

**ANNUAL MEETING OF SCLIR
APRIL 25, 2013
SMITH COLLEGE CAMPUS CENTER**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jim Harvey.

Minutes: The minutes from 2012 were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Sandy Muspratt reported that with 296 members we are healthy enough financially but remain close to the break-even point with our budget of approximately \$60,000. On screen he showed us the small amounts given to various committees, although they tend to cover most of their expenses. The total expenses for 2012 were \$58,844. Next year they are projected for somewhat less since taking on a new office manager will be somewhat less costly, at least at first. Since 5 College Inc. gives us free office space and much free classroom space, our expenses remain relatively low. We repay 5CI by being part of their publicity campaigns. Although we have not been actively recruiting this year, we do need to replenish our ranks; word of mouth is usually the best recruitment tool.

Great Decisions usually pays for itself and has a small surplus. Summer/Winter committee also sometimes has a surplus which we use to finance the all-member picnic in September. Sometimes we have gifts from members. This year we had a \$10,000 gift from the family of a former member. This will become part of the new Fund For the Future which is being created this month.

Dues for next year will remain the same, but there may be a need for an increase by the end of next year.

Council Elections: The slate of nominees for Council was presented. Ballots with bios will be mailed out after the annual meeting:

Paul Berman, Jean Boutin, Judith Camyre, Kate Collins, Joan Davis, Rafe DeLima, Eli Kwartler, Ina Luadke, Phyllis Muldoon, Dean Poli, Zina Tillona, and Fran Volkmann.

Officers: The slate of officers for next year was presented. There were no further nominations from the floor.

President—Carol Jolly
Secretary—Ellen Peck

Vice President—Michael Greenebaum
Treasurer—Betsy Loughran
Assist. Treasurer—Susan Beer

Committee Chairs:

Jim asked the current committee chairs to stand and be recognized for all their hard work. Chairs for next year will be

Curriculum: Marybeth Bridegam and Betsy Siersma

Finance: Betsy Loughran

Great Decisions: Peter Ferber and Fran Volkmann

Membership Services: Henny Lewin and Joan McKelvey

Public Relations/Publicity: Joan Wofford

Special Programs: Diane Liebert and Sara Wright

Summer/Winter: Honore David and Ruth Kosiorek

Technology: Jim Perot and Judith Moran

In addition we have

Historian: Sara Wright

Ombudsman: Ann Lombard

Web Master: Janet Price

New President: Carol Jolly thanked Jim Harvey for his service during the past year and expressed a hope that we can explore new areas during the coming year.

One question that came from the Curriculum Committee was the date **for next fall's Preview**. Traditionally we have had the Preview on the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving. This often conflicts with the fall concert of the Hampshire Choral Society which includes a number of members and fans. It has been suggested that we try having the Preview on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Next year would be an experiment to see if it affected attendance. The membership was asked to vote on

1. Keeping it on Sunday
2. Alternating as an experiment next year. (There is no opera on that date.)

The majority of members present voted to try the alternative (#2).

Callie's Farewell Party:

Jim announced that since Callie will be retiring in June, we will have a celebration on

Friday, June 14 from 4 to 6pm at the Amherst Alumni House.

The members gave Callie a standing ovation for her eight years of service to LIR. She thanked us and said she will enjoy a retirement of travel, gardening, reading, and card-making.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30. The Preview commenced with mentors' tables and food.

Respectfully submitted: Ellen Peck, Secretary