

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

ANNUAL MEETING 2006

June 1, 2006

Elk's Lodge -- Florence, Massachusetts

Executive Committee members present: President Dorothy Gorra, Vice President Arnold Friedmann, Past President Jonathan Hanke, Treasurer June Guild, Secretary Joyce Mazur. *Council members present:* Hy Edelstein, Joan Hastings, Ruth Hooke, Dorothy Rosenthal, James Scott, Nina Scott.

President Gorra announced that the order of agenda items would be reversed, so that votes for by-law changes could be counted and reported by the end of the meeting. She called attention to a new voting procedure, as designed by Callie Kendall and Dorothy Rosenthal. Each table had a tally sheet, to be marked by a Council member seated at that table. Each full-time member had a pink voting-strip. At the end of the voting, the table counters gave the tally sheets to Sheila Klem and Jim Scott, who tabulated the votes.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO 5CLIR BY-LAWS:

Proposed Change #1

III. COMMITTEES -- Several standing committees enumerated in Section III. B. serve as agents of the Council. Additional committees may be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Council and reconfirmed annually for up to three years. Additional ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of Council as needs dictate. Members are encouraged to volunteer for service on committees with the understanding that appointment is officially made by the Council. It is expected that committees will coordinate their activities and work together when appropriate.

MOTION PASSED without discussion.

Proposed Change #2

III. B. 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meets to consider pertinent issues, including dues and dues structure, budgetary requirements, etc. The Committee will consist of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Vice President/ President-elect, the past Treasurer and others [appointed] approved by Council.

MOTION PASSED without discussion.

Proposed Change #3

III. B. THE STANDING COMMITTEES -- It is proposed that the Newsletter/Publicity Committee will now become the Public Relations Committee:

III. B. 4. NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY: Replace the name and description of the committee to reflect the change in its function, to read as follows:

III. B. 4. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Works to make the 5CLIR program better known to the five colleges, local communities, and prospective members, and works to improve relationships with the five colleges and local communities.

MOTION PASSED without discussion.

Proposed Change #4

It is proposed that two of the present subcommittees become standing committees:

III. B. 9. GREAT DECISIONS COMMITTEE: Plans and carries out the Great Decisions program.

III. B. 10. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Coordinates audio-visual and computer-related education for 5CLIR members; oversees and maintains website; reviews technology equipment needs and recommends purchases as needed; provides technology support for 5CLIR programs as requested.

MOTION PASSED without discussion.

Proposed Change #5

It is proposed that Section V. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS, be revised as follows:

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS: A proposal for amending the by-laws can be passed into law as follows: Any member may submit a proposed amendment, in writing, to the Council. At a regular meeting of the Council or a special meeting called for that purpose, a motion to amend must be supported by a two-thirds vote of the Council. Upon such approval, the proposed amendment is submitted to a vote of the General Membership [at its next General Meeting or at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose] in writing, in conjunction with the vote for Council members and officers. If the motion passes by a yea-vote of two-thirds of those members [present and voting] responding, the amendment is enacted.

MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Summary of the discussion before the vote.

Comments opposing this change:

- * Today's new procedure of the table-tally is very efficient, not subject to errors that have sometimes been a problem.
- * The proposed change leaves no room for discussion, which is an important part of voting.
- * Mail is not necessarily noticed and acted upon. A mail-in response is therefore likely to be small.
- * More people would go to Annual Meeting if this were the only means of voting.

Comments in favor of the change:

- * There is nothing in the by-laws that either requires or prevents discussion at Annual Meeting. Roberts Rules requires discussion.
- * Some members cannot get to Annual Meeting, and they should have the opportunity to vote.
- * Mail-in voting for Council members is about 100% and mail-in voting would likely be very successful also.
- * Members who care about such matters will make the effort to attend Annual Meetings in any case.

**VOTING TOTALS: IN FAVOR, 28 -- OPPOSED, 37 -- ABSTENTIONS, 5
PROPOSED CHANGE #5 FAILED TO PASS.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer June Guild pointed out that the fiscal year will not be completed until June 30. After that date she and the Finance Committee will prepare a complete report that will be available by early autumn. Meanwhile, financial matters are going very well, and June believes that the organization will break even. She also cited projects that she and the committee have worked on this year, notably the new application form for members.

June called attention to other hard-working members of the Finance Committee: Assistant Treasurer Charles Klem, Jim McReynolds, Jim Scott, Hal Stubbs, and Vice- President Arnold Friedmann, *ex officio*.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chair Dorothy Rosenthal announced the nominations for members of the new Executive Committee:

- President - Arnold Friedmann
- Vice President/ President-elect - Mary Franks
- Secretary - Joyce Mazur
- Treasurer - June Guild
- Assistant Treasurer - Charles Klem
- Past President - Dorothy Gorra

There were no nominations from the floor.

Nominations from the spring seminars for members of Council were also announced. By an oversight there are no nominations from the fall seminars.

Wil Hastings	Peter Reitt
Anne McIntosh	Leo Sartori
Philippe Meyer	Eleanor Shattuck
Flora Majumder	Elizabeth Van Dyke
Mary O'Brien Irons	Sara Wright
Frank Reilly	

Dottie Rosenthal indicated the timeline for voting. Ballots will be mailed out on June 5 and will be returned to the office by June 15. Counting is scheduled for June 21. Members will be notified of results by the end of June.

Council members reaching the end of their three-year terms are Gillian Morbey, David Moriarty, and Jim Scott, who were thanked for their service by President Gorra. Dotty also praised the excellent work of Jono Hanke, whose three-year President-cycle concludes at the end of June

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Gorra thanked the Meetings Committee for making the arrangements for this lunch meeting and led the applause for all the Elk's Club workers who made the event so pleasant.

Proceeds from the new cookbook, *Around the Jewish Table*, a tangible result of the spring seminar of the same name, will be donated to the 5CLIR Membership Assistance Fund. Serene Rubin moderated the seminar in her own kitchen.

To conclude the meeting, President-elect Arnold Friedmann thanked current President Dorothy Gorra for her wonderful work during this past year. He presented Dotty with flowers and a gift certificate. Dotty spoke about the good year it has been and graciously thanked the Executive Committee for their help. Dotty will still be President through the end of June.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Mazur