

5CLIR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2007

Next Meeting: May 10, 2007

Present: Arnold Friedmann, Mary Franks, Dorothy Gorra, June Guild, Charles Klem, Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, Joan Hastings, Wil Hastings, Ruth Hooke, Peter Reitt, Nina Scott, Sheila Klem, Barbara Reitt, Gail Gaustad, Charles Gillies, Katharine Hazen, Marybeth Bridegam, Sara Wright.

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

Minutes of the March meeting were distributed and accepted as corrected by Wil Hastings: delete the following paragraph on p. 3 of minutes: *By-law changes....in charge of the project.*

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT: Arnold asked for Council's approval to establish an endowment fund of \$50,000--\$100,000 to supplement the income of 5CLIR. He has received the endorsement of Five Colleges, Inc. for this request.

MOTION: That Council approve the establishment of an endowment fund with conditions to be established by Council. (R. Hooke; 2nd N. Scott)

Arnold will distribute a letter to the membership informing them of this concept and of his initial contribution to the fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

Arnold announced to the Council that as a sub-set of Long Range Planning, Mary Franks will be a liaison to the UMASS Continuing Education program, and that Joan Hastings will serve as liaison to the Smith School of Social Work.

The President reminded the Council that a quorum is needed for Annual Meeting on June 10. Attend!

STANDING COMMITTEE reports and the OFFICE report were emailed in advance to members of the Council.

Questions or comments about the reports:

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Chair Peter Reitt announced that workshops led by Jim Harvey and Chuck Gillies will be offered to the membership on June 4-6.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Chair Chuck Gillies encouraged flyer distribution for the Meet the Moderators event on June 10 to ensure the maximum number of prospective members. Great Decisions attendees will receive mailings as well.

In addition, special letters will be sent to this year's new LIR members to encourage their friends to attend.

MEETINGS COMMITTEE: Chair Kathy Hazen asked Council members for suggestions of sites appropriate for large gatherings. The new Senior Center in Northampton was mentioned. The Committee is looking for new members.

JANUARY AND SUMMER PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: Chair Gail Gaustad encouraged Council members to pass on any good ideas for future events to the Committee.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: A proposal was made by Dorothy Gorra and seconded by Peter Reitt to continue the committee.

MOTION: The Special Programs Committee continue as ad hoc committee for another two years.

MOTION PASSED

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Assistant Treasurer Charlie Klem distributed the Fiscal 2008 Budget, making the following observations:

- Expenditures are consistent from 2006 to 2007
- Currently there are 242 Full Time Members; the 25 Associate Members reflect a number consistent from year to year. Projected FTE for 2008 is 258.
- Associate Member annual fee is increased to \$50.
- Committee effort to be more sensitive to photocopy and postage costs is reflected in redistribution of costs; e.g., Spring and Winter catalogs cost LIR \$600 for each printing, therefore Curriculum Committee budget shows an increase for next year.
- Budget reflects only three "snowbird" refunds for next year.
- This is a "break even" budget.

The ensuing discussion concluded with Treasurer June Guild's expression of appreciation for Charlie's work with the Excel spreadsheet.

MOTION by C. Klem, 2nd J. Hastings: That the proposed 2008 Budget be adopted by Council.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION by C. Klem, 2nd P. Reitt: Reserve items be established at the July 1, 2007 levels as enumerated in the Finance Committee handout:

Significant Events Fund, \$3221

Great Decisions, \$1000
Program Reserve, \$1000
Memorial Fund, \$1520
Membership Assistance, \$2000
Capital Fund, \$3000.

MOTION TO TABLE by June Guild: Council to revisit this matter at the next meeting on May 10.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wil Hastings referred to the handout concerning Mid-Term Membership for those who have not previously been LIR members. The following **revision** to the final paragraph now reads: *“Those paying the membership fee during the spring semester shall be entitled to participate in seminars during the full year following, and those paying the membership fee during the fall semester shall be entitled to participate in seminars during the next spring semester.”*

MOTION by W. Hastings, 2nd R. Hooke: Council approve the Mid Term Membership definition as revised.

MOTION PASSED.

Compiled by Eleanor Shattuck, Callie Orszak, and Arnold Friedmann, Newsletter Guidelines were distributed for the Council’s information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Curriculum Committee: Co-Chair Sheila Klem reported that as of the Committee’s April 5th meeting, 18 fall seminar proposals have been accepted, with promises of several more to come before the April 20 deadline. The Curriculum Committee asked for and received Council’s approval for Sara Wright to become the new co-chair.

Discussion followed concerning the June 10 Meet the Moderators event combined with the Annual Meeting. Moderators will be available at their stations from 1 –2:30 pm; the Annual Meeting will follow. Mary Franks will speak to Callie regarding the matter of distinguishing voting members from those not eligible to vote.

Vice President Franks reported that 137 registrations have been received for the upcoming **Ageing Creatively Conference**; 5 under-subscribed workshops have been cancelled.

President Friedmann adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Klem, Secretary Pro Tem

