

**FIVE COLLEGES LEARNING IN RETIREMENT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2010**

The Annual Meeting was held at the Student Center, Smith College, Northampton, MA.

Call to Order: President Sara Wright called the meeting to order shortly after 2 p.m.

Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous annual meeting so those minutes stand approved as distributed.

Budget Update: Treasurer Bill Williams reported that with three-quarters of the fiscal year behind us it is possible to project that we will break even for this year. An anticipated deficit did not materialize because of revenue from the silent auction and the absence of budgeted outlays for part-time office assistance and renting classroom space.

The goal of the budget for the coming year has been to contain expenses by, for example, using email to distribute the newsletter. With costs up and 5CLIR offering more programs, the fees for full-time members will be increased to \$225, which should result in a modest surplus based on current membership levels. The last fee increase was \$25 in 2005. Bill pointed out that an increase of \$25 amounts to \$1 a week for someone taking a seminar in each semester of 2010-2011. He concluded by saying that financial statements would be made available to anyone interested.

Nominees for Council: Sara introduced those nominated for Council by the seminars. They are: Lili Bermant, Marybeth Bridegam, Laura Cranshaw, Eli Kwartler, Joan Laird, Ina Luadtke, Anne McIntosh, Dean Poli, Janet Price, Bob Romer, Janet Smith, Zina Tillona, Katy van Geel, Tyll van Geel, and David Yaukey.

Presentation of Slate of Officers: Lise Armstrong, chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the slate of officers for 2010-2011. Those already elected include Sara Wright, who will become Past President, and Larry Ambs, who will become President. The other nominees (to be voted on by mail ballot) are Joan Wofford, Vice-President/President-Elect; Dorothy Rosenthal, secretary; Sandy Muspratt, Treasurer; and David Cramer, Assistant Treasurer.

President Sara Wright called for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations for officers were closed.

Recognition of Committee Chairs: President Sara Wright thanked the current chairs for their hard work and dedication: Joan Laird and Bev von Kries, Curriculum Committee; Bill Williams, Financial Committee; Dave Cramer and Ginny Christenson, Great Decisions Committee; Kathy Hazen and Sheila Klem, Membership Committee; Jeff Caplan, Public Relations Committee; Gail Gaustad and Lise Armstrong, Special Programs Committee; Dorothy Gorra and Marybeth Bridegam, Summer/Winter Programs Committee; and Philippe Meyer, Technology Committee. Sara encouraged members to sign up for committees on the form provided with the registration packet.

The committee chairs for next year will be: Mary Franks and Jim Scott, Curriculum Committee; Sandy Muspratt, Financial Committee; Dave Cramer and Ginny Christenson, Great Decisions Committee; Sheila Klem and Frieda Howards, Membership Committee; Dean Poli and Arnold Friedmann, Public Relations Committee; Marybeth Bridegam and Anne Lombard, Summer/Winter Programs; Lise Armstrong, Special Programs Committee; and Philippe Meyer and Janet Price, Technology Committee. Sara thanked the new and continuing chairs for volunteering to serve.

Introduction of Incoming President: Sara introduced the incoming president, Larry Ambs. She spoke highly of his involvement this year and assured members he would be an excellent president.

Closing Remarks: Sara said that the Public Relations Committee is looking for volunteers for a fund drive for WFCR on May 19 and May 28.

Sara concluded by saying that she had enjoyed her term as president and looks forward to continuing involvement as past president.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Dorothy Rosenthal, Secretary