

5 College LIR Council
Minutes: Meeting of 5/9/96 at 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, T. Belsky, L. Belsky, Bowditch, Braunthal, Egginton, A. Grose, R. Grose, P. Keating, Lehman, Navon, E. Posada, Reid, G. Snook, and H. Unger.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by the President, Harley Unger.

Corrections to the minutes of 4/11/96:

Under "Nominating Committee consists", Rothenberg should be spelled Rothery.

Under "special events", George Goodwin's name should be substituted for George Snook's and Norman Winston's name should be added.

These items having been noted the minutes were approved.

Suzanne Lehman, Chair of the Curriculum Committee announced that the summer and fall programs are nearly complete and will be ready for the May 23rd membership meeting. Some sites are still being worked on. Maida Riggs' seminar will be offered in the spring. There are too many historical subjects for the fall for this one to compete with.

Harley distributed a tentative agenda for the May 23rd meeting. The business portion should last no more than an hour. A loud speaker system will be on hand. Lee Snook will head the Meetings Committee.

Arrangements for the June Council Meeting were discussed and it was finally decided that the meeting should be held in the latter half of June at a private residence with first a brief business meeting then the newly elected members would share wine and a potluck picnic. The Groses and Eleanor Reid offered their homes for this purpose.

A discussion of the length of tenure of committee chairs ensued. A complicated topic, it needs work by the adhoc By-Laws Review Committee but the need for flexibility was stressed and exceptions to a rule should be made by the Council.

A policy for the payment of guest speakers was the next topic under discussion. As requested by the Council, Eve Posada, Chair of the Finance Committee reviewed the status quo of these arrangements: speakers are mostly used at the winter and summer events; the Memorial Fund should be used only for speakers at designated memorial programs; honoraria are not offered to LIR members or to guests who have a financial interest in LIR; a luncheon or attractive mugs are sometimes given to such persons; the range of honoraria has been \$50 to \$100 including transportation. Reports on this matter from the Curriculum and

Special Events Committee were reviewed and there were differing opinions as to whether transportation should be included in the honoraria. The question of authorization for spending Memorial Fund money was mentioned. The Memorial Fund Committee is only for study purposes. A vote will be taken at the next meeting on the Finance Committees final recommendation in these matters.

Eleanor Reid, Chair of the Nominating Committee read the report from the Committee and distributed copies to all members present. A discussion followed: Reid said that 25 possible candidates for vice-president with the leadership qualities and an ability to reach consensus were contacted but only one agreed to serve. David Navon stated that more pressure should have been brought to bear on these persons. Pat Keating moved that the Nominating Committee report be accepted as read. The motion passed with Navon dissenting. He was urged to recall some of the potential candidates.

Committee Reports:

Meetings Committee. Lee Snook will be in charge May 23.

Curriculum Committee. Report summarized earlier in these minutes.

Summer Program Committee. A printed brochure is in progress and will be mailed and available at the 23rd meeting. Most events are free, members will be given priority in events limited in numbers. "The Northfield Nature Cruise" and "Play Reading" have been dropped and a "Connecticut River Experience" added.

Special Events. A trip to the American Political Museum in Hartford is planned for the Fall. The Committee is in excellent financial shape with well over \$500.00 balance on hand. Seminars are urged to notify the Committee of interest in a trip.

Financial Committee. Will draft a honorarium policy for action at the next Council Meeting and will meet with other committees to discuss next years budget after the annual meeting.

Membership Committee. Total membership is 148. A total of 19 new members have been added since the last year. The large mailing list will be culled with only former members remaining. An associate membership for \$25.00 will keep interested persons on the mailing list.

Newsletter & Publicity. Deadline for the next Newsletter is May 15. Mary Egginton announced that a release will be sent to all media for publication immediately after the May 23 meeting.

Bob Grose announced that he and other members will be attending the regional meeting in Hartford next week. Harley aid that news of the EIN Conference was still pending.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Egginton
Secretary, pro tem