

Five College Learning in Retirement

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Carroll Room, Smith College Campus Center

President Leo Sartori called the meeting to order shortly after two o'clock, before the Preview of fall offerings formerly called "Meet the Moderators." The minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were approved. Leo pointed out that although we have a slight budget deficit, the Council has decided this is not a good time to raise our dues. We will save money by cutting back on our heavy paper usage, and encourage members to use their computers to obtain information that we have printed out in the past, at great expense. Leo announced that we will give members the opportunity to contribute extra money both to balance the budget and for membership assistance (tax deductible) on the registration form.

Leo also noted the contributions of the Officers, Council members, and Committee Chairpersons, as well as Joan Hastings who chaired the Aging Wisely Conference, Honore David who chaired "our wonderful 20th Anniversary Gala" last October and Peter Ferber and Jeff Caplan who have organized the new "Members Helping Members" project. He thanked "our devoted and capable" Office Manager, Callie Kendall Orszak. Leo also expressed thanks to Smith and Amherst Colleges that house so many of our seminars and meetings. Sixteen of our seminars take place at Smith, which also provides our office space.

Finally, Leo said that he has enjoyed his term as President, thanks to the dedicated, hard-working and very capable people that he has worked with.

Treasurer Charlie Klem spoke briefly to two matters: the current fiscal picture and the upcoming year, Fiscal 2010. He emphasized that the organization continues to be in a stable financial position, despite being budgeted to a small loss, and the inevitable rise of expenses as LIR expands its offerings. Charlie pointed out that copies of the budget and more detailed information regarding finances will be available to any member who wants them.

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Wil Hastings, announced the slate of candidates for offices for the coming year:

Vice President/President-Elect: Lawrence Ambs
Secretary: Dorothy Rosenthal
Treasurer: Bill Williams
Assistant Treasurer: Sandy Muspratt

In addition, pursuant to Article V, Section 8 of our By Laws, our

current Vice-President/President Elect, Sara Wright, will automatically succeed to the Presidency and our current President, Leo Sartori, will automatically succeed to the office of Past President, each on July 1, 2009.

Wil asked for nominations for officers from the floor; there were none. The slate was duly voted in.

Then Wil listed the 13 people running for Council membership, noting that Ray Moore had withdrawn his name. A nomination for Council was made from the floor, but withdrawn as the objection was raised that this has not been the procedure in the past. Discussion of this point was deferred. A ballot and brief bio of each Council nominee will be mailed to all full-time members early in May.

President Leo Sartori then introduced the incoming President, Sara Wright, who thanked all the people who have helped her through the past year.

The President's closing remarks included the facts that LIR has had a successful year, that we have seen modest growth, and he believes that the organization continues in "capable hands."

There being no further business, the motion was made and carried to conclude the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Hazen
Recording Secretary