

## **Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee**

Minutes from Meeting of May 21, 2016

Zimmerman Lounge, Blunt Alumni Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: Peter Fahey, Bill Rich, John Engelman, John Everett, Gerry Bell, Ron Weiss, and David Peck in person; Joe Nathan Wright, Jim Lawrie, Peter Wonson, David Gang, Dave Dibelius, and Mark Waterhouse (by phone).

1. President Peter Fahey opened the meeting, and welcomed those attending in person and by conference call.
2. Follow up Items from last meetings:
  - a. Peter Fahey updated progress in the “We Want You Back” program. 93 classmates who have been uninvolved in class activities (no DCF, no dues, no reunions) have been contacted with the \$10 incentive bill enclosed. So far, there have been 28 responses, of whom 26 returned with donations to the DCF. This may help the class exceed the 59% participation goal. However, only 8 indicated that they currently planned to return for the Reunion.
  - b. Peter updated the status of the idea being pursued to create an electronic survey in advance of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The “Class of 1968 Self Expression and Life Experience Survey (SELVS)” was deemed a bit dry, and a new title “Who Are You” suggested (and welcomed!). This would be an online tool to which classmates respond and which would be shared among all classmates, electronically and by request, in hardcopy. There could be 12 to 15 sections of the questionnaire.  
In advance of today’s meeting, Peter had sent out a first draft to all for comment. If they respond, classmates would receive a discount on reunion fees (perhaps 2%) per section filled out, with a maximum of 20% discount. (Not every section need be filled out.) The overall goal would be distribution to classmates in late 2017, with a required return date of end of March 2018 (to allow processing and compiling of results). The survey would also be open to spouses and partners of classmates.

Peter has been in contact with an outside consultant which is producing a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion book for the Class of 1966. The development costs for this proposed “Who Are You” survey would be \$1,650. **The Executive Committee unanimously supported this investment.**

3. **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning (June 7-12, 2018):** Reunion Chairman Gerry Bell reporting:
  - a. Gerry confirmed that David Walden would be serving as Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and onsite Ambassador for planning. Pete Wonson would serve as Attendance Chair and would be assisted by Hugh Boss and Bill Adler for West Coast attendance assistance.

It was noted that there was a VOX 8 Reunion Seminar this past March which was helpful, and Dave Walden plans to learn from the experiences of Classes of 1966 and 1967 in their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunions.

Current conceptual 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion events and activities are as follows:

- Thursday June 7: Mooselauke hike and stay (depending on reconstruction of Ravine Lodge, or use the Bunk House). Bruce Senn has volunteered to be hike leader.
- Friday June 8: Final Class Connections event with Class of 2018 (BBQ at Collis)  
Evening: Dinner on Baker Lawn
- Saturday June 9:  
Morning: Memorial Service  
Afternoon: Vietnam Panel, to include Mark Waterhouse, Dave Loring, Burt Quist, Steve Calvert and others  
Affinity Group gatherings: fraternities, teams, other groups  
Evening: Banquet.
- Sunday June 10:  
Morning: Commencement  
Afternoon/Evening: TBD
- Monday to Tuesday June 11 and 12: TBD.

Discussion followed:

- We should ask our classmates for degree of interest in extending the reunion beyond Sunday, and what types of activities would enhance that interest
- Ron Weiss noted that there needs to be a “density” of activities or else we will lose attendees

- David Peck suggested the reunion include a display of creative works (art, architecture etc) by classmates.
- b. Gerry proposed the following banking resolution in order to establish reunion checking accounts:

REUNION COMMITTEE BANKING RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS D. James Lawrie is the duly elected Treasurer of the Dartmouth College Class of 1968, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Dartmouth College Class of 1968 has appointed certain classmates to a Reunion Committee for the purpose of organizing and conducting the Class's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion activities in June of 2018, and

WHEREAS, among such appointed classmates are Gerry Bell, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, Peter Wonson, Vice Chairman of the Reunion Committee, and David L. Walden, Treasurer of the Reunion Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Reunion Committee wishes to establish a checking account with the Ledyard National Bank of Hanover, New Hampshire ("Financial Institution") into which reunion-related funds will be deposited and from which reunion-related expenses will be paid;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Executive Committee resolves that:

**Signature Authorization.** The Financial Institution named above, at any one or more of its offices or branches, is designated as a depository for the funds of the Reunion Committee for Dartmouth Class of 68 (the "Account Holder"), which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the signatures of any one (1) of the following individuals of the Dartmouth Class of 68 ("Agents"):

David Lewis Walden  
George E. Bell, III  
Peter Hamilton Wonson  
Donald James Lawrie, Jr.

and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same. The Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against the account with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing the same or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

**Agent's Authority.** Any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes, and other items payable to or owned by Account Holder for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.

The above-named Agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or other items of Account Holder may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform

such other acts as they may deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in these resolutions.

**Duration.** The authority hereby conferred upon the above-named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained. The Financial Institution shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this authorization. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given

**This resolution was unanimously supported by the Executive Committee**

**After approval of the authorizing language, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the transfer of \$1,000 from the Class Treasury to the Reunion Committee, as seed money for reunion planning.**

**4. Class Officer Reports:**

**a. Mini Reunions:** Gerry Bell reporting:

2016 has already seen a very active Mini-Reunion slate of activities:

- The Okemo Eastern Ski trip in late January was a success. 14 classmates attended, and no one was hurt (despite a very icy second day). Planning is already underway for 2017 (version 4.0)
- The Western Ski Trip in Big Sky, Montana was also a success, with 23 classmates and guests attending. Jackson Hole, Wyoming will be the location for next year's event, planned for March 4-March 11, 2017.
- The Danube River/Budapest Cruise in April had 18 classmates and guests enjoy a one week river cruise on the Danube, including stops in Linz, Melk, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.
- The Virgin Islands Flotilla in May had 26 guests, from the Class of 1968 plus other classes, on four separate sailboats
- And still ahead, our class 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party in Napa California, in September. Over 43 classmates and guests are signed up...activities include biking, balloon rides, golf, visits to a jelly bean factory, and of course wine tours.
- Fall 2016 Mini-reunion is proposed for homecoming weekend against Harvard (10/28-30). The Executive Committee meeting

would be the morning of October 29. **This was unanimously supported by the Executive Committee**

2017 Mini-Reunion Planning is already underway:

- Grand Canyon hike is now planned for April 19, 2017. 8 classmates and guests have already signed up to hike down to the bottom and stay at Phantom Ranch and back the next day; another 8 have signed up to avoid the hike but be part of the trip to the area, and travel to nearby sites before and after the hike.

**b. Class Agent:** Joe Nathan Wright reporting:

- Joe Nathan noted the great help of Participation Co-Chairs Bob Ross and Peter Wonson.
- The Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) status so far: goal of \$400,000 and 50% participation (345 classmates). Cash and pledges so far: approximately \$357,000 from 276 classmates. Cash in hand: \$352,000 from 266 classmates. Our participation is running at around 40%, which is ahead of the overall College at this point.
- Key need is more solicitors. Right now, we have 31, and will need to grow this to 50 in advance of the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Joe noted that Pete Wonson reports he has an added 7 solicitors for next year.
- There is early planning for ramping up the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion DCF Fundraising, separate and not competing with our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift. There is a dinner planned for this fall of 2016 in New York City, with 12 to 24 classmates capable of leadership gifts to meet with the President

**c. Treasurer's and Webmaster Report,** Jim Lawrie reporting:

- Checking account, as of May 17, 2016 holds \$17,096. Investment accounts include \$144,590 in stock index funds, \$42,687 in bond funds, for a total of \$187,277.

- Income includes dues of \$24,035, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion donations of \$8,835 and modest interest, for a total of \$32,872. Expenses of \$24,785 include the earlier \$15,000 transfer to our investment accounts, class projects, newsletter, and dues collection costs.
- Jim did not have an update on the Class website, due to some technical difficulty.

There was discussion of Class Sponsorships:

- **The Athletic sponsorship of \$500 was unanimously approved for this year.**
- **The Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network (DEN) sponsorship was unanimously approved at a level of \$5,000.** Peter Fahey noted that the nature of the DEN activity was changing, but was a successful program very worthy of support.

**d. 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Donation Fundraising**, Bill Rich reporting:

- As of April, \$835,772 have been booked, and with investment growth, total now stands at \$1,169,499. Income seems to average \$25,000 to \$30,000 per 3 to 4 months.
- Active focus on this fundraising will be during each Fall, in order not to compete with the DCF activity each Spring.

**e. Newsletter**, Dave Gang reporting:

- Dave reported that his wife and co-editor Roberta is recovering well from her surgery this past March.
- Next newsletter aimed for September 2016. He requests material by the end of June (he will be away July) or very early August. He hopes to have an interview with Jeff and Ina Garten featured in this future newsletter.
- Dave reports the College has acquired a new high quality printer, and he is very happy with the quality, with particular mention of the picture reproduction quality.

- Mark Waterhouse suggested including a questionnaire on Vietnam, which might help the planned Vietnam panel prepare for the 50th Reunion panel
- Dave repeated his observation that only 60% of our classmates use email, and of those, not everyone opens the emails (to avoid spam). So the hard copy of the newsletter remains important.

f. **Class Secretary**, David Peck reporting:

- In addition to continuing efforts to gather news for the class column, David has created two Survey Monkey questionnaires for the class. The survey links will be provided in the class notes column in the alumni magazine, the website and class newsletter. Results will be shared in future columns, and also help inform reunion planning.
- To date, the survey responses have been light.
- No recent news of any classmate deaths, which is a good thing!

g. **Class Connections**, John Engelman reporting:

- John shared results of a recent Connection program with the Class of 2018: a seminar entitled “Best Foot Forward”. ‘68s participating included Bill Stahl, Gerry Bell, Dave Walden, and Mark Waterhouse, to offer advice on improving resumes, preparing for interviews etc. 20 to 25 ‘18s attended.
- Upcoming activities that could be opportunities for Class of 1968 to participate with them, include STRIPS (Sophomore summer trips such as hiking, Mooselauke lodge), scheduled for June 19 thru 21, and a summer Family weekend July 29 and 30. With this second event, there may be Class of 1968 assistance with funding at a level of \$500 to \$1,000, he noted.
- Fewer Connections activities are expected during the Class of 2018’s junior year, as many will be off campus.

h. **The Vox 8 Program**, Dave Walden was unable to attend, so no update shared at this meeting

**5. President’s Discussion:**

- **New Alumni Councilor:** Peter Fahey announced that Hugh Boss has agreed to serve as our Alumni Councilor, replacing Dick Olson whose term has expired.
- **Robbie Peacock video:** it was reported that a high school student, as part of a school project, had prepared a thoughtful video about classmate Robbie Peacock, who died in the Viet Nam war. The link: [JRPII Movie.mp4](#).
- **Woody Lee video:** Peter noted he had seen a video of classmate Woody Lee talking about the African American experience at Dartmouth, and suggest the video be made available to the College to show at orientation for incoming freshmen. The video is available on UTube. Also, that we should try to get him involved in class activities.

5. Next Meeting: 10 am Saturday October 29, tentatively in the Zimmerman Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

David Peck  
Secretary