

Reminder: Next Council meeting is March 8, 2001, 1:30 at Five Colleges, Inc.

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2001
 Held at Five Colleges, Inc., Amherst

Present for the Council were: Ted Belsky (President), Barbara Snoek (Vice-President), Chuck Gillies (Secretary), Harley Unger (Treasurer), Pat Keating (Past President), Connie Anderson ('03), Hy Edelstein ('03), Nylda Glickman ('02), June Guild ('01 and Chair, Meetings Committee), Jonathan Hanke ('01), Amy Johnson ('01), Norman Winston ('03) and Naomi Yanis ('02).

Also present were Lise Armstrong (Chair, Curriculum), Peg Bedell (Chair, Publicity) and Linda Stairmand (Chair, Newsletter).

Missing for the Council: Ed Buck ('02), **Others missing:** David Moriarty (Chair, Membership), Eleanor Reid and Suzanne Lehman (new Chairs, Winter and Summer Programs) and Ariella Nasuti (5 Colleges, Inc.)

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Ted Belsky at 1:32 PM.
2. The minutes of the last meeting (January 11, 2001) were approved as written. Chuck circulated another sign-up sheet for electronic delivery. Nylda Glickman said she thought the committee listing for Conversations over Coffee was incomplete.
3. Ted Belsky called our attention to the Revised Committee list that had been appended to the minutes of the last meeting and noted that the By-laws say that Council should "confirm" the committee assignments each year. Pat Keating noted that this had been put into the By-laws to "protect" Committee Chairs. It was moved (by Pat) and seconded (by Barbara Snoek) that

Council confirms the list of Committee members for 2000-2001 as listed in the minutes of the Jan. 11 meeting.

Approved unanimously.

4. Ted spoke to commend the leaders of the recent January computer course for "a very high standard" program. Others agreed. Pat noted that Smith College has been especially good to 5CLIR. Barbara recommended that the President write a letter of thanks to:

Betty Nanartonis, Bass Hall, Smith College.

5. There was no Vice-President's report.
6. Lise Armstrong reported for the Curriculum Committee that there had been several weather and sickness related cancellations of classes during the first week of the new term. She noted that Harley Unger's Architecture class was in a new place (at Deerfield). Harley commented that the facilities and people were excellent. Lise noted a concern that Mt. Holyoke seems to have plans to renovate the Campus Center and that they have not been receptive to our search for other sites. There followed discussion about other venues for 5CLIR classes including the Florence Savings Bank in Hadley, the South Hadley Library, Jones Library and Forbes Library. Ted suggested that we all become a "Committee of One" to review any possible places and report back to Council at some future time.
7. Under "Special Programs" Harley reported that the Computer Classes in January, led by Jono Hanke

and Hy Edelstein were excellent. Also noted was the "virtual seminar" on HTML website design led by John Armstrong.

8. Chuck Gillies reported that Great Decisions was all arranged with an excellent program.
9. It was reported that Eve Posada is looking for a new Chair of "Conversations over Coffee."
10. It was reported that Dorothy Gorra is attempting to arrange a trip to Salem for the "Special Events" committee.
11. June Guild reported for the "Summer and Winter Programs" Committee that the Winter programs had been a big success with record turnouts. Council wanted especially to remark that Anne Martin did a superior job as chair. Ted announced that Eleanor Reid and Suzanne Lehman had agreed to Chair the Committee.
12. Harley gave the Treasurer's Report noting that even though we don't have January's figures "we are in good shape." There was some discussion of accounting for Special Events and other programs that expend funds. Harley remarked that perhaps there could be a "secondary report" covering these programs.
13. Linda Stairmand reported for the Newsletter Committee that some of the last issue had been lost by the post office, but that this had been corrected. The deadline for the March 1st issue is February 15th. There was discussion about who else should receive copies with suggestions that EIN, local papers, libraries, Councils on Aging, etc., receive copies. It was suggested that Linda check with David Moriarty as to places he has been "cultivating."
14. Pat Keating reported for David Moriarty and the Membership Committee that (1) they are happy with "the numbers," and (2) they will go ahead with the new member orientation next fall, including personally calling every new member. Pat noted that David would be retiring as chair, but that the Committee would recommend a new chair. There was discussion of a "members' picture roster" to assist members in recognizing their fellows. Naomi Yanis noted that there are organizations that do this for churches for free! Pat said the committee would "take another look at it." Lise suggested that the membership committee should share names of new members with each committee for recruitment purposes.
15. Under "Other Business" Ted noted that it was time to think about nominations for next year. He read the relevant parts of the By-laws:

II. APPOINTMENT, ELECTION, AND TENURE: All officers serve one-year terms and are elected annually in May by the current members of 5CLIR to serve until their successors take office. The President and Vice-President serve one-year terms; the Secretary and Treasurer may serve no more than three consecutive terms. All newly elected officers will assume office July I.

II.A. ELECTION PROCEDURES: The Council annually shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of a chairperson who is a member of the Council and four additional 5CLIR members. Current officers will not be eligible to serve. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates, which may include two candidates for each office if desired by Council. This slate will be provided to the membership prior to the Spring Membership Meeting. Members will be given an opportunity to add to the nominations, and will vote by a secret written ballot. The Nominating Committee shall appoint three 5CLIR members to act as tellers.

Ted asked Nylda Glickman to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee for 2001 and she agreed!

16. Barbara Snoek asked for an up-date on our "relations with Hampshire College." There was discussion of what Dr. Prince had in mind in his comments to us last fall. It was agreed that the Vice-President would follow up on this matter.

17. A question was raised about plans for any 5CLIR trips abroad. Ted had called EIN in Boston and they confirmed that we still have the Elderhostel relationship. Amy Johnson suggested that Naomi serve on a committee together with Florence Barondes and, possibly, Doris Leonard to investigate. There seemed to be interest in a trip to Cuba.

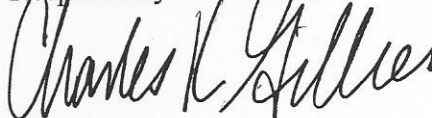
18. Ted raised a question about the moderator's "prerogatives" in managing a seminar. Apparently there had been a couple of cases of seminar members refusing to do presentations or not following the guidelines that the moderator had set out. There was discussion noting that we do not allow auditing, but that "special procedures" have been outlined for someone with an "infirmity" pre-arranging with a moderator for special treatment. Otherwise it seemed to be agreed that moderators have to handle various situations, but that it is clear that 5CLIR is a "participatory program!" Chuck raised the question of enforcement of the rule on lotteried seminars that requires those who will miss two sessions to drop out. Again, there had been cases of members violating the rules without consequences. There was general agreement that these are problems with no easy solutions.

19. Ted reported that the 5CLIR Human Genome Project is going forward with David Navon seeking funding.

20. Naomi asked if we would return to the issue of purchasing the projector that was demonstrated last time. Ted suggested that the original committee (Naomi, Harley, Jono and Chuck) should review the matter.

21. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles K. Gillies
Secretary

Distributed at the meeting were:

1. Agenda
2. 5CLIR Income & Expense Statement - 02/07/01