

Five College Learning in Retirement

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, June 10, 2007, Davis Hall, Smith College

President Arnold Friedmann called the Annual Meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. following the Meet the Moderators program. Arnold announced that a quorum of members was present.

BYLAW CHANGE. President Friedmann introduced Wil Hastings, a Council member who has been working on the 5CLIR Bylaws. The discussion and voting involved amending Article V of the existing Bylaws.

MOTION: Substitute in its entirety a new Article V, MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, for the former Article V, AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS, and renumber the article following that article as Article VI.

After that motion was made and seconded, Wil Hastings explained that its text had been circulated to all members in one of the spring 5CLIR newsletters and was available as a handout at this meeting. But he wished to invite an amendment to that text, viz., the deletion of the parenthetical clause in the proposed new Paragraph A, entitled "Quorum," which defined the class of members entitled to vote but which had become erroneous because of subsequent action by the Council. A motion was then made and seconded from the floor to delete the phrase "(all members other than Associate Members)" from that paragraph A. – MOTION CARRIED.

Then the main motion, to adopt the new bylaw provisions as amended, was voted upon. – MOTION CARRIED.

Text of the new Article V is an addendum to these minutes.

Wil Hastings was warmly thanked for the considerable amount of work he has done on the 5CLIR bylaws.

FINANCES. Treasurer, June Guild, announced that financial information will be reported to the membership as of June 30, 2007.

NOMINATIONS. Nina Scott, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for 2007-2008.

Mary Franks -- President, already elected
Leo Sartori -- Vice-President / President-Elect
Serene Rubin -- Secretary
Charles Klem -- Treasurer
Bill Williams -- Assistant Treasurer

Nominees for Council were selected in the seminars. Three of the following will be elected to Council for three years: Larry Ambs, Philip Harris, Sheila Klem, Philippe Meyer, Barbara Reitt, Jim Scott, Beverley von Kries, Sara Wright, and David Yaukey.

Ballots for the voting will be sent to members by mail.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS. The President called attention to the excellent arrangements for Meet the Moderators and Annual Meeting -- Sheila Klem, Barbara Reitt, and the Curriculum Committee, Nina Scott and the Nominating Committee, and Kathy Hazen and the Meetings Committee, in charge of the delicious refreshments.

LEADERSHIP. President Arnold Friedmann told the assembled members that he has considered it a great privilege to have served as 5CLIR President this past year. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their help during his term -- Mary Franks, Vice President/ President-elect; Dorothy Gorra, Past President; Joyce Mazur, Secretary; June Guild, Treasurer; Charles Klem, Assistant Treasurer.

President Friedmann also recognized the significant contributions of all the Council Members -- Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, Joan Hastings, Wil Hastings, Ruth Hooke, Peter Reitt, Dorothy Rosenthal, Nina Scott, and Eleanor Shattuck. Arnold especially called attention to the highly valued Council members who are now completing their terms - Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, and Dorothy Rosenthal.

Also commended for their essential work this past year were the Chairs of 5CLIR Committees -- Curriculum, Sheila Klem and Barbara Reitt; Finance, June Guild; Great Decisions, Philippe Meyer; Meetings, Katharine Hazen; Membership, Sara Wright and Patricia Keating; Nominating, Nina Scott; Public Relations, Chuck Gillies and Jim Scott; Special Programs, Marybeth Bridegam; Summer and January Programs, Gail Gaustad and Sally Lawton; Technology, Peter Reitt.

President Arnold Friedmann then introduced the new President, Mary Franks. Mary Franks and Nina Scott presented Arnold with gifts to thank him for his outstanding contributions to 5CLIR during the past year. The gifts included a copy of a local news magazine with Arnold's photograph on the cover and the article of the Aging Creatively conference inside. Arnold was also given a sturdy gavel and appreciative applause.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Addendum: Text of the new Article V of the Five College Learning in Retirement Bylaws.

V. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

A. Quorum. A simple majority of 5CLIR members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for any membership meeting, general or special. Any meeting lacking a quorum shall automatically be deemed adjourned until such date within 60 days as may be specified by the 5CLIR Officer presiding at the time.

B. Voting Majorities. Except for amendments to these bylaws and as otherwise required by Roberts Rules of Order (see Article VI) all motions shall require a simple majority of those members present and voting to be adopted.

C. Procedures for Bylaw Amendments.

1. Any member of 5CLIR may submit a proposed amendment to these bylaws in writing at any regular meeting of the Council, or at a special meeting called for such purpose, provided that such submission occurs no later than 90 days prior to the membership meeting at which it is supposed to be voted on. If, but only if, such proposed amendment is approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present and voting, it shall be submitted to a vote at the next general meeting of the membership or at a special meeting of the membership called by the Council for such purpose.

2. If so approved, the proposed amendment, together with such related or explanatory material as the Council deems appropriate, shall be sent to all members at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which action on it is to be taken. If the motion to so amend the bylaws, as originally proposed or as properly amended or modified at the meeting, receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting, it shall become part of these bylaws.