

Five College Learning in Retirement

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Smith Student Center, Smith College

President Mary Franks declared that a quorum of members was present, and opened the Annual Meeting at 3:30, following the Preview of Coming Attractions. Mary stated that the Bylaws change would be considered first, this special procedural change having been authorized by the Council. Mary then turned the meeting over to Wil Hastings who thanked the Bylaws committee for their extensive work through many drafts.

The Bylaws committee was chaired by Dottie Rosenthal, who was unable to be present, and included Chuck Gillies, Charlie Klem, Bobbie Reitt, Mary Franks, Arnold Friedmann, and Rachel Mustin, Parliamentarian, as well as Wil Hastings.

Wil noted that the old bylaws were too clumsy a vehicle to work for LIR any more. The new Bylaws change the requirement for a quorum from 50 per cent plus one of the members, to 30 per cent. No motions for amendments were entertained, but he noted that special meetings of the membership can be called by petition. Wil then asked for a motion to adopt the new Bylaws; motion was made and seconded. The floor was declared open for discussion; as there was no discussion the question was moved and passed unanimously. There were no opposing votes.

Mary Franks thanked everybody calling it “a wonderful vote,” and announced that the first item of business was to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting (of June 10, 2007,) which had been distributed to all members some time ago. Those minutes were accepted as written.

The second item of business was Treasurer Charlie Klem’s financial report. He declared that the organization is in stable financial condition. Copies of the 2009 budget are available and Charlie would be available for questions following this meeting. There will be no change in membership fees. LIR’s final financial report for this past year will be printed in the newsletter in the late summer or early fall, after the Five Colleges complete their financial report.

The third item of business was the presentation of the slate by Nominating Committee chair Eleanor Shattuck. The Nominating committee also included Nina Scott, Joan Laird and Jeff Caplan. The slate follows:

Leo Sartori, President (already elected)
Sara Wright, Vice President
Katharine Hazen, Recording Secretary
Charlie Klem, Treasurer
Bill Williams, Assistant Treasurer
Mary Franks, Past President

Eleanor stated that nominations from the floor would be accepted; there were no nominations from the floor.

Eleanor read the names of the people who were nominated in seminars for Council. Ballots and brief biographies of the nominees will be mailed to the members following this meeting and must be returned to the office by June 16.

Mary Franks thanked Nominating Committee Chair Eleanor Shattuck, and then thanked the other Committee chairs including the new Development Committee Chair, Special Programs, Summer Programs, Philippe Meyer (Great Decisions) and Bill Williams (Assistant Treasurer.) She thanked the three Council members who are finishing their term – Joan Hastings, Ruth Hooke, and Nina Scott.

Incoming president Leo Sartori took the podium and offered the following Resolution:

“Whereas Mary Franks’ term as President of Five College Learning in Retirement will shortly come to a close, and

Whereas Mary has discharged all her presidential duties in exemplary fashion, and has provided strong and sound leadership to the organization throughout her term of office,

Be it therefore resolved that the members of 5CLIR express their gratitude to Mary for all her contributions, and wish her good health and continued success in all her future endeavors.”

Leo then presented Mary with a large bouquet of flowers and a boxed gift; Nina Scott took pictures.

Then Mary Franks presented a gift to Nina Scott and thanked her for having written so much for LIR and the newsletter, calling her “our Pulitzer Prize winner.”

Mary then presented a gift certificate to Callie Orszak “in appreciation of all she does for us.”

Finally, Mary thanked LIR for a wonderful year, and handed the gavel over to Leo, stating that he will be a great President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, until the next Annual Meeting in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Hazen, Recording Secretary