

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

## THE CLASS OF 1969 OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

### ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Class of 1969 of Dartmouth College (the “Class”).

### ARTICLE II. Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to develop a strong and enduring Class structure in order to further the interests, welfare, and education purposes of Dartmouth College, for so long as the Class is in existence and Dartmouth College remains organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Sections (501)(c)(3) and (170)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

### ARTICLE III. Membership

All persons who entered with the Class of 1969, or who transferred from another college directly into the Class of 1969, or who graduated as a member of the Class of 1969 whether at the regular Commencement or at some other time, or who were adopted as members of the Class, are members of the organization.

### ARTICLE IV. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a meeting of the Class in Hanover during every regularly scheduled Homecoming weekend and at every regularly scheduled reunion. Other meetings may be called by the President at any time, as the President deems appropriate within his or her discretion. Members of the class may attend and participate in class meetings in person, via videoconference, by conference call, or by any other virtual means permitted by the Class President.

Section 2. Class meetings shall be called with adequate notice: An announcement of the meeting shall be sent at least one month in advance to all classmates for whom the Class has email addresses, with at least one subsequent reminder with a topical agenda in the month preceding the meeting. Classmates who attend a class meeting called with adequate notice, whether attending in person or remotely, shall constitute a quorum. The presiding officer shall be the Class President. In the absence of the President, the Class Vice President present at the meeting who is most senior in terms of years in his or her current position, shall preside over the meeting. The presiding officer shall have the power, in his or her discretion, to determine that the quorum at a particular meeting is inadequate to conduct important business and defer such matters to a subsequent class meeting.

Section 3. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of Class meetings.

ARTICLE V. Suffrage

All members of the Class shall be entitled to vote at meetings, except that any member whose Class dues shall be in arrears 30 days prior to a meeting shall not be able to vote for a Class election of officers at that meeting, or for any matter relating to the use of the Class Treasury.

ARTICLE VI. Eligibility to Hold Office

All members of the Class qualified to vote for the election of Class officers under Article V shall be eligible for election to any Class office.

ARTICLE VII. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall constitute the policy-making body of the Class, and, except for actions taken at Class meetings, act in its behalf concerning the Class and its affairs.

Section 2. The Executive Committee in effect at the time of the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution in 2021, is the Executive Committee of the Class. The Executive Committee shall be a self-perpetuating entity and shall have the power to add members by vote at an Executive Committee meeting. While it is hoped that the number of members shall be fifteen or more, it is understood that as years pass, fewer members may constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least four times each year. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee may be in person, by videoconference, by conference call, or by any other virtual means permitted by the Class President. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at such time as the President or any three Class officers may determine. Members of the Executive Committee who attend a regularly scheduled meeting, or who attend a special meeting of the Executive Committee called with such notice as may be practicable under the circumstances, shall constitute a quorum. The President shall be the presiding officer at meetings of the Executive Committee. In the absence of the President, the Class Vice President present at the meeting who is most senior in terms of years in current position, shall preside over the meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies on, or additions to, the Executive Committee shall be filled through nominations from either the Nominating Committee or the President and approval by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. All Class officers, whether elected by the Class or the Executive Committee, or appointed by the President, shall be members *ex officio* of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII. Officers

Section 1. The Class shall elect a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer at the Class Meeting at a regularly scheduled reunion. The Executive Committee shall elect an Alumni Council Representative of the Class. Any other officer, including but not limited to Head Agent, Newsletter Editor, Reunion Chair, Reunion Gift Chair, Gift Planning Chair, Nominating Chair, Mini-reunion Chair, shall be appointed by the President. In his or her discretion, the President may create *ad hoc* committees for special purposes, appoint chairs for such committees, and dissolve such committees when they are no longer needed. The Executive Committee may create or eliminate officer positions.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the power at any time to remove from office any officer who, in the opinion of that committee, is not serving the best interests of the Class or the College.

Section 3. A vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Committee. A vacancy in any appointive office may be filled by the President. The assistance of a Nominating Committee may be utilized in either category.

#### ARTICLE IX. Terms of Office

The term of office for all officers, elected or appointed, and members of the Executive Committee shall be from regularly scheduled reunion to regularly scheduled reunion, or as otherwise determined by the Executive Committee. (An exception is the Alumni Councilor, who serves for three years.)

#### ARTICLE X. Powers and Duties of Officers

Section 1. Officers subject to election by the Class shall have the following duties:

- a. The President will act as the executive head of the Class. It will be his or her responsibility to initiate new projects and carry out the policies and decisions of the Executive Committee. In addition, the President shall exercise general supervision over all other officers to ensure the proper performance of their functions.
- b. One or more Vice Presidents, the most senior of whom in terms of service presides over Class meetings or Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the President, shall carry out other duties as assigned by the President.

- c. The Secretary will be the primary link between Class members and the College and shall prepare the Class notes and obituary notes for the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*. The Secretary shall be custodian of Class files and records.
- d. The Treasurer of the Class shall receive and disburse all funds of the Class subject to the direction of the Executive Committee and shall submit an annual financial report to the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Class representative to the Dartmouth Alumni Council, elected by the Executive Committee on a three-year cycle, shall be responsible for communications between the Class and the Council, representing Class interests and concerns.

Section 3. At the time of the adoption of the amendments to this Constitution in 2021, the following officers have been created by the Executive Committee and members have been appointed thereto by the President, with duties that can be modified by the President at his or her discretion. The President has the right to appoint co-chairs as officers for each position created by the Executive Committee.

- a. The Head Agent shall conduct the annual Dartmouth College Fund solicitation for the benefit of the College.
- b. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the Class newsletter. The newsletter will serve as the regular avenue of communication between officers and members of the Class.
- c. The Webmaster/Electronic Communications Chair shall maintain the Class website and listservs and electronically disseminate information as authorized by the President or the Executive Committee to all members of the Class with known email addresses.
- d. The Reunion Gift Chair shall plan and conduct solicitations for the benefit of the College in commemoration of Class reunions.
- e. The Gift Planning Chair shall be responsible for bequests and trust planning activities of members of the Class for the benefit of the College.
- f. The Reunion Chair shall be responsible for planning and conducting the next regularly scheduled reunion of the Class.
- g. The Homecoming Chair shall be responsible for organizing class activities during Homecoming weekend.
- h. The Mini-Reunion Chair shall be responsible for the organization and promotion of non-reunion gatherings of the Class other than Homecoming.
- i. The Compassion Network Chair organizes messages of sympathy to spouses/partners of recently deceased classmates and messages of support to gravely ill classmates.
- j. The Special Projects Chair shall identify and recommend projects, typically student organized and run, as candidates for financial support by the Class.

Section 4. Officers and committee chairs shall submit to the President written reports of the activities of their office or committee from time to time as requested by the President or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI. Nominating Committee

Section 1. The President shall appoint a chair and members of a Nominating Committee in advance of each regularly scheduled reunion of the Class.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee, after soliciting recommendations from the class, shall nominate a Class President, Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall report to the Executive Committee its selections at the Executive Committee meeting prior to each regularly scheduled reunion and present them at the reunion Class meeting for election.

Section 4. In the final year of service of the class's Alumni Council Representative, the President shall appoint a chair and members of a Nominating Committee which will present one or more successor nominees to the Executive Committee for election.

ARTICLE XII. The Class Year

The year of the Class shall be from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the next.

ARTICLE XIII. Dues and/or Assessments

Section 1. Class dues shall be levied each year upon each member of the Class. The amount of the dues shall be decided by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special assessments, in addition to dues, may be levied upon each member of the Class. The amount and purpose of such special assessment shall be determined by vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV. Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of the Class shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Class member, officer, or any other private person or individual. All of the assets and net earnings of the Class shall be used to further allowable educational and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE XV. Political Activity

No substantial part of the activities of the Class shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Class shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE XVI. Adoption

This constitution shall become effective upon the approval of two-thirds of the members voting at a meeting of the Class.

ARTICLE XVII. Amendments

A two-thirds vote of those members voting at any Class meeting shall be necessary to incorporate amendments into this constitution.

ARTICLE XVIII. Dissolution

The Class shall be deemed to be dissolved at such time as there shall be no member living whose address is known to the Alumni Relations Office of Dartmouth College, or the successor to that Office, or sooner if the number of Class members becomes so few as to render it impractical to continue the organization's existence. Upon dissolution or termination, all of the property and assets of the Class shall, after the payment of any lawful debts, be distributed to Dartmouth College or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.