

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of July 9, 1998
Five Colleges, Inc.

Present were Mary Egginton, Chuck Gillies, Bob Grose, Jonathan Hanke, Amy Johnson, Pat Keating, Anne Keppler, Eleanor Reid, Paul Rothery, Barbara and Diedrick Snoek, and Charlotte Winston.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Snoek, who welcomed our new President-Elect and the three new members of Council. Diedrick praised the members of the Nominating Committee, and the procedures for nominating Council members. Pat protested our trying always to have two nominees for each officer position, saying that she could not find such a requirement in the By-Laws, and that she herself felt uncomfortable running against someone else. In goodnatured discussion, Eleanor and Paul supported the present custom, and Jono "felt strongly on both sides of the question". Bob noted that a By-Law change would be needed to require a single slate, and Diedrick asked that Council think about the matter for later consideration. Pat asked that we think also about the possibility of an automatic seat on Council for the losing candidate in the contest for President-Elect.

II. The minutes of the June 11th meeting were approved.

III. Charlotte presented her year-to-date report, and went over various items in some detail. She will have year-end information in good time for the membership meeting in September, as she will go over her report with Jean Stabell after she receives final figures for the year from Five Colleges, Inc.

IV. a. *Curriculum*: Eleanor said that the committee is thinking about planning some very special seminars for the spring, both retrospective and innovative. Ideas include doing something with Florentine Films, making a visual display of ten years of seminar titles, planning a set of single programs featuring some of our best moderators over the years, and tapping Five College resources.

b. *Finance*: Charlotte noted that the divided payments used by some members cause a problem for Karen, who must remember to bill them for the second payment. The new computer should be able to solve this by generating labels for such billing automatically. Diedrick said that the computer was to be installed on July 10th, and that Harley would enter all of our old data. Bob asked that Council think about just what information needs to be included in our date base, given our preference for a loose organization. We have made arrangements for an expert to work with Karen as soon as she gets back in September, so that she will be familiar with the capacity of the new machine.

c. *Summer Programs*: Barbara reported that the summer programs were off to a good start, with lots of members and others enjoying the offerings so far. Both of the bus trips are assured, and one may have to have a wait list. The question of refunds for cancellations was raised, as Karen usually does make refunds on request, but we seem not to have a policy on

this matter. Pat reported that 47 members and friends attended the first Chester play, and the Miniature Theatre folks appreciate our support.

d. *Special Events:* There was no report, but Eleanor brought up the possibility of fall trips based on seminars. No requests have been received from moderators, and she will remind them individually. Chuck asked about such trips and other possibilities unknown to him and perhaps other moderators. Such information will be included in the Handbook now in preparation, and Bob suggested that some actions of Council probably should be reported quickly to all LIR members.

e. *Membership:* No report, but little change from the June report was expected.

f. *Publicity:* Mary said that the fall curriculum had been written up in the local papers, and there will be a reminder later in the summer. Mary would like to be a committee member now rather than chair, and Peg Bedell and Marcia Holden have indicated their willingness to co-chair. Diedrick will call them to make it official.

g. *Meetings:* The fall membership meeting will be at the Red Barn on September 26th. Bob suggested honoring Jean Stabell at that time, and Diedrick will invite her to come as our guest. Barbara proposed offering Jean honorary lifetime membership in LIR, in recognition of the help she has provided, and this was approved unanimously.

V. a. We had no further report from Jay on hearing assistance, but Diedrick has been in touch with the five institutions about the equipment they have available.

b. Diedrick requested suggestions for members of the planning committee for our 10th anniversary. Names suggested included Bob Grose, Gladys Rapoport, Eleanor Reid, Dot Swanson and Bill Gibson.

c. We need to consider the possibility of looking off the campuses for space as we continue to add members and seminars. Ideas are requested.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25. The next meeting will be held at Five Colleges, Inc., at 1:30 on Thursday, September 10th.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Keppler, Secretary