

Zoom OLLI Board Meeting, Rev. 2

Date: 09/13/2021

Participants: Barry Bowman, Lois Widom, Mark Gordon, Dennis Morris, Ginna Holcombe, Kate Erstein, Cindy Margolin, Joya Chatterjee, Guenter Vorlop, DeShonne Keller, Sara Radoff, Karen Gamell, Bonita Sebastian, David Lieby

Motion Approvals and Agreements:

1. Approval of August 2021 minutes.

Other Highlights:

2. Cindy Margolin on Treasury Projection for 2021-22:

(a) Income:

500 members
10 Courses, ½ on Zoom for free
Donations same as in 2020-21

(b) Expenses:

UCSC same as 2019-20 (including student assistants)
Meetings: stick with 8
Office expenses same as 2019-20
Colleges 9/10 participation same as 2019-20
Scholarships same as 2020-21 (covered by reduced Membership & courses)
Fees plus Carry Over: should work through 2022-23

(c) New Expense Items:

Technology \$ 10K for hybridization of meetings (Zoom and live set ups).
Events – no member contributions, beginning of year, leadership appreciation and end of year.

- Comments from the board:

Barry Bowman found the projections reasonable.

Joya Chatterjee recommended that the projected \$ 10K technology expenses shall also be made available to the interest groups.

Sara Radoff pointed to Greg Carter (glcarter@ucsc.edu) and/or Dani Barker (dabarker@ucsc.edu) to tap into the University funding and let them buy what OLLI may request. It is easier to get \$\$\$ when purchases are requested in advance than after the fact and OLLI tries to get reimbursed.

3. Barry Bowman:

- General Zoom meeting is next Sunday 9/19/21, opening at 10 AM, 10:30 AM business meeting in which **Ginna Holcombe** wants to introduce 5-6 IGL's (with new groups or groups needing new members) to represent 1-minute

introductions. **Lois Widom** wants to talk about course that was not in the last newsletter, 11:00 AM speaker Martin Quigley, director of the UCSC Arboretum.

- The invitation list to the general zoom meeting shall be the same as last year plus new members.

4. **Mark Gordon:**

- College 9/10 opening timing is still fluid but the good news is that OLLI can use the building again for general meetings. Number of people currently limited to 150 which may become a problem.
- **Karen Gamell** mentioned that 9/10 attendance is between 170 and 240 people and that there may be an extra room available for the overflow. Mark Gordon wants to check it out (for audio/visual transmission).
- **Joya chatterjee** suggested checking available large conference rooms outside the University.
- **Barry Bowman** suggested a separate meeting with Greg Carter and Dani Barker to explain who we are.

5. **Barry Bowman on plans for October and November.**

- What are the rules? How many people are participating?
- October meetings will be Zoom again but November may be a possibility for in-person meetings. The University remains very cautious though.
- **Lois Widom** reports that Ronnie Gruhn gets a lot of complaints for not having in-person lectures.
- **Kate Erstein** reports that she has in-person meetings with 7 new members but only 2 via Zoom.
- **Mark Gordon** recommended telling people that OLLI will be open in-person as soon as the University opens up again.
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6. **Barry Bowman on Zoom use in interest groups and courses:**

- Anybody who has a UCSC email address can set up Zoom meetings via the University system. The Zoom host has to be present at the beginning of the meeting and then can delegate leadership if he/she wishes (or leave the meeting).
- **Sara Radoff** pointed out that Dani Barker can sponsor a Zoom meeting.
- **Mark Gordon** suggested that it would be ideal if all interest group leaders would get a UCSC email address for one year. **Sara Radoff** wants to consult Greg Carter and Dani Barker about feasibility and requested that one person (Ginna Holcombe) should collect all the IGL's data and deliver it to Greg Carter or Dani Barker.

- **Barry Bowman** offered to sponsor Kate Erstein's Zoom welcome meeting next week.

7. Denis Morris on Membership:

- Members for 2022 = 390. New members = 22. Members from 2021 not renewed = 151. Members in 2020 that didn't renew in 2021 or 2022 = 210. What to do about that?
- **Mark Gordon** suggested sending out newsletters to all 2020-21 and 2021-22 members.
- **Ginna Holcombe** showed us her postcard design (as always funny/touching/to the point) which have the objective to encourage non-paying members to join OLLI again. Karen Gamell wants to send her name of a printing company.

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8. Kate Erstein – welcoming new members

- **Kate Erstein** invited 32 new(er) members for an orientation meeting and 9 people accepted so far.
- A lengthy discussion followed about interest group members who are not OLLI members and ways how to get them to become members. No clear procedure was agreed upon ending with a motion. IGL's are not up-to-date with OLLI membership status of their members.
- **Barry Bowman** suggested to let other OLLI board members contact non-members and asked to join. Also recommended that IGL's should list their group members and send it to Dennis Morris who can check whether they are paying members or not. Bonita Sebastian offered help with the data handling. Barry Bowman also suggested checking out 10 groups first to get a flavor how much of a problem it is (or not).
- **Lois Widom** felt strongly that it should remain the task of the IGL to remind their group members that OLLI membership is prerequisite to join.

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9. Ginna Holcombe on Interest Groups:

- Will email IGL's to remind them their group members need to be current OLLI members and that annual dues support scholarships. Ginna Holcombe will attach to this email a simplified roster of current membership.
- The special Newsletter edition devoted to IGs will be delayed until renewal postcards are sent and, hopefully, renewals flood in.

10. Lois Widom on courses:

- On track with fall zoom classes but Jim Estes could not be reached despite several attempts. Barry Bowman will try to get in touch with him.

- MAH as a location is available, capacity 80 people max, may increase their fee slightly.
- **Karen Gamell** mentioned that new SPCA building may be an alternative location. Contact there is Ali _____
- **Ginna Holcombe** has a candidate lecturer who is interested doing a Zoom course and wants to find out whether he would do one without pay.
- **Lois Widom** checked in the past about using outside teachers for courses but they like to be paid which is not our policy.

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11. Bill Paterson (presented by Barry Bowman)

- We have 88 applications for scholarship versus 45 slots. Review process will start this week.

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12. David Lieby

- September 26, 2021 is the deadline for the newsletter.
- Group agreed to send hard copies to extended list, i.e. from last 2 years.
- In lieu of our September IG-sign-up meeting, a special Newsletter edition will contain all IG table signs with contact info to enable direct group; enrollment.

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Next OLLi meeting is on October 11th, 2021. Maybe outdoors at Barry Bowman's house.

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