

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING MARCH 15, 2012, 10: a.m.

Attendees: Chris Le Maistre, Fred De Jarlais, Inga Hoffmann, Mark Gordon, Florence Orenstein, Ruth Keeley, David Copp, Nancy Thomas, Nancy Mead, Steve Zaslaw, Corinne Miller, Harry Hanson

Minutes: *Nancy Thomas*

The February minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Comments: *Chris Le Maistre*

1. Harry Hanson, Lois Widom and Mark Gordon are working on a presentation about our Interest Groups and Courses which may be presented at the OLLI Conference in November.
2. Business cards: Fred De Jarlais has worked on a template for business cards for the Board. He sent around the template for members to sign on their phone numbers and email addresses. He will be able to run these off on his computer and he will be reimbursed for the paper stock.
3. Discussion was held about how interest groups are formed and it was unanimously approved that "interest groups arise from the membership and outside non-profit organizations may bring information to be available at a table at the general meeting with the approval of the President." Steve Zaslaw will also send the definition of "Interest Groups" to Board members. Chris will circulate a letter to the Board for approval, about the UCSC sponsored group "Dreamweavers". The letter will be in response to correspondence received from the Office of Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway. Chris mentioned he also gets letters from promoters of trips for OLLI members, e.g. to the Galapagos.

Treasurer's Report: *David Copp*

Corinne Miller reported we have received the bridge grant from the Osher Foundation in the amount of \$50,000, \$20,000 of which goes to pay staff and the remainder for other projects. David mentioned the availability of additional monies in the scholarship fund arising from membership and class fees. Florence Orenstein would like to increase the number of scholarships. Inga Hoffman asked how much is given to each student and whether this should be increased. These are matters for further discussion.

The \$1 million received from Osher is invested and the future annual interest earned will be available for the OLLI's infrastructure expenses. In the early discussions, the interest rate was assumed to be 4.2%, providing an income of \$40,000 per annum. Nancy Mead asked if this interest rate was guaranteed. Mark Gordon said the corpus could increase or decrease depending on the economy. The 4.2% is an estimate based on current market conditions and Chris agreed. The University runs the endowment fund.

Interest Groups: Chris Le Maistre reported that the “Life in 2035” interest group has been disbanded.

Membership: *Ruth Keeley*

Our membership is around 700. Ruth, Steve Zaslav, Mark Gordon, Lois Widom and Chris Le Maistre had a meeting with STARS staff re: problems experienced in receiving accurate, updated data, formatted within desired fields. Mark identified a two-phase approach in the development and automation of the database. The current membership records are entered into a Filemaker database. Information from this database can be readily made available as EXCEL worksheets incorporating desired fields. Mark identified Phase 1 as a weekly EXCEL report of OLLI membership, sent out as an email attachment to Board members. The EXCEL software will enable recipients to extract information of interest in the desired format from the worksheet. Phase II will be undertaken after Phase I is fully operational. Phase II is the automation step whereby OLLI members will be able to provide their personal information and pay membership and class fees via the web and the info will be captured on Filemaker. Mark will check with the University on how the Dickens’ Project’s web-based sign up and payment works and if this is applicable to the OLLI situation.

Facilities and Hospitality: *Mark Gordon*

We will need to set up about 200 or more chairs for this Sunday’s meeting since a big attendance is expected. We also will need more refreshments. Mark hopes the heating situation will be better than last month. Yuta Sano (facilities manager) is trying to fix it. Mark also still needs signs for parking at Merrill College. Mark won’t be at the May meeting but Chris Le Maistre and David Copp will fill in for him. Mark also reported three new people have volunteered to give technical assistance to the Course presenters if needed.

Publications: *Steve Zaslav*

We need someone to nominate the election of the continuing Board at the May meeting. Chris Le Maistre will find someone. Steve will also highlight the change of date for the April meeting, the 4th Sunday, April 22nd. The Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 19th.

Events: *Florence Orenstein*

Regarding the June 9th party, a caterer has been hired, a band has been hired and the folksingers will be singing a few songs. There will be “sign-up” coupons in the May newsletter and on the website. The August 25th interest group leader’s party is to be at the De Anza Mobile Home Park. \$50 for insurance will be required and \$100 deposit for cleanup. Sherry Eisendorf will pay the deposit since she lives at De Anza Mobile Home Park and it will be returned to her after the party.

Publicity: Chris Le Maistre says he has been getting good feedback about the OLLI organization. Nancy Mead mentioned a good article about older lifelong learners in the March 8 New York Times. Steve may mention it in the newsletter.

Speaker Program: *Fred De Jarlais*

Next year's program speakers will include:

John Jordan, Director UC's Dickens Project

Charles Hedrick, Professor in UC's History Department

Michael Mateas, Director of UC's Center for Games and Playable Media

Fred will continue to share with the Board the names of persons he's thinking of inviting to speak to the General Meeting.

STARS: *Corinne Miller*

Mark Gordon asked how the University's veteran's programs are working. Corinne replied "very well" and said peer mentors are provided in various departments. She also said many programs are shared and coordinated with Cabrillo College.

The next meeting will be on April 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.