

**5CLIR Council Meeting  
February 8, 2007**

**MINUTES**

Next Meeting: March 8, 2007

Present: Arnold Friedmann, Mary Franks, Dorothy Gorra, June Guild, Charles Klem, Joyce Mazur, Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, Joan Hastings, Wil Hastings, Ruth Hooke, Dorothy Rosenthal, Nina Scott, Eleanor Shattuck, Gail Gaustad, Charles Gillies, Katharine Hazen, Sheila Klem, Barbara Reitt, Sara Wright, Callie Kendall Orszak.

President Arnold Friedmann called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as distributed.

Remarks by the President: Arnold first thanked Vice-President Mary Franks for the beautiful Memorial program on February first. Then Arnold said that he has renewed contact with the Osher Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS were emailed in advance to all members of the Council.

Questions and comments about the emailed committee reports -

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Sara Wright and Patricia Keating, co-chairs -- Additional editing will be done on the letter that the committee will send out to former members of 5CLIR.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nina Scott, chair -- The name of Charles Klem will be included in the committee's roster of officers to be voted on at Annual Meeting in June. Others who have been nominated as officers are: Leo Sartori, Vice-President; Serene Rubin, Secretary; Bill Williams, Assistant Treasurer.

EIN LIAISONS: Dorothy Rosenthal and Eleanor Shattuck were asked about the Northeast Lifelong Learning Conference scheduled for June at SUNY Potsdam. Mary Franks and Ruth Hooke plan to attend the conference, and 5CLIR will pay their fees. It was suggested that perhaps a presentation could be prepared for the conference about Five College Learning in Retirement, which is a unique organization.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Committee member Hy Edelstein expanded on the emailed report by speaking about the committee's recent tour of the impressive Amherst Community Television (ACTV) facilities. The facilities are

available to individuals and groups for a \$100 fee. The questions considered by Council are whether or not we want to support this new activity and might LIR members be interested in ACTV programs such as inexpensive workshops. Television publicity for major LIR events might be possible, such as for Great Decisions and the Aging Creatively conference. Maybe the director would be interested in playing LIR programs on ACTV, such as Bob Grant's recent Fibonacci program filmed by Charlie Klem at Lilly Library. Perhaps a Curriculum committee member will attend a Technology committee meeting when these issues are next discussed.

Council decided to postpone further consideration of the matter until a later meeting.

**MEETINGS COMMITTEE:** President Friedmann thanked Kathy Hazen and Dorothy Gorra for the refreshments at the Memorial program on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Co-chair Chuck Gillies announced that the Public Relations committee will again have a Spring Push leading up to the June event that will combine Meet the Moderators and Annual Meeting. This time the emphasis will be on publicity in churches and service organizations. The committee will enlist the help of affiliated LIR members.

**JANUARY AND SUMMER PROGRAMS:** Co-chair Gail Gaustad spoke about the well-attended series of excellent January programs, and she particularly thanked LIR Vice-President Mary Franks for the fine Memorial program. Gail said that the committee is interested in hearing members' suggestions for summer programs.

**GREAT DECISIONS:** Chair, Philippe Meyer, called attention to several handouts that had been distributed by email -- the list of programs, a budget, and a brochure. This year's topics are South Africa, Media in the Middle East, Mexico Relations, Central Asia Today, and Crossing Borders, all presented in connection with the Foreign Policy Association. As before, the programs will be held at Union Station on Friday mornings in March and April.

Philippe spoke about the change in luncheon arrangements, with a buffet lunch being offered this year at a slightly increased cost. Publicity for the programs will include an attractive poster and extensive emailing of 5CLIR members and friends. The committee is looking ahead to possible changes next year.

President Friedmann thanked Philippe and the Great Decisions committee for their excellent work in planning this year's programs. Committee members include, besides Philippe Meyer, Elsie Bandman, Shirley Brodigan, Virginia Christenson, Roger Coulombe, Carol Lee, Ray Moore, and Sara Wright.

**FINANCE:** Committee chair, June Guild, distributed a Profit and Loss statement and explained the budgeted amounts and actual amounts. June pointed out the \$600 donation to the Membership Assistance Fund from the cookbook, *Around*

*the Jewish Table*, produced by Serene Rubin and Nina Scott in connection with a seminar of the same name. Nina Scott also donated the payment she had received from her recent article in the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

Referring to the Slavery balance, June said that 5CLIR has an obligation to spend the balance for a similar cause, and she will work with Chuck Gillies and Charlie Klem to come up with a recommendation.

The matter of costs for photocopying was introduced by the office manager. Callie said that much of the photocopying is done by seminar members. The decision was to track the use of the photocopier during the spring semester, to see just how often it is used for other than office purposes.

The latest membership count is 252 full-time members and 23 associate members, with fifteen new members having just joined as the spring semester begins.

**CURRICULUM:** In the absence of a written report committee co-chair Bobbie Reitt detailed recent plans. First Bobbie gave numbers for the spring seminars -- 20 seminars offered, 4 canceled, 4 not completely filled, 7 with waiting lists, the remainder filled to capacity. Discussion about the number of seminars offered in any semester concluded with agreement that flexibility is the key, though 25 seminars tends to be the goal.

The Moderators' Reception will be held on Thursday, March 15, at Amherst College Alumni House. The format will be small discussion groups followed by a large-group discussion.

The deadline for proposals for fall seminars will be April 20.

There is now a vacancy on the Curriculum committee. Council approved Bobbie Reitt's request to have Pat Goldsher fill this vacancy. With respect to procedures for keeping the waiting list filled for Curriculum committee - and all committees - it was decided that proactive recruiting is desirable, with emphasis on timely articles in the 5CLIR newsletter.

Meet the Moderators, combined with Annual Meeting, will be held on June 10, at Davis Hall. Discussion involved the timing of the two parts of the afternoon's events. Meet the Moderators will be held first, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. The Annual Meeting will begin at 2:30 and will consider by-law changes, election of new officers, the financial report, and other business. There will be a social hour with refreshments.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Mary Franks warmly thanked Hy Edelstein and Charlie Klem for providing audio-visual support at the well-attended Memorial program on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It has been suggested that perhaps a lectern microphone might be available at future programs.

**OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** Callie extended her deep appreciation to those who had volunteered in the office during the time of Callie's wedding and honeymoon – Laura Cranshaw, Sally Edelstein, and Sara Wright, with Mary Franks and Dorothy Gorra "on call" for emergencies.

--Callie also reported that there continue to be changes in the rosters of spring seminars. --She asked that she not be "copied" in committee email exchanges.  
-- Referring to the continuing search for new places to schedule future seminars, Callie mentioned Dewey Hall at Smith and the future Council on Aging building in Northampton.

OLD BUSINESS: Joan and Wil Hastings spoke about the Aging Creatively conference scheduled for April 14 at Smith College. Applications have been coming in, and the \$60 reduced fee will end in early March. Emphasis now is on publicity, which will include posters, emails, and newspaper articles. The committee is also looking for scribes for every workshop session, with a free lunch being offered to each of the scribes.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

**PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS:**

-- Arnold called attention to the work being done by Wil Hastings on the issue of Trial Membership as well as on bylaw revision.  
-- Arnold is looking for a volunteer to head a Permanent Planning Committee.  
-- Contact continues with the Osher Foundation, with Arnold and Jono Hanke working on a plan for funding. Contacts include a telephone call from David Blazeovich, an employee of the foundation, and possible cooperation of Hampshire College President Ralph Hexter, who knows the Osher family.

Announcement -- Council was reminded of the opportunity to volunteer for the next WFCR fund drive. As a result of the 5CLIR delegation's presence at the last fund drive, two contributors became LIR members. Working on the phones last time were Jeff Caplan, Mary Franks, Dorothy Gorra, Wil Hastings, and Nina Scott.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Mazur, Secretary

