

5CLIR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2007

MINUTES

Next Meeting: September 13, 2007

Present: Jeff Caplan, Mary Franks, Arnold Friedmann, Gail Gaustad, Chuck Gillies, Joan Hastings, Wil Hastings, Kathy Hazen, Ruth Hooke, Charlie Klem, Sheila Klem, Barbara Reitt, Serene Rubin, Jim Scott, Nina Scott, Leo Sartori, Eleanor Shattuck, Sara Wright

Absent: Marybeth Bridegam, Sally Lawton, Philippe Meyer, Peter Reitt, Bill Williams

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by **President Mary Franks** who delivered a short welcome as the 5CLIR's new president.

Minutes of the June Council meeting were approved as corrected. Corrected minutes were sent by e-mail to all Council members.

President's Remarks: Mary Franks, along with Jeff Caplan, had a luncheon meeting with Lorna Peterson at which they discussed LIR's relationship with 5 Colleges, Inc. Lorna expressed Five Colleges' support and approval as ideas for future plans for LIR were presented.

A Founder's Reunion" will take place Sunday, September 9, 2007 at the Smith Field House. This is for members during the first five years of 5CLIR. Mary Franks will send congratulations from the current Council.

Vice-President's Report: Leo Sartori, along with Mary Franks and Ruth Hooke, attended the Lifelong Learning Conference at Potsdam, New York earlier this summer. Even though attendance at the conference was low, Leo felt that meeting informally with others was the best part of his being there. He shared that most other groups offer lecture courses of varying lengths -- 5CLIR is unique in its peer learning model as well as in having five institutions as sponsors. Others are tied to a single institution and there is a space crunch that limits the number of people in attendance. We are in the mid-range of fees charged.

Treasurer's Report: There is no August report. Summary statements will be in the September Bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum Committee: Three proposals were submitted to Council for discussion by Co-Chairs Bobbi Reitt and Sara Wright. Seminar liaisons will be listed in the September newsletter. The liaisons (members of the Curriculum Committee) are being asked to play a more active role in supporting new seminar leaders, as well as helping to develop new proposals.

There are few empty slots and long waiting lists for some seminars. Sixteen seminars are now closed. A handout was submitted showing the breakdown of seminar participation. More seminars need to be offered in the fall than the spring, which will be taken into consideration in future planning. Callie will notify people who cannot get into a requested seminar and help them to make other choices.

A proposal to change the administration and name of the “Meet the Moderators” meeting was presented for Council feedback. The Council agreed to the restructuring. It was moved and seconded to accept the suggestion of the Curriculum Committee to form an ad-hoc sub-committee to develop this concept. The sub-committee will be chaired by the Vice President, Leo Sartori. When the final form is accepted by the Curriculum Committee it will be inserted into the Moderators Manual. It will not need to come back to Council. Motion passed unanimously.

A second proposal dealing with members who ask for “special status” within a seminar was put forward. This member category was passed by Council on May 14, 1998 on a trial basis but never formalized. An updated version along with the original was passed out. The seminar moderator will make the final decision on this status. Arnold Friedmann motioned that the document be accepted as a guideline and placed in the Moderators’ Manual. Wil Hastings amended the motion so that the document will be returned to the Curriculum Committee to take the Council’s discussion into consideration, revise it as the committee sees fit, and include a shortened version in the Moderator’s Manual. This does not have to come back to Council. The motion was seconded as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Guidelines for guests at seminars were discussed. Council concluded that if a guest is to be present, his or her host must inform the moderator and the person(s) presenting in the seminar. It was moved and seconded that the guidelines be returned to the Curriculum Committee for re-writing and inclusion in the Moderators’ Manual, and that it need not be re-submitted to Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership and Meetings Committee: Sara Wright, past chair of the Membership Committee, proposed that the Meetings Committee and the Membership Committee be combined keeping the name “Meetings/Membership Committee” the proposal was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. This committee will be considered an ad-hoc committee until the by-laws have been amended. Sheila Klem and Kathy Hazen have been approved as co-chairs of the Meetings/Membership Committee.

Technology Committee: Bobbi Reitt reported for Peter Reitt, Committee Chair, who could not attend this meeting. Two Digital Camera Workshops will be held September 13 at the Jones Library.

Public Relations: Chuck Gillies, co-chair, spoke about the roll-over co-chairperson process for the committee. He is in his second year of co-chairing and Jeff Caplan is in his first. Chuck continued by presenting a table demonstrating membership totals by category for the last three years. To date this year there are 37 new members, 17 associate members, 19 trial members, and 191 returning members.

The committee will contact the 44 people who came to, or requested information for, the Meet the Moderators meeting but did not join 5CLIR. The committee is also working on a 5CLIR Information Form, has straightened out its mission statement, and plans an article on our president, Mary Franks, written by Nina Scott for the “Life After 50” monthly newspaper.

Summer/ Winter Programs: Gail Gaustad, committee Co-Chair, reported that offerings have shown a good response. There are 3 more programs in August and all is going well. Programs are open to members and guests. Sign-ups are strongly suggested as some programs have size limitations.

Long Range Planning: Committee chair Joan Hastings reported that two forums will be scheduled for late October to develop ideas for the future development of 5CLIR. The committee is developing the format and discussion topics. For convenience, one forum is being scheduled for each side of the river.

Callie's Report: Most annual reports from last year are in, with only 3 missing. Photos taken by Hy Edelstein are also not in yet for the 2006-07 Annual Report of Council and Committee Chairs. Callie noted she was sending the Directions booklet only to new members. Returning members received a booklet last year and they are expensive to reproduce and mail. She also reported that she has brought her own scanner into the office since LIR does not own that piece of equipment. The trial membership category seems to be a good thing, adding 19 new people. Replacement name tags are available on request. A sign-up sheet for special programs was suggested by Arnold Friedmann since non-LIR members have tried to participate. A tentative form was drawn up by Callie. This will go to the Special Programs Committee for consideration.

Old Business:

Endowment: A report will be given next month.

Aging Creatively: Joan Hasting reported that the next conference will take place November 15, 2008 at Smith College. The title will be "Enhancing Relationships for the Wisdom Years" with the major theme being one's relationship with mind, body, family, etc. A response to the RFP from Highland Valley Elder Services will be submitted for funding when it comes out.

New Business: The "New Members Reception" will be held September 23rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Lathrop Community on Bridge Road in Northampton. Council and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend.

A calendar brochure from the Music and Dance Department at UMass was passed around by Arnold Friedmann. He is working with the department in hopes that they will cooperate with 5CLIR. They are anxious to involve us in their programming. Arnold will work with Special Programs serving as the liaison.

President's Closing Remarks: Mary noted that we had finished our business 12 minutes early. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Serene Rubin, Secretary