

5 College L. I. R. Council  
Minutes: meeting on 10/12/95 at 5 College Office

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by the President, Harley Unger.

Present: Barondes, L. & T. Belsky, Bowditch, Braunthal, Lehman, Melrose, Navon, E. Posada, Reid, G. Rollason, G & L Snook, and Harley Unger

Corrections to the minutes of 9/7/95: Eve Posada asked that the following changes be made in the 9/7/95 Treasurer's report: that total expenses be listed as \$16,697.63, total income less expenses be \$4,142.37, total funds be \$33,050.28, and carry-over be \$15,901.84. The minutes should also have indicated that it is not possible to make a separate accounting of all summer program expenses. Minutes approved as corrected.

The minutes of the Membership meeting on 9/21/95 were approved.

Gladys Rappoport has resigned from Council. Harley suggested that since Jane Sherman and Grace Rollason had tied in the 1995 election of members to Council and since Grace Rollason now has the prestigious post of Secretary that Jane Sherman be invited to fill out the remaining year of Gladys Rappoport's term.

Eleanor Reid indicated that the By-laws limit a term on the Council to 3 years. In one instance we did not allow a person who had served for a year to run for Council for an additional 3-year term; in another case we did. If this problem arises in the case of Jane Sherman, how will it be handled?

Moved by George Snook that Jane Sherman be offered a one-year appointment to the Council without prejudice to her chances for election to a full, 3-year term. Passed unanimously.

It was suggested that a committee be formed to clarify the section of the by-laws dealing with substitute appointments.

It was also suggested that, if we're aiming for the broadest possible representation on the Council, a By-laws committee might want to consider whether or not spouses should serve on Council at the same time.

Eve Posada, Treasurer, submitted her report and stated that she still hasn't gotten 5 College figures. The carry-over is \$15,901.84 as indicated above.

Suzanne Lehman reported that the Curriculum Committee is aiming for 16 - 17 seminar proposals for spring semester. Proposal forms are to be distributed next week. Ginny Senders is in charge of the January program. The group is also hoping to have a special lecture as a memorial to our deceased members. The next Committee meeting will be on Nov. 3 followed by a wine and cheese gathering for the moderators.

Maureen Lippincott and Jane Sherman have resigned from the Curriculum Committee.

Report of the Special Events Committee - L & T Belsky:

The Plymouth Plantation trip was very successful even though we ended up \$100. short. There will be a separate accounting for each event.

A sign-up form for the Nov. 2 trip to the Museum of the American Indian has been mailed to the membership. The cost is \$26.. Native American Art Seminar members who sign up by Oct. 17 will have priority. There is an exhibit of the work of John Singer Sargent at the Worcester Art Museum to which we might car pool, and an Impressionist Show at the Boston Fine Arts Museum which needs a sponsor. Maybe it could be a "January event." A central calendar would help the Committee.

Nov. 15 is the deadline for the next newsletter.

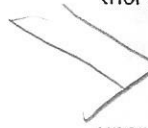
Eve Posada reported for the Finance Committee. The charge for mailing the 5 College calendars, \$417.93, was not made in FY '95; it will appear on the August, 1995 statement. Karen's salary has been increased 4%. Smith College continues to pay our phone bill.

The Finance Committee presented to Council three options for setting up a Contingency Fund:

- (1) A fund equal to 1 year's expenses with no substantial change in dues until the Funds on Deposit exceed 1 year's expenses. (Finance Committee preference) If adopted, they would expect to reduce dues by \$20. per person when the goal is met.
- (2) As above but requiring only 1/2 year's expenses with dues changes considered now.
- (3) Change nothing at this time.

It was suggested that Council consider a 10% reduction in dues for couples and a \$20. increase in the rebate for those who can't attend an entire semester.

After much discussion it was suggested that we wait to vote on a contingency fund until there are more members present.

 Moved by David Navon that we adopt the \$50. rebate. Passed unanimously.

Moved that we postpone a vote on a contingency fund until the next meeting. Passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the Finance Committee Report be appended to the Minutes.

Lee Snook reported for the Meetings Committee. The next General Membership meeting will be on Dec. 16 at 10:30 at the Red Barn where there will be an opportunity to meet the moderators of the spring seminars. Following wine, cider and cheese there will be a pot-luck lunch at 12. The Committee has purchased plastic table cloths, a coffee pot and two extension cords. The committee has lost two members.

Membership Committee report was given by Ben Bowditch. That Committee, too, has lost several members. We have 140 members at present for which we should need up to 19 seminars. Space could be a problem. The Committee plans to survey the membership to learn of expertise, etc. for the planning of seminars. It was also suggested that popular seminars might be repeated. It was suggested, too, that to eliminate confusion, seminar leaders be asked to make all parking arrangements through Karen.

Next Council meeting will be Nov. 9 at 1:30 at the 5 Colleges offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grace S Rollason*

Grace S. Rollason, Secretary