

5CLIR COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2007

MINUTES

Next Meeting: June 14, 2007

Present: Arnold Friedmann, Dorothy Gorra, June Guild, Charles Klem, Joyce Mazur, Hy Edelstein, John Gaustad, Ruth Hooke, Peter Reitt, Dorothy Rosenthal, Nina Scott, Eleanor Shattuck, Gail Gaustad, Charles Gillies, Katharine Hazen, Patricia Keating, Sheila Klem, Philippe Meyer, Barbara Reitt, Sara Wright.
Guests: Leo Sartori and Serene Rubin.

President Arnold Friedmann called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. This meeting was held at Valentine Hall, Amherst College.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

Remarks by the President: Arnold spoke about the great success of the Aging Creatively conference in April, stating that many participants highly praised the event. Arnold also referred to the comprehensive conference article in a Springfield newspaper.

Another exceptional success was this year's Great Decisions series, which showed a good profit.

The new 5CLIR Endowment Fund is beginning well -- with a number of contributions received already. The membership learned about this important fund, begun by Arnold Friedmann, in a recent letter he sent to everyone on the mailing list.

In a related development the Osher Foundation has received the news of the 5CLIR endowment fund with great interest, and Arnold will continue his contact with them.

Arnold also stressed the importance of having a quorum at the annual meeting on June 10.

Some 5CLIR members are calling for a change in the organization's name -- to include the words, Lifelong Learning. The matter will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and will be considered by Council at a later time.

Report by the Vice President: In the absence of Mary Frank, President Arnold Friedmann reported that an ad hoc committee will organize the Endowment

Fund. Members include Arnold Friedmann, Charles Klem, Wil Hastings, Peter Reitt, and Kathy Coulombe. Mary Franks will chair this committee.

Committee reports and Office report were emailed to all members of the Council. Questions or comments about the committee reports -

EIN LIAISON: A brief discussion involved the recent conference-call with representatives of a consortium of colleges in the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania area. They are planning to organize a lifelong-learning institute similar to 5CLIR. EIN Liaison Dorothy Rosenthal and Council member Chuck Gillies shared with the Pennsylvania group many helpful details about 5CLIR's history and current organization.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Co-chair Bobbie Reitt reported that forthcoming seminar catalogs will include the name of the Curriculum Committee liaison for each seminar.

Looking ahead to Meet the Moderators on June 10th, the Curriculum Committee chairs will soon send moderators of the fall seminars instructions about what they need to take to the event and what they should do there. Bobbie also said that there will be 21 seminars for the fall semester.

Outgoing Curriculum Committee co-chair, Sheila Klem, was praised for her outstanding work these past years. The new co-chair with Bobbie Reitt will be Sara Wright.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS COMMITTEES: Kathy Hazen, chair of the Meetings Committee, and Sara Wright and Pat Keating, co-chairs of the Membership Committee, were on hand to answer questions about their combined report submitted earlier.

One focus was on the picnic to be held at the house of Gail and John Gaustad on August 23.

The event to welcome new members will be held on September 23 in the meeting room of Northampton Lathrop.

Meetings Committee has begun planning for the Meet the Moderators event in November and a possible holiday party in December.

A related topic of interest to Council was planning for the 20th anniversary of the founding of 5CLIR. Honore David is currently exploring venues for a gala dinner to be held in April 2008.

GREAT DECISIONS: Chair, Philippe Meyer, added to his extensive written report by saying that this year's program will show a profit of more than one

thousand dollars. He also suggested that a new venue might be needed next year because of the large participation and space limitations at Union Station. New members are needed on the Great Decisions committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Co-chair Chuck Gillies distributed a colorful poster advertising the June Meet the Moderators and asked Council members to distribute the posters in appropriate places. Chuck will send posters in the mail to those whose names he receives from 5CLIR members.

Chuck spoke about a Prospects Mailing List that has more than 250 names thus far. These names include former members as well as those on the Great Decisions and Aging Creatively lists. These names will be used only for Great Decisions and Meet the Moderators events and probably for another Aging Creatively conference.

Chuck circulated a copy of the Life After Fifty newspaper, which includes Ed Orzechowski's excellent article with photographs about the Aging Creatively Conference. It is possible that other copies of this newspaper can be obtained for the membership. President Arnold Friedmann's photo is on the cover.

Future plans continue to emphasize vigorous recruitment of new members of 5CLIR and finding new members for the Public Relations committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chair, June Guild, announced that the year-end report will be distributed next month.

SUMMER AND JANUARY COMMITTEE: Chair, Gail Gaustad, reminded Council that the packet of summer offerings was recently sent to everyone in the mail.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Chair, Peter Reitt, called attention to the summer computer workshops.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members for LIR committees -- The issue of recruiting new members for committees brought several suggestions. Arnold Friedmann and Callie Orszak will work on a page that states what each committee does, and Nina Scott will put information in the newsletter. At the Annual Meeting each committee chair will be asked to stand and speak very briefly about the committee's work. The sign-up sheet for committees will be in the packet, so that members can sign up at the time of the Annual Meeting or can send in their choices of committee work to the office later.

Annual Report -- By the end of the summer each committee chair will write a concluding report and send it to Callie in the office. Each Annual Report preserves institutional memory and orients new members of Council and new

committee chairs. Because of the concern for the great use of paper, the Annual Report will be sent by email to Council members, and it will be available on the 5CLIR website.

NEW BUSINESS: The 5CLIR Council will meet in June and will not meet in July. The August 9th meeting will feature a new Executive Committee and three new Council members.

President's closing remarks: President Friedmann reiterated the importance of encouraging all 5CLIR members to attend the Annual Meeting on June 10, since a quorum is required to conduct any business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Mazur, Secretary