

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 1, 2016 IN THE SMITH COLLEGE STUDENT CENTER

Having ascertained that a quorum was present, President Sheila Klem called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM

The minutes of the April 26, 2015 annual meeting were accepted.

President's Remarks: Sheila Klem welcomed the membership and focused her opening remarks on the new Emeritus/a auditor experiment that will begin for a two year period beginning with the seminars in the fall of 2016. She briefly summarized the proposal's origins from the suggestions of Elsie Bandman and Dorothy Rosenthal and stressed that the experiment will be evaluated by Council in 2018 to determine if it should be continued.

Treasurer: Betsy Loughran reported that dues will remain the same for the next fiscal year: \$250 for full membership, \$100 for associate membership, \$125 for discounted membership and \$125 half year dues available only to first time members.

The Council adopted the budget at the March 10 meeting but Betsy emphasized that the budget figures were not firm. The figures were based on last year's membership and this year's total number is not yet known. However, the biggest complication for the budget is the hiring of a new office manager whose salary is unknown at this point. Betsy said there might be a deficit in the budget but it will be covered by our ability to draw funds from the Fund for the Future. She said that fund has now raised \$186, 908 which is 75% of its target goal.

The budget figures for next year include a projected income of \$69, 075; expenses of \$72,154 and a deficit of \$3,079.

President: Sheila Klem then took back the microphone and presented the proposed bylaw changes to the membership. A motion was made by Kathy Campbell to accept the changes as a package. It was seconded by several members. A vote of 60% of those present was necessary to change the bylaws. Through a show of hands the motion was overwhelmingly passed. The following are the revisions to the bylaws that were accepted by the membership:

Under the section concerning election of officers, the section shall now read:

The Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer may be elected for three consecutive one year terms.

Under Article VII, Committees, the section on the Finance Committee shall now read:
The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee, which shall also include the Assistant Treasurer, the Vice President, the past Treasurer and two other members.

Under Article X, Amendment of the Bylaws, Section 1, that section shall now read:
Any 5CLIR voting member or committee may propose and amendment to these Bylaws in writing at any regular meeting of Council or at a special meeting of Council called for such purpose.

Article X, Amendment of the Bylaws, Section 1 shall be further revised to read:
If Council does not approve the proposed amendment, a petition signed by ten percent (10%) or more of the voting members requires Council to submit the proposed amendment to a vote at a membership meeting.

Article X, Amendment of Bylaws, Section 2 shall now read:
An amendment being submitted to the membership for a vote will be communicated to all voting members, along with explanatory material, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.

The meeting then moved on to reports from the chairs of the various committees.

Fran Volkmann of the Nominating Committee read the slate of nominated officers.

President	Gordon Wyse
Vice President	Marybeth Bridegam
Secretary	Michael Brooks
Treasurer	Kathy Campbell
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Perot

Sheila Klem then read the names of the fourteen nominees for Council, four of whom will be elected.

Chuck Aulino	Roger Beer	Bruce Buxton
Barbara Carpino	Joanne Creighton	Pam Daniels
Sydney Flum-Stockwell	Chris Hurn	Jonathan Jay
Ellen Ober	Terry Rosenfeld	Claire Sherr
Richard Stonberg	Linda Summers	

The Curriculum Committee was represented by Tyll van Geel who gave a brief summary of the work of his group.

The Development Committee head, Chuck Gillies, introduced his members and urged further support for the fund raising drive stressing that only 3% of the funds received go for administrative costs.

The Finance Committee's chair, Treasurer Betsy Loughran, reiterated her earlier report to the meeting.

Great Decisions was represented by Jake Greenburg and said the committee needed three or four new members.

Member Services Committee was represented by Gail Gaustad and reminded everyone that her committee was responsible for the annual picnic, new members coffee get together and the spring social event.

Public Relations chair, Nina Scott, spoke of her success at working with the Gazette and having articles on LIR activities published in that paper.

Special Programs Committee was represented by both Ina Luadtke and Kay Klausewitz. They spoke of the eleven programs the committee had run the past year and about the new theater interest group starting this summer.

Summer-Winter chair, Nancy Denig, talked briefly about the programs coming up in the next few months.

The Technology Committee's new chair, Peter Reitt, told about his efforts to revive the committee and asked for new members.

Sheila Klem then asked for comments from the membership. The sole response was from Dorothy Gorra who requested that the Council nominees be asked to stand so that people could identify them. Sheila then read the list and those members who were present rose from their seats as their name was called.

Next, Sheila Klem called incoming president, Gordon Wyse, to the rostrum and passed him the symbolic gavel. Gordon then made a few short, humorous remarks.

In conclusion Sheila expressed her thanks to outgoing historian, Sara Wright, outgoing liaison to Five College, Larry Ambs, outgoing ombudsman, Ann Lombard and to the secretary for their work.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
May 6, 2016
Richard Szlosek, Secretary