

Reminder: Next Council mtg. is September 13, 2001, 1:30 pm at Five Colleges, Inc.

Five College LIR Council
Minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2001 (Corrected)
Held at Five Colleges, Inc., Amherst

Present for the Council were: Barbara Snoek (President), Chuck Gillies (Vice President and Temporary Secretary), Nick Leras (Treasurer), Ted Belsky (Past President), Connie Anderson ('03), Ed Buck ('02), Hy Edelstein ('03), Bob Grose ('04) and Naomi Yanis (Co-Chair, Curriculum and '02).

Also present were Peg Bedell (Chair, Publicity), Alexandra Leras (Co-Chair, Curriculum), Eleanor Reid (co-chair, Winter & Summer Programs) and **guest**, Laura Belsky.

Missing for the Council: Jim Scott (Secretary), Nylda Glickman ('02), June Guild ('01 and Chair, Meetings Committee), Doris Leonard ('04) and Norman Winston ('03).

Others missing: Pat Keating (Chair, Membership) Suzanne Lehman (Co-Chair, Winter & Summer Programs), Jean Stabell (Five Colleges, Inc.) and Linda Stairmand (Chair, Newsletter)

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Barbara Snoek, at 10:00 am.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (June 14, 2001) were approved after clarification of the motion on page 2, paragraph 8, "Participation in the Genome seminar will be limited to regular 5CLIR members." It was agreed that the motion was intended to implement the By-Law mentioned that says, "Associate Members...may not take regular seminars and workshops."
3. Barbara Snoek delivered her first "President's Remarks:" (1) a welcome to all newcomers to Council and to self-appointed "retreads." (2) She noted the sad passing of Richard Hooke. She also reported that Suzanne Lehman was progressing and that we should send our "caring thoughts" from a distance until family indicates that visits would be welcome, but that John could benefit from our contacts. Barbara also distributed a draft calendar of 5CLIR meetings and events for the 2001-2001 year.
4. Barbara noted from earlier "unfinished business:"
 - (a) In May the Treasurer was instructed to review the effects of the self-selected reduced membership fee as well as the \$50.00 second semester refund. Harley is collecting this information but will not have it until the September meeting.
 - (b) The 5CLIR office was flooded by an accident this week. The computer and files are O.K., but the rugs are soaked. Barbara assured Karen Tatro that if they are not

dried and free of mold, we will request their replacement.

(c) The Genome class has two issues "hanging:" (i) Ginny Senders is still concerned about the definiteness of the location. Council reaffirmed that nothing could or should be done until September and that if a problem appears then that the President should "swing into action!" (ii) The questions of the costs of duplicating materials and the proposed DNA testing had been postponed. It was moved (by Naomi Yanis) and seconded (by Ed Buck) that

The costs coincident with the Genome workshop should be borne by workshop participants. Assistance with these costs should be automatically available for 50% of those costs from the Donors' Fund upon request and, if needed, additional assistance can be made available from the Donors' Fund by the same mechanism that is used for dues (i.e., application to the Treasurer).

Approved unanimously.

Barbara noted that there is some confusion with the memo, "Policies and Procedures Regarding Membership Dues" which may need to be up-dated.

5. Ted Belsky had no comments as Past President, except to welcome the new President!

6. Alexandra Leras reported for the Curriculum Committee that 180 members were now registered for fall seminars. She noted the obvious problem created by Richard Hooke's death and asked her Co-Chair, Naomi Yanis, to speak on the matter. Naomi reported that she had spoken to Richard's widow, Ruth, who encouraged the Committee to go ahead with the class if another moderator could be found. Naomi reported that they might have a possible substitute.

7. Eleanor Reid reported for the Summer & Winter Programs Committee that three programs had already been successfully held: the Miniature Theater Review, the nature photography session at the Hitchcock Center and Richard Garvey's Keynote talk on the Connecticut River. She noted that other than June Guild's trip to the Upper Connecticut River all programs are oversubscribed. Eleanor feels they are sure of being within the budget and mentioned that they offered a \$100 honorarium to speakers. Linda Stairmand had asked Eleanor to arrange for someone to write up each session for the Newsletter. All agreed that the program this summer is "wonderful!"

8. Nick Leras, Treasurer, gave his first Finance Committee report. He thanked Harley Unger and Charlotte Winston for their help in his transition, noting that Harley's year end report will be hard to live up to for a CPA! He will be reviewing (a) our compliance with

accounting policies and (b) reviewing that our tax status is correctly handled. Barbara Snoek noted that the Vice-President is considered a member of the Finance Committee according to the By-Laws and should be invited to any meetings.

9. Linda Stairmand had sent word that the next Newsletter will be August 1 with deadline July 25. She has asked Committee Chairs to write out their plans for the new year and submit them to the Newsletter.

10. Peg Bedell reported for the Publicity Committee that she has been sending releases to the Hampshire Life about the free summer programs, but that they have not been generous in their coverage. She noted that for material to get in the Five College calendar it must be submitted by the first of the month of the month before the function (e.g. for an October event material must be in by September 1st). Bob Grose noted that the Genome Project workshop should be a good topic for special publicity.

11. Barbara Snoek read a letter from Amy Johnson which included matters of interest to the Meetings Committee and she will pass it on to June Guild. Amy's letter raised concerns about the format of the Red Barn meetings when the new seminars are introduced. There was considerable discussion of the matter, including a suggestion that we do two meetings - one social, one for moderators' introductions. Others thought the current format was 'fine', but some thought we should return to the old format of asking moderators to speak. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Meetings Committee again for their recommendation.

On another matter Chuck Gillies asked if the Curriculum Committee was satisfied with the numbers of courses and sign-ups for the fall. Naomi noted that half are filled and half are open which seemed normal. There followed a general discussion on this and related matters. Concern was expressed over the bridge reconstruction and its effects on 5CLIR. Several members suggested that we look at offering some old seminars again. Eleanor Reid noted how the "same" seminar, Reading the Masters, has "evolved" over the years. Connie Anderson noted that diversity among the seminars is better than it used to be.

12. Hy Edelstein reported for the Projector Group that Jono Hanke would be running a workshop on the new projector on July 19th at Seelye Hall, room 411, at 9:30 am. This is open to all Mac or PC users.

13. Hy reported that the Computer Group classes are going very well. Although there is a reduced membership from last time there seems to be greater enthusiasm! He reported that the Group is thinking of occasional meetings over the year with some structure and a brief presentation on a topic that is designed to help allay anxiety and promote "buddy

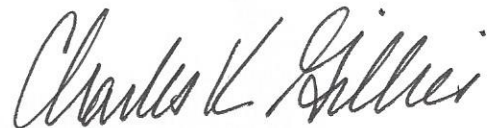
systems.” He noted that the web-site run by John Armstrong is an important part of our computer offerings. Barbara Snoek noted that the Computer Group comes under the “Special Programs” which is overseen by the Vice-President.

14. Under “Other Business” Ted Belsky mentioned that several people from South Hadley wanted to attend his Summer Program lecture on “The Canal Era in Western Massachusetts” and he wondered if this was O.K. All agreed that the public and especially this group would be welcome.

15. Barbara asked if there was any need for an August meeting. Everyone agreed, “no.”

16. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles K. Gillies,
Temporary Secretary

Distributed at the meeting were:

1. Agenda.
2. Calendar of 5CLIR Meetings & Events for the year 2001-2002.