

Olli Board Meeting

August 14, 2017 / 1:00 pm / Walnut Commons

Attendees

Dennis Morris, Mark Gordon, Lois Widom, Bonita Sebastian, Barry Bowman, Jo Anne Dlott, Cindy Margolin, Gail Greenwood, Richard Bruce, Margie Lafia, Mary Carvalho, Myra Mahoney, Fred Dejarlais, Chris Le Maistre, Bill Patterson, Bobbi Liberton, Nancy Ellen Abrams, Constantine Lackides

Agenda

1. Minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting by Margie Lafia were approved. Margie requested that in the future, anyone with a list of names, events, etc. give this list to Margie in order to make the minutes accurate and to avoid future editing. This was acknowledged.

President's Comments or Discussions-

2. Introductions

Each board member stated his/her name and position including new members Nancy Ellen Abrams, Constantine Lackides and Bobbi Liberton . Bill Patterson is the leader of Scholarships.

3. New STARS Representative

There is a new woman in Sally Lester's position, Sara Radoff. She is our University interface with OLLI. She will begin August 28,2017.

4. Appreciation Party

The goal is to honor volunteers who have donated their time and efforts.

Constantine will follow up by identifying active group leaders and send the names to Dennis. They will receive invitations.

Dennis will continue to update the information on the calendar and interest groups, as well as the Google OLLI Board. He asked for timely updates.

JoAnne reported that everything is paid and prepared for the event. It will be hosted by Bargetto winery and catered by Carried Away.

The program for the event will include an introduction of significant people in OLLI's success. The goal is to keep everything short.

Gail will acknowledge the Board members.

Constantine will introduce the Interest Group leaders.

Lois will introduce the Instructors for the courses.

Barry will introduce the Speakers who are present.

Mark will formally introduce the leaders of Colleges 9 & 10.

Dennis has prepared an invitation and has sent it out to all the invitees. There should be a reminder to wear hats, due to the lack of on-site umbrellas.

5. **September Welcome Meeting**

The September 17 meeting will be at Porter College. This is always a one time event since the remainder of the meetings take place at Colleges 9 & 10. There was a concern that some members will still go to Colleges 9 & 10. We will place signs redirecting the traffic to Porter College. There will be an email reminder shortly before the event. Margie Lafia will be responsible for placing strategic signs for parking at the event. Luke Lafia will help out in Mark Gordon's stead, coordinating the event inside the meeting room.

Fred will provide "Ask Me" buttons for the board members.

The food has been arranged. There will be fruit and bread for the time before the meeting and appetizers for after the meeting when members go to sign up for interest groups.

Fred will make more trifold brochures which will be available at the sign in/membership table.

Newcomers will be invited to sit with Mary at the Newcomers Table.

There will be 21 tables with 3 Interest Groups per table.

Fred will provide the Interest Group table top signs. He will coordinate with Constantine. They need a description of the goal of each group.

Cindy suggested that the members who sign up on the interest groups' lists also contact the group leader to confirm their commitment.

A slide at the beginning of the meeting will present various ways to get more information about OLLI. They will be reminded that online signups are available; also keep their passwords/emails in a safe place so they can be remembered in the future. Board Members will be presented.

Barry will speak briefly about upcoming scholar speakers.

Lois will encourage Course sign ups.

Cindy will present a short, cartoon version of the budget.

Constantine will announce that the interest group tables are outside and may introduce IG that want to do a sales pitch.

6. **Interest Group organizing details**

Fred will share his interest group signs with Constantine.

Richard Bruce will host a table with information about the Puente Project. There is a possibility that this could become an interest group. Richard wants to ensure that all prospective volunteers understand the importance of their commitment to the organization.

Dennis reminded everyone that they should send him current updates about their interest groups for the OLLI calendar.

7. **Courses and OLLI registrations**

Lois said that there will be two courses that begin before the first general meeting. They are "World Affairs" and the "Adventures in Local Government". There should be an eblast before the first of September to make members aware of the dates of the

courses. Lois wants the email to go out shortly after the newsletter. The “Three R’s of Retirement” and “Creative Aging” cannot be signed up online due to limited class size. Constantine was concerned about the liability aspect of our interest groups. He may suggest a waiver for participants to sign. This will be carried over until the next meeting to discuss.

Mary wanted to start a women's' basketball interest group for next year. She anticipates that it will be a casual group. There is a possibility of a partnership with the University. Perhaps UCSC students could get credit for helping the group members exercise before playing. Mary has contacted Sara Caldwell from the Development Office. She might be able to sponsor some of the group activities on campus and maybe work with members on skills. This group was unanimously approved.

Mark inquired about some possible upcoming workshops at Colleges 9 & 10 regarding practical activism. He wondered if their quasi political components would be a problem for OLLI. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8. **Additions to agenda**

Constantine showed the members a public service announcement for OLLI that was created by members for Community TV.

Dennis will put a link to it on the website.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Parking and Sign**

Fred will give Margie a parking sign to place at the Mclaughlin street level, redirecting traffic to Porter College for the first meeting.

Board Member Reports

- **Treasurer’s Report**–Cindy presented a comprehensive budget report, comparing last year’s expenditures to 2017. She carefully analyzed the budget and will make refinements to save us money for next year. Some funds need to come out of our operating budget and others from the Osher account. Mark explained that the university finances are very complicated. It is important to determine which expenses are tax deductible or not. That will help with knowing which fund to use for each purpose.
- **Courses**–Lois said that we encourage potential Course Instructors that we know to apply.. The Art and Architecture group recently visited an art exhibit at the Resource Center for Nonviolence. They have space for us to rent and it is more economical than other choices, such as the Museum of Art and History. They have good AV and can host 180 people. The board voted unanimously to approve it as a venue and to get it added to the University vendor list.
- **Speaker Program**–Barry told us that Slawek Tulaczyk will be our first speaker. He is an expert on Antarctica ice sheets. For November, Shelly Stamp will speak about the role of women in the early days of the Hollywood film industry.

- **Membership**–Bonita will look into a comparison of membership from last year to the same time this year.
- **Facilities**–Mark announced that we have our own projector. It is for backup at various venues in case of venue projector failure. We need to be mindful of the venues’ AV setup. If we were to need a screen or microphone, Barry can get them for us inexpensively at the University Media Services Center or Fred can loan them to us.
- **Publicity**–Richard started an OLLI Facebook page. He asked for more people to “like” the OLLI page. He said that it is another form of advertising. Dennis will put a link to it on the home page. Lois inquired if we could put our list of classes on it and Richard replied in the affirmative.
- **Publications**–Fred will continue as the newsletter editor and Dennis as the editor of the webpage/calendar. Steve Zaslow will not continue in his editing capacity nor as a member of the Board of Directors.
- **STARS**–Bonita said that the STARS office is moving. The new space will still be in Kresge hall: 234 Third floor.
- **Scholarships**–Bill reported on his committee. Their goal is to approve 30 students for scholarships among 60 applicants. It was voted unanimously to approve the Scholarship Committee as a board level position.
- **Action Items**
 1. Constantine to identify active group leaders and send the results to Dennis.
 2. September general meeting email reminder shortly before the event.
 3. Fred will provide “Ask Me” buttons for the board members.
 4. Fred will make more trifold brochures.
 5. For 2 courses starting before the general meeting there needs to be an eblast before the first of September to make members aware of the course dates.
 6. Constantine to investigate interest group waivers.
 7. Mark will follow up with workshops at Colleges 9 & 10 regarding practical activism to see if they conflict with OLLI rules.

Next Meeting

Meet at Walnut Commons on September 11, 2017 at 10 am