thanks to Larry Griffith and Hap Ridgeway for their leadership of the ski trip this past year, to Gerry Hills and Norm Silverman for the Virgin Island cruise, and to Ed Heald for the golf trip.
 - Gerry Bell noted that ideas and initiatives are welcome from everyone: "Everybody is smarter than anybody"
14. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Tentatively October 12, 2013 at 10 am in Hanover, location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Peck
Secretary