

Friedmann 2006-7

August 2006

Past President Dotty Gorra emphasized the long-standing policy that seminars always kept in mind when scheduling special programs.

Nominating Committee - President Friedmann announced a change in the makeup of the Nominating Committee. The chair will be a member of Council. The chair will select two Council members and two regular members to comprise the committee, which will be removed from the list of volunteer options.

September 2006

Missing

October 2006

The issue of a quorum for the Annual Meeting received particular attention, since it is important to have a good number of members present for the voting. Although other aspects of the Memorandum were not voted on, it was considered essential to clarify the issue of whether or not to combine the Annual Meeting and the spring Meet the Moderators.

MOTION PASSED: In spring 2007 the Annual Meeting and Meet the Moderators will be combined, not necessarily including a meal.

November 2006

Bylaw changes revisited -- Wil Hastings led a discussion as a follow-up to the October Council meeting. With reference to Wil's earlier draft, a suggested change in wording adds "two-thirds present and voting" to the section on Council approval.

MOTION PASSED. *Please note: The entire amended text is included as an addendum to these minutes.*

Information about any bylaw changes will be given to the entire membership in plenty of time for the Annual Meeting.

Proposed amendment to the Bylaws of 5CLIR approved unanimously by Council on November 9, 2006, for submission to the members at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Article V of the existing Bylaws, now entitled "AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS" would be amended by substituting therefor in its entirety the following new Article V :

"V. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

"A. Quorum. A simple majority of 5CLIR members entitled to vote (all members other than Associate Members) shall constitute a quorum for any membership meeting, general or special. Any meeting lacking a quorum shall automatically be deemed adjourned until such date within 60 days as may be specified by the 5CLIR Officer presiding at the time.

"B. Voting Majorities. Except for amendments to these bylaws and as otherwise required by Roberts Rules of Order (see Article VI) all motions shall require a simple majority of those members present and voting to be adopted.

"C. Procedures for Bylaw Amendments.

"1. Any member of 5CLIR may submit a proposed amendment to these bylaws in writing at any regular meeting of the Council, or at a special meeting called for such purpose, provided that such submission occurs no later than 90 days prior to the membership meeting at which it is supposed to be voted on. If, but only if, such proposed amendment is approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present and voting, it shall be submitted to a vote at the next general meeting of the membership or at a special meeting of the membership called by the Council for such purpose.

"2. If so approved, the proposed amendment, together with such related or explanatory material as the Council deems appropriate, shall be sent to all members at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which action on it is to be taken. If the motion to so amend the bylaws, as originally proposed or as properly amended or modified at the meeting, receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting, it shall become part of these bylaws."

And the article following the above article shall be renumbered Article VI.

December 2006

MOTION: For the entire spring semester 2007, committee chairs will electronically submit a monthly report about routine matters to the 5CLIR office one week before each Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Special Programs schedule change --

Council discussed a proposal to change the "new" seminar-schedule day from Wednesday to Thursday in order to accommodate the needs of Special Programs.

MOTION: Effective on July 1, 2007, the Thursday schedule will be as follows:

Morning Seminars, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Special Programs, 12 Noon - 2 p.m.

Afternoon scheduling --

First and Second Thursdays -- Curriculum Committee and Council meetings

Third and Fourth Thursdays -- Special Programs and other Committee meetings

MOTION CARRIED.

Jan2007

no meeting

Feb 2007

No action

March2007

Trial Membership -- Discussion of this issue concerned the emailed proposal from the ad hoc Committee on Trial Membership (printed copy for file). Wil Hastings chaired the committee, which also included Vice-President Mary Franks, Past-President Dorothy Gorra, Chuck Gillies, Sheila Klem, Barbara Reitt, James Scott, and Sara Wright.

MOTION: That Council adopt the proposal of the ad hoc Committee on Trial Membership -

Beginning on July 1, 2007, there will be a one-year experimental category of 5CLIR membership called "Trial Membership," with the following features:

*Available only for the Fall semester, one could become a Trial Member by paying \$50 and during that semester would have all the privileges of a regular member except (1) no new-member lottery priority, (2) no vote on any matter at any membership meeting, and (3) no qualification for Associate Membership.

*For the Spring semester, a Trial Member could (1) join as a full member with a new-member priority for that semester by paying the same fee as is generally payable for a Spring semester membership (now \$115) or (2) drop out of LIR entirely.

*There would be no cap on the total number of trial memberships available for the semester.

*A person would be eligible for this category of membership only once.

MOTION: That Council adopt the Finance Committee proposal for the Revisions of Funds Policy -

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FUND: From time to time and beyond its usual seminar programs, 5CLIR has organized unusual, significant programs (such as: "You and Your Genome," "Emergence," "Slavery and its Legacy," and "Aging Creatively"). In recent years these programs have been funded outside the annual budget, with appropriations supported by 5CLIR and, in some instances, by outside agencies. The Significant Events Fund is established to support such programs with seed money, with the understanding that such Events are to be open to the public and have a "community education theme on issues of social purpose." Upon approval by Council, a distinct fund will be established for the duration of the significant event. At completion, the distinct fund will be closed and any unexpended balance returned to the Significant Events Fund.

APPROPRIATION PROCEDURE: When contemplated expenditures are outside of the usual annual budget process, any 5CLIR member may propose an activity, outlining scope, benefits to 5CLIR membership, involvements and a summary of anticipated costs and revenues, and other funding. The proposal will be reviewed by the Executive and Finance Committees. Each committee will make its recommendations to the Council, which will be the deciding body.

MOTION carried.

April2007

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT: Arnold asked for Council's approval to establish an endowment fund of \$50,000--\$100,000 to supplement the income of 5CLIR. He has received the endorsement of Five Colleges, Inc. for this request.

MOTION: That Council approve the establishment of an endowment fund with conditions to be established by Council. (R. Hooke; 2nd N. S

Wil Hastings referred to the handout concerning Mid-Term Membership for those who have not previously been LIR members. The following **revision** to the final paragraph now reads: *“Those paying the membership fee during the spring semester shall be entitled to participate in seminars during the full year following, and those paying the membership fee during the fall semester shall be entitled to participate in seminars during the next spring semester.”*

MOTION by W. Hastings, 2nd R. Hooke: Council approve the Mid Term Membership definition as revised.

MOTION PASSED.

May

No action

June

MOTION: That the Program Reserve Fund be reduced to a \$2000 balance and that the Capital Fund be increased to a \$3000 balance as of June 30, 2007, transfers to take place between the named funds and the General Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

ALSO MOVED: That as of year end, June 30, 2007, the balance of the Membership Assistance Fund be adjusted to \$500, offset from the General Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, June 10, 2007, Davis Hall, Smith College

President Arnold Friedmann called the Annual Meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. following the Meet the Moderators program. Arnold announced that a quorum of members was present.

BYLAW CHANGE. President Friedmann introduced Wil Hastings, a Council member who has been working on the 5CLIR Bylaws. The discussion and voting involved amending Article V of the existing Bylaws.

MOTION: Substitute in its entirety a new Article V, MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, for the former Article V, AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS, and renumber the article following that article as Article VI.

After that motion was made and seconded, Wil Hastings explained that its text had been circulated to all members in one of the spring 5CLIR newsletters and was available as a handout at this meeting. But he wished to invite an amendment to that text, viz., the deletion of the parenthetical clause in the proposed new Paragraph A, entitled "Quorum," which defined the class of members entitled to vote but which had become

erroneous because of subsequent action by the Council. A motion was then made and seconded from the floor to delete the phrase "(all members other than Associate Members)" from that paragraph A. – MOTION CARRIED.

Then the main motion, to adopt the new bylaw provisions as amended, was voted upon. – MOTION CARRIED.

Text of the new Article V is an addendum to these minutes.

Wil Hastings was warmly thanked for the considerable amount of work he has done on the 5CLIR bylaws.

FINANCES. Treasurer, June Guild, announced that financial information will be reported to the membership as of June 30, 2007.

NOMINATIONS. Nina Scott, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for 2007-2008.

Mary Franks -- President, already elected
Leo Sartori -- Vice-President / President-Elect
Serene Rubin -- Secretary
Charles Klem -- Treasurer
Bill Williams -- Assistant Treasurer