

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT ANNUAL MEETING 2005

May 20, 2005

Elks Lodge, Florence Massachusetts

President Jonothan Hanke called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance: President Hanke, Vice-President Dorothy Gorra, Secretary Elizabeth Armstrong, Treasurer June Guild, Assistant Treasurer Charles Klem, members-at-large Peg Bedell, Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, Suzanne Lehman, Sheila Klem, Gillian Morbey, David Moriarty, Dottie Rosenthal, Jim Scott. Special guests: Karen Tatro, program coordinator and Marie Hess, Five Colleges, Inc. treasurer.

The president requested that the minutes of the previous annual meeting be accepted without being read. All agreed.

Members who had joined the organization within the last year were invited to stand and they were welcomed with applause.

Remarks:

a) President Hanke made special comments about the Slavery and Its Legacy program which brought a new degree of public recognition in the Pioneer Valley for 5CLIR and thanked the members of the committee who were responsible. He reviewed the experience of several members' attendance at the Portland, Maine EIN conference and the subsequent activities of the Next Steps Task Force which has been building on the previous work of the strategic planning group. He recalled the workshop with Kali Lightfoot which was an occasion for LIR members to discuss the strengths and opportunities ahead for 5CLIR.

b) Vice-President Gorra called attention to the sign-up sheet for committee participation to be found in today's packets. She encouraged members to be involved and assured them that their offers to help would be acknowledged.

c) Treasurer June Guild announced that we are financially secure. She thanked members of the Finance Committee, especially Charlie Klem, who will shortly be submitting annual financial reports.

d) Curriculum Committee co-chairman Jim Scott announced that there are 26 seminars and workshops being offered for Fall 2005. Eleanor Shattuck, co-chairman, thanked Jim for his service on the committee and introduced her co-chairman for the next year, Sheila Klem.

e) Next Steps Task Force: Dottie Rosenthal summarized the conclusions of the months-long process which are 1) renewed commitment to peer-led learning, and 2) a strong sense of the importance of social interactions among LIR members. There will be a retreat on June 1 for council members and task force members to discuss the recommendations of this group.

f) Technology Committee. Hy Edelstein announced the combination of three separate groups into one – the audio/visual, the computer, and the website committees. There will be a summer workshop of power-point presentations.

g) Summer Programs. Mary Franks referred members to the list of summer programs for 2005 to be found in the packets. Among the activities planned are several hikes, trips to Tanglewood and Musicorda, theater events and a Habitat for Humanity workday. Gail Gaustad and Sally Lawton are new co-chairs for this committee.

Amendment to By-Laws. President Hanke read the proposed amendment to the by-laws which had been previously mailed to members. (blue sheet attached). **Jim Scott moved** and **Pat Keating seconded** approval of the proposed change in the definition of associate membership. This change would open associate membership to any interested adult regardless of previous 5CLIR membership. A lively discussion with pros and cons followed. The vote on the motion was 70 for, 44 against. As an amendment to the by-laws requires a 2/3 vote in favor, this motion failed.

Nominating Committee Report. Sheila Klem, speaking for the nominating committee which also included Bob Grant, Gillian Morbey, Bobby Reitt and George Snoek, proposed the following slate for 2005-06

President: Dorothy Gorra
Vice-President/President Elect: Arnold Friedmann
Secretary: Joyce Mazur
Treasurer: June Guild
Assistant Treasurer: Charles Klem
(Past President: Jonothan Hanke)

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was adopted by unanimous vote. Ballots will be mailed in early June and will include names of council candidates nominated by seminar groups.

Vice-President Gorra concluded the meeting with expressions of appreciation for retiring president Hanke.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Armstrong, Secretary