

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2015

**Present:** Sheila Klem (president), Gordon Wyse (vice-president), Kathy Campbell (Asst. Treasurer), Zina Tillona, Jim Averill, Fran Volkmann, Tyll van Geel, Bobbie Reitt, Dean Poli, Marybeth Bridegam, Jacob Greenburg, Chuck Gillies, Larry Ambs, Sara Wright, Richard Szlosek (Secretary)

**Absent:** Ann Hartman, Betsy Loughran (treasurer), Liz Tiley

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM

The minutes of October 8, 2015 were approved by Council

Sheila began the meeting by stating she had inadvertently distributed the wrong 5CLIR mission statement at the last Council meeting. She then handed out the correct one and said the LIR web site should now have a link to the correct statement.

Sheila urged all Council members to get behind the current fund raising drive and would hope to see 100% participation by Council members. Treasurer Betsy Loughran will have an explanatory letter in the December newsletter with details of some of the expenses faced by LIR as to personnel costs, seminar space and funds for special events.

Gordon Wyse had no specific report but stated that due to a scheduling conflict, he would be unable to sit at the Development Committee table at the preview. Kathy Campbell agreed to take his place.

Kathy Campbell then reported the summer programs had concluded with a small surplus of approximately \$300.00. She also said that as of November 12, the paid dues for the fiscal year are \$7,000 short of the projected amount.

**Old Business:**

Kathy Campbell led a discussion of **Article X: Amendment of the Bylaws**. The first item taken up in this discussion was **Section 1: Proposing Amendments**. After considerable discussion, Campbell made the following motion:

**The Council maintain the 90 day requirement already stated in Article X, Section 1.**

Zina Tillona seconded the motion and it was passed by Council with a majority vote.

The discussion then centered on **Section 2: Council Action**. The talk was about what percentage of the membership would be required to file a motion to reconsider an amendment that had been rejected by Council. Gordon Wyse moved that:

**The final sentence of Section 2 shall now 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.**

The motion was seconded by Bobbie Reitt and passed unanimously.

The discussion moved on to **Section 3: Membership Decision**. Fran Volkmann moved that the first sentence of **Section 3** 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.**

It was seconded by Gordon Wyse and passed unanimously.

Bonnie Reitt made a motion:

**I move we delete the phrase “bylaws review” from the first sentence of Article X, Section 1.**

It was seconded by Marybeth Bridegam and passed unanimously. The first sentence of **Article X, Section 1 shall now read “Any 5CLIR voting member or committee may propose an amendment to these Bylaws in writing at any regular meeting of Council or at a special meeting of Council called for such purpose.**

There then followed a discussion of what the 60% voting members present and voting in Section 2 actually meant. It was suggested that Sheila meet with Parliamentarian, Rachel Mustin, for clarification.

Kathy Campbell moved that: **The Council approve Article X as amended.**

Gordon Wyse seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Sheila then asked if the Bylaw changes should be presented to the membership as a package or if each individual motion should be presented one at a time. The Council favored the presentation as a package.

Council member and co-chair of the Curriculum Committee, Tyll van Geel next gave a thorough explanation of that committee’s proposal for an experiment regarding the creation, for a four semester period, of an emeritus associate membership category. Tyll stressed this was only an experiment that would hopefully begin in the fall of 2016 and be evaluated prior to the fall seminars of 2018 to determine if the program was worth pursuing. It was thought that not many members would avail themselves of the status and that moderators would play a large role in determining the implementation of the experiment.

All Council members had a copy of the proposal and discussion centered on whether to call those opting for the plan auditors, emeriti, non-participants or some other term. Finally it was decided the proposal would go to the Executive Committee at their next meeting for revisions.

It was stated there will be 22 seminar proposals in the catalog at the preview on November 22. There is a likelihood of a workshop by Peter Reitt on file-sharing in January. Sheila said there should be some publicity on the preview by Nina and Jim Scott in the Gazette very soon.

Chuck Gillies of the Development Committee had to leave early and Larry Ambs reported just under \$60,000 has been received to this time.

Jacob Greenburg of the Great Decisions Committee said they will be featuring talks on five Fridays in April at the Northampton Senior Center. So far speakers for three of the events have been lined up.

Sheila said that the Member Services Committee is contemplating holding a special event to aid the Fund for the Future in attaining its goal.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully Submitted:  
November 15, 2015  
Richard W. Szlosek, Secretary