

Zoom OLLI Board Meeting Notes, Rev. 1

Date: 03/15/2021

Participants: Bonita Sebastian, Cindy Margolin, Barry Bowman, Lois Widom, Karen Gamell, Mark Gordon, David Lieby, Bill Patterson, Dennis Morris, Kate Erstein, Gail Greenwood, Ginna Holcombe, DeShonne Keller, Sara Radoff, Guenter Vorlop, and invited guest Joya Chatterjee.

Motion Approvals:

1. Approval of February 2021 minutes.
2. Motion approved to have one time virtual election process, to announce next OLLI board nominees in April newsletter and to announce the election results in the May newsletter.
3. Motion approved to have next OLLI board meeting on 4/12/21 **changed** to 2:00 PM

Other Highlights:

4. **Bonita Sebastian:**
 - Membership at 446 now.
 - The Board of Directors with recommend slate of officers in the April General meeting and Ginna Holcombe agreed to be recommended as Vice President.
 - A handful of members paid already 2021/2022 membership dues. Bonita Sebastian requested not to mention membership renewals in Newsletters until late May/early June 2021.
5. **Mark Gordon and Joya Chatterjee**, election committee, gave overview on the election process using below content of power point chart as well as above motion:

One Time Virtual Election Process

Topic: Voting new Board members in person at April meeting, as per By Laws,

Reason: As Per CDC COVID guidelines large gatherings are still not permitted

Election Committee requests the following process and for a onetime exception of the by laws:

- Board adopt an “emergency” measure to permit a one-time change in the by-laws,
- Request Board members adopt and pass the motion to allow this year’s election via internet
- Following adoption:
- At April meeting when the nominees are set, indicate website where ballot will can be accessed.
 - Ballot can be done via Survey Monkey
 - Put ballot on the web site for people to vote on-line between the day after the April meeting until a week before the May meeting.
- During the week before the May meeting, current officers make sure all the voters are in fact members.
 - This can be done by making the website available to members only, or checking the list of eligible voters on Survey Monkey
- Announce the results in the May meeting

6. **Kate Erstein** suggested providing new Covid-19 guidelines to interest groups as some groups like to meet again in person. **Ginna Holcombe** wants to send out email to interest group leaders referring to eased CDC guidelines and that it is up to the leaders and their members to decide.
7. **Ginna Holcombe** wants to lead search for new interest groups.
8. **Dennis Morris** will take over membership administration and Bonita Sebastian graciously extended her support through the end of April. Main issues are mail and check handling which arrive at Bonita Sebastian's address. **Sara Radoff** suggested setting up a OLLI post office box - as well as brainstorming whether it makes sense trying to get additional OLLI staff support with the help of UCSC. Sara Radoff set up a zoom meeting with Dennis Morris, Bonita Sebastian, Ginna Holcombe, Barry Bowman and Mark Gordon on March 29th, 10-11 AM, to discuss further.
9. **Barry Bowman** will introduce Emily Aiken as speaker for 3/21 zoom general meeting, Lois Widom will have a short obit about co-founder and longtime OLLI member and friend Paula Faris who passed away last Saturday, Mark will speak about the upcoming board election process and Bill Patterson will introduce a scholarship recipient who wants to express his appreciation to OLLI members.
 - No April speaker yet.
 - Wants to provide Bonita Sebastian with course title of the planned 4 lecture course focused on the biographies of four scientists who discovered the nature of the gene. starting in May 2021.
 - Getting link ready to mail out for Roger Knacke's 5 lecture course on gravity starting March 31, 2021.
10. **Lois Widom:**
 - Barry Bowman is preparing his course on 4 scientists. Dates and times are not yet set, perhaps moving to Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
 - Fall 2021 courses in person not likely.
 - Recommended we think about building back our membership, including our reaching out to those members who did not join this year.
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11. **Cindy Margolin:**
 - \$ 2500 transfer "appreciation" for program sharing at college 9 and 10 facilities hasn't happen yet.
 - \$ 3700 record donations into scholarship fund. Members care!!
 - \$ 179 spent on database software .
12. **All:**
 - Streaming live courses and events with ability to ask questions for out of town members and those who cannot or prefer not to attend in person should be high on our list to accomplish. **Sara Radoff** can help with this – talking point on 3/27 meeting with Sara.
13. **David Lieby:** printing zoom links in Coast Lines in the Sentinel not recommended due to risk of abuse.

Next OLLI board meeting on April 12th, **this time at 2 PM.**

Notes prepared by Guenter Vorlop

The meeting for voting for new officers is the May General meeting not April. April is when we will present the BOD recommended slate of officers.

Dennis