

**FIVE COLLEGES LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the 5CLIR Council was held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 in the Faculty Lounge, Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College in Amherst, MA.

**Present:** Larry Ambs, Elizabeth Armstrong, John Armstrong, Marybeth Bridegam, David Cramer, Laura Cranshaw, Peter Ferber, Mary Franks, Arnold Friedmann, Dorothy Gorra, Sheila Klem, Joan Laird, Philippe Meyer, Sandy Muspratt, Callie Orszak, Janet Price, Dorothy Rosenthal, James Scott, Beverley von Kries, Joan Wofford, Michael Wolff, Sara Wright.

**Call to Order:** President Larry Ambs called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

**Minutes:** The information at the end of the minutes of the previous meeting should have read: "Next Council Meeting; June 9, 2011; 1:00-4:30 PM, Location TBA." The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

**Remarks by the President:** Larry Ambs expressed his appreciation of the following, who will be going off Council or as committee chairs, for their contributions to 5CLIR: Dorothy Gorra, Sheila Klem, Philippe Meyer, Dottie Rosenthal, James Scott, and Beverley von Kries.

**Report of the Vice-President:** Prior to the regular meeting of Council, Joan Wofford reported on her interviews with 26 people about issues facing 5CLIR at a special meeting from 1:00 to 1:45 pm.

**Financial Committee Report:** Sandy Muspratt presented the budget for 2012 (see copy on file with these minutes) and explained the notations on the budget. Lise Armstrong suggested that the budget should show no excess of income over expenses. Sandy agreed to adjust the budget.

**Motion:** Peter Ferber moved that the budget as adjusted be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion was passed with no objections.

**Technology Committee Report:** See the written report on file with these minutes.

**Curriculum Committee Report:** See the written report on file with these minutes. Mary Franks presented the proposed calendar (on file). The calendar was approved.

**Public Relations Committee Report:** There was no report at this time. Joan Wofford will be setting up a task force to deal with issues surrounding public relations.

**Summer/Winter Programs Report:** Dorothy Gorra reported that there has been good response to all the free events with waiting lists as well and all three bus trips are going. The trip to the Quabbin went well. There may be a small profit from the events.

**Membership Committee Report:** Sheila Klem, who will be retiring as co-chair, said that the new member reception is scheduled for February 17. The committee has not yet set a date for the membership luncheon. Sheila Klem questioned why a date for the New Members Reception was included on the Curriculum Committee calendar since the Membership Committee has not yet met to set dates for activities for the year. They will do so at their July meeting.

**Special Programs Committee Report:** Lise Armstrong said that there was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

**Office Manager's Report:** Callie referred Council to her written report, which is on file with these minutes.

**Great Decisions Committee Report:** David Cramer reported that the program made a profit of \$536.86. The attendance for all five sessions was: 325 total; 265 members; 60 nonmembers. The topics were timely and the speakers were good. He was unable to explain the drop in attendance since previous years but suggested to incoming co-chair Peter Ferber to schedule all five sessions without a break if possible. He thought it would also be helpful if the office sent out reminders before each session.

**Development Committee:** Dave Cramer emphasized the importance of establishing a Memorial Fund with legacy bequests from members. He also suggested that there be one presentation by 5CLIR to the Pioneer Valley community each year.

### **Old Business:**

1. Election for 2011-2012 – John Armstrong, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the election of the following officers: James Harvey, Vice-President/President-Elect; Ellen Peck, Secretary. The following were elected to Council. Carol Jolly, Betsy Loughran, Gordon Wyse. (A complete list of all officers, Council members, and committee chairs for 2011-2012 is on file with these minutes.)

2. Civil War Symposium – Chuck Gillies presented an update on plans for the Civil War Symposium (see handouts on file with these minutes). The committee has applied to two other organizations for funds and has in mind another possible source. The symposium committee will be working on publicity through newspapers, radio, and television. Council was very impressed with the plans and the thorough organization of all aspects of the event.

3. Operations Manual – Larry said that the draft of the Operations Manual that has been circulated will receive some minor edits of wording and format from Bobbie Reitt, but that the substance will not be changed.

**Motion:** Sara Wright moved that Council approve the Operations Manual. It was suggested that the introduction be amended to specify that Council has authority to make changes to the Operations Manual. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **New Business:**

1. Ombudsman - Larry Ambs proposed re-appointing Anne Lombard as ombudsman for 2011-2012. This was approved unanimously.

2. Historian – Larry Ambs proposed that Sara Wright be appointed as historian, a position previously approved by Council but not filled at that time. The appointment was approved.

Remarks by the President: Larry spoke about how much he has enjoyed his term as president and that he appreciates the cooperation he received from everyone. He was commended for his contributions to institutional memory. Council expressed appreciation for the work he, Sara Wright, Mary Franks, and Dorothy Gorra did to bring the Operations Manual into its present form.

The meeting was adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Dorothy Rosenthal, Secretary

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2011**

\*\*\*\*\*2:30-4:30 PM\*\*\*\*\*

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