

**ANNUAL MEETING OF LIR**  
**APRIL 27, 2014**  
**SMITH COLLEGE CAMPUS CENTER**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Carol Jolly.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 2013 annual meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer:** Assistant Treasurer Susan Beer announced that the dues for next year will be increased to \$250 for full members. Other levels are \$100 for Associate and Trial members, \$125 for discounted members, and \$145 for spring only members.

This dues scale was decided on by the finance committee and approved by Council. Our expenses have increased this year by 6%. Susan pointed out that our dues have not been raised in four years. She then showed a chart prepared by Chuck Gilles that compared our dues over the years to the inflation rate. We are still under what would be expected from inflation.

The Finance Committee—composed of Betsy Loughran, Susan Beer, Michael Greenebaum, Jim Perot, Chuck Gilles, Sandy Belden, Carl Erickson, and Johan Brongers—agreed that LIR needs to operate with a balanced budget. Since we are under the financial umbrella of Five Colleges Inc., we must use their salary and benefit rates in constructing our budget. Using the new dues figure, the Committee has proposed a budget with

Income for 2015	\$62,945
Expenses for 2015	\$62,650
Surplus/deficit	295

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee, composed of Elizabeth Armstrong, Dian Liebert, Gordon Wyse, Fran Volkmann, and Jim Perot, presented the following slate for officers:

President: Michael Greenebaum	Vice-President: Sheila Klem
Secretary: Ellen Peck	Treasurer: Betsy Loughran
Assistant Treasurer: Susan Beer	

There were no further nominations from the floor.

**Council Nominations:** Carol Jolly announced the nominations for Council which have been made by the individual seminars. The nominees stood up to be recognized.

Jim Averill	John McDermott
Marybeth Bridegam	Sherri Meade
Carl Erickson	Miriam Moss
Rafe de Lima	Neil Novik
Prunella Fiddian-Green	Tyll van Geel
Pat Jorczak	

Ballots will be sent out by mail to all members.

**Committee Chairs:** Since our organization depends on volunteers, Carol Jolly recognized the committee chairs and urged members to join the various committees.

**Curriculum:** Marybeth Bridegam and Betsy Siersma

**Finance:** Betsy Loughran

**Winter/Summer:** Honore David and Ruth Kosiorek

**Special Programs:** Diane Liebert and Ina Luadtke

**Public Relations:** Joan Wofford

**Technical:** Jim Perot

**Great Decisions:** Fran Volkmann

**Historian:** Sara Wright

**Ombudsman:** Anne Lombard

**Presidents' Remarks:** Michael Greenebaum praised the work of the committees and their volunteers. He was particularly proud of our Gala celebration which congratulated LIR for its uniqueness. He told us about the regional conference of learning in retirement groups which will be held at U..Mass. from June 1 to 3. As a preview he read an excerpt from a handout, written by Ellen Peck, which describes the theory behind Peer- Led Learning.

Michael also praised our new office manager Liz Tiley for her creativity and imagination. He gave special thanks to Betsy Loughran and Susan Beer who have been working hard to sort out our finances, and congratulated our outgoing President Carol Jolly for presiding over a smooth but eventful transition year in which our office changed personnel and place.

Carol Jolly, our outgoing president, congratulated Sheila Klem and her committee for arranging the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. She showed the Citation which LIR received from Senator Rosenburg and the certificate of appreciation presented by Five College Inc. She also thanked the Council for its leadership during the past year. Finally Carol made a plea for more committee volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Peck, Secretary