

**Reminder: Next Council mtg. is July 12, 2001, 10-12:00 A.M. at Five Colleges, Inc.**

Five College LIR Council  
Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 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), Ed Buck ('02), Nylda Glickman ('02), June Guild ('01 and Chair, Meetings Committee), Jonathan Hanke ('01), and Norman Winston ('03).

**Also present** were Lise Armstrong (Chair, Curriculum), Peg Bedell (Chair, Publicity), Eleanor Reid (co-chair, Winter & Summer Programs), Linda Stairmand (Chair, Newsletter) and **by invitation**, David Navon (on the LCD matter).

**Missing for the Council:** Hy Edelstein ('03), Amy Johnson ('01) and Naomi Yanis ('02). **Others missing:** Suzanne Lehman (co-chair, Winter & Summer Programs), David Moriarty (Chair, Membership), and Jean Stabell (Five Colleges, Inc.)

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Ted Belsky, at 1:31 pm.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (May 10, 2001) were approved after a correction (#10, page 4, "new secretary" should be "new treasurer."
3. Ted Belsky, President, shared a few valedictory comments including his feeling that being 5CLIR leader this year was an especially rewarding experience and his pride that many things had been accomplished, including the new web-site, the genome project, the opera series and many others. He especially thanked the Committee Chairs and the Council members for their hard work. On a much less pleasant note he informed the Council that Suzanne Lehman and her husband had been in a serious car accident yesterday.
4. Barbara Snoek, Vice-President and President-elect, said that she will be away from June 20th to July 4th. She would like to hold the July meeting on July 12 and skip the August meeting. Several conflicts were noted with the July date. Barbara will establish the date in conjunction with Karen Tatro.
5. Ted reported that Amy Johnson could not be here today, but that she wanted Council to know of her satisfaction in serving these last three years.
6. Nylda Glickman reported for the Nominating Committee that all officer nominees had been accepted by the membership and that three excellent members had been elected to the Council, class of '04: June Guild, Bob Grose and Doris Leonard. The votes had been counted by Gloria Ayvazian, Esther Crystal and Bob Forsyth. Council expressed its appreciation to Nylda and the Committee for their good work.
7. Lise Armstrong, reporting for the Curriculum Committee, noted that the new chairs, Alexandra Leras and Naomi Yanis had apparently not been invited to today's meeting by some kind of snafu. She noted that she and Karen Tatro had had a good meeting recently with the new chairs and that "they are firmly in charge as of July 1!" Lise reported on the registration numbers for fall seminars: five are



oversubscribed and have been lotteried (Andiamo in Italia; Watercolors for Beginners; The Enlightenment - the Age of Reason; Homer's Heroes - the Rage of Achilles; and Maiden Voyages: the Lives and Writings of Early Women Travelers), four are closed and full (Reading the Masters - Four Nobel Laureates; The Hohenzollerns; Understanding Slavery; and Women in the Bible) and the remaining nine classes have sufficient enrollment to proceed. Speech Reading (i.e., lip reading) has six enrollees. Opera Prep has 46 signed up and the Human Genome has 74! This is all out of 162 registered members, including 13 new members.

8. Lise proceeded to discuss a couple of issues that need Council input: (1) Can Associate Members take the special Friday programs, Opera Prep and Human Genome? (2) In addition Lise read a letter she had received from Molly Fitzgerald-Hayes, moderator of the Genome class, that raised the issue of how various costs of the class should be handled - e.g., a charge to members or a subsidy from Council? Also Molly raised the possibility that at some cost every member of the class would be able to "chart their DNA." This all inspired considerable discussion including the comment that "the distinction between lecture and study is becoming blurred." There was discussion of the meaning of "Associate Members" and Barbara Snoek read Section IV from the By-Laws:

**IV. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** Past members may become non-voting Associate Members for a reduced annual fee. The Associate member is entitled to: LIR mailings, the Newsletter, non-voting attendance at general meetings, and participation in special events and summer and winter programs, but may not take regular seminars or workshops.

Lise noted that the large numbers signing up for the Genome class suggest an interest in "more passive forms of learning" that the Curriculum Committee and Council might want to respond to in other ways. Finally Pat Keating moved and Ed Buck seconded that

**Participation in the Genome seminar will be limited to regular 5CLIR members.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued on the matter of a charge for the class. Some Council members thought Council could provide a small amount, others that the seminar members should absorb all costs. Barbara Snoek noted that Council had at one time authorized funds for audio-visual materials for a course. Ted suggested and all agreed that this be deferred until our July meeting.

9. Eleanor Reid reported for the Summer & Winter Programs Committee on programs for the summer. There was a round of applause for the elaborate and excellent program. Eleanor noted the shock to her and the Committee of her co-chair, Suzanne Lehman's accident, but that she believed everything will be covered. She reported that every program drew sufficient interest to be going ahead, and reported the numbers for each. Barbara Snoek noted that several programs were free of charge and Eleanor suggested that perhaps half of the programs should always be "freebies." Barbara suggested that the Committee should make a written report for future chairs to refer to and Eleanor agreed.

10. Harley Unger gave the Treasurer's Report. He distributed the FY 2000 to 2001 Expense Statement, dated 6/14/01. He noted that we are "doing well" and that \$480 had been contributed to the Donor's



Fund and \$450 of that spent. The end of the fiscal year is June 30th and our figures must be reconciled with Five Colleges, but it appears that we are within budgeted expenses. Harley said that because of "complaints" he had reviewed the process and timing of creating our budget and was satisfied with the way it has been done. Chuck Gillies said that he observed at our May meeting that although it had been proposed to review our \$150 dues that it was noted that the day before we had committed to this figure in sending out the new registration forms. He felt that some kind of budget should be considered before the dues are set for the following year. While this may not have been necessary in the past since our rates have been stable since the beginning, we did make new financial commitments this year. There was some discussion of whether or not the \$150 figure is set by Council or the membership. After review it was established that no mention of the dues is included in the By-Laws, but that there is a "Policies and Procedures Regarding Membership Dues" undated memo that refers to the \$150. The whole matter was deferred until next time.

11. David Moriarty was not present to give the Membership Committee report, but he had sent a memo which Ted shared with the Council. The memo included his appreciation to the Council, his reflections on his term and his Committee's achievements and some thoughts for the future. Pat Keating, the new Chair, who was present noted that even though she has always been opposed to "caps" on the membership that she thought the new Committee would turn to doing something for current members with less emphasis on reaching out for new members. It was noted that we are "bursting the seams" and that there is a special committee examining alternative places for seminars and meetings. Norm Winston, on that committee, said he had talked to (1) Blaise Bisailon, Director of Forbes Library who said we would be able to use the Coolidge Room after their renovations are finished in late September or early October and (2) to Kerry Buckley of Historic Northampton and he agreed that they had a room that would hold probably 10 that we could use. Norm also mentioned that he has spoken to another possibility, but nothing is definite yet.

12. Linda Stairmand reported for the Newsletter that no one had sent any articles so there is no June Newsletter, but that there would be one when materials are received. Jono Hanke suggested that maybe some of the issues we discuss in Council should be aired in the Newsletter.

13. Peg Bedell reported for the Publicity Committee that the Gazette had "skimmed us" in their coverage of our new course offerings. She asked whether Council thought she should try again given that there are so many seminars full. Peg was encouraged to get some further mention of our fall program, but details were left to her discretion.

14. June Guild reported for the Meetings Committee that she was sorry she had missed the May Council meeting. She noted that the renters would not set up the tables. There was brief discussion again of alternative sites and the related insurance problem. Barbara Snoek noted that December 8th is the date for the holiday potluck.

15. David Navon reported that he, Harley and John Armstrong have welcomed and christened the new LCD projector. He will be writing up material on how to use it and the committee has a meeting scheduled for June 21st at 1:30 (probably room 207, Amherst College). There are still serious issues, including how to supervise safe usage and where to store it. There were questions about ways to use "home created CD's" with it - is a laptop computer necessary?

16. Ted Belsky reported that he had spoken to Florence Barondes about the possible foreign trip next year. It was believed that 27 surveys came in and that Turkey was favored by more than half. It was noted that many people may not have responded because of the lack of details. Florence has decided to offer the Turkey trip and will survey our membership again with the possibility of opening it up to other LIRs through Elderhostel.

17. Ted noted that the Diane Erickson survey is proceeding and that some members may have received material already.

18. Ted mentioned that many 5CLIR folks were at the Memorial for Irene Sufrin.

19. Jono Hanke reported that Hy Edelstein will be running the Computer Group and that Jono and Hy are planning to run further computer sessions at Smith College this summer. They will try to include some sessions on preparing material for the new LCD projector. It was moved and seconded that

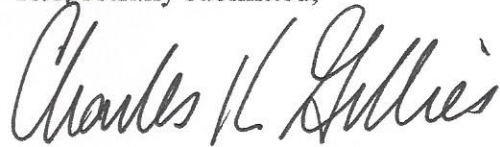
**Council approves the Computer Group plan to run additional computer classes during August.**

Approved unanimously.

20. There were several acknowledgements of retiring Council members, Jono Hanke and Amy Johnson, and special praise for Ted Belsky's steady and intelligent leadership of 5CLIR as President this year.

21. The meeting was adjourned at about 3:25. A group photograph was taken.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles K. Gillies  
Secretary

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Distributed at the meeting were:

1. Agenda.
2. 5 COLLEGE INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT - FY 2000 TO 2001, dated 06/14/01.
3. Memo to "Our Officers and Council" from David Moriarty, Membership Chair.