

Hybrid OLLI Board Meeting, Rev. 2

Date: 10/11/2021

Participants: Barry Bowman, Lois Widom, Mark Gordon, Dennis Morris, Ginna Holcombe, Kate Erstein, DeShonne Keller, Sara Radoff, Karen Gamell, Bonita Sebastian, David Lieby, Bill Patterson, Dani Barker, Guenter Vorlop.

Motion Approvals:

1. Approval of September 2021 minutes.

Other Highlights:

2. Barry Bowman – October 2021 General Meeting planning:

- Next general Zoom meeting will be on 10/17/21 starting at 10:00 AM with breakout groups, 10:30 business meeting with Lois Widom, Mark Gordon, Ginna Holcombe, Barry Bowman will present Bill Patterson's report on scholarships. 11:00 AM speaker Carolyn Dean who did research on the art of the Incas.

3. Ginna Holcombe on Interest Groups:

- Will contact Greg Carter to establish Zoom sponsorship of IG leaders without UCSC email addresses
- Dan Merritt is the new Natural History interest group leader. Florence Orenstein no longer can lead the Ears in Action IG; perhaps her Who's Who piece in our next newsletter can promote this leadership need.
- The board decided that the special newsletter on interest groups should be sent out now.
- One of Kate's newcomers suggested one- or two-session "mini" IGs (aka "pop-ups" by Mark) to discuss a particularly interesting book, movie, sports event, etc Members could provide topic and contact info for a pop-up to be posted on our website (by Dennis) or in our newsletter (by Ginna). Barry Bowman and Ginna Holcombe will get together and finalize the idea.
- Another of Kate's newcomers recommended Facebook for enabling members to communicate directly; Dennis Morris pointed out that OLLI has had an unused Facebook page already.

4. Sara Radoff on STARS.

- Working on ways to provide support for OLLI by moving it from STARS to another unit within the Division of Student Affairs. Dani Barker, Special Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor of Student affairs will help in the transition. It has not yet been determined which person at the university will become the OSHER Director for OLLI.

5. Mark Gordon on General Meetings in November and beyond:

- Multiple purpose room at college 9/10 building is currently used by UCSC as cafeteria but is available on weekends for OLLI. Restrictions though are 150 people max and seats 6 feet apart. As OLLI general meetings host over 200 people that restriction will not work and Mark Gordon expects the November general meeting via Zoom again and probably into next year until the restrictions are lifted.
- The relationship with the 9/10 administrators and OLLI are very good and the future use of the room for OLLI is secured.

6. Lois Widom on Courses:

- Some candidate presenters don't want to lecture on Zoom and want to know when in person courses can be taught again. The group decided earliest to "think about" is January 2022 but it probably will take longer.
- The Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History (MAH) allows and enforces 80 persons max which is a problem as around 100 like to participate in the past.

7. Bill Patterson on Scholarships:

- There were 88 applications this year, a reduction of 16 from previous year.
- About 30, 1/3 were lacking of a collegiate level of response, a percentage higher than in previous years.
- 17 were highly worthy applications, also below previous year.
- Sara Radoff pointed out that our \$ 1500 scholarship is enticing to students to apply for.
- Bill Patterson wants to know the list of donors and wants to send an email request to Dennis Morris who has the information.

8. Karen Gamell and Dennis Morris on Memberships:

- Membership reminder postcards were sent out last Wednesday.
- Dennis Morris compared current membership to first part of October compared to last year: 429 versus 316. Most likely we will end up with > 500 members by the end of the year which compares pretty well against 2019 (543) and 2018 (520).
- Dennis Morris wants a gift report which Sara Radoff will provide.

9. Kate Erstein on Newcomers:

- We had only 4 newcomers in September. To meet in person, people like to see at least 6, a number which may be reached in November.

10. David Lieby on Newsletters:

- Next deadline is 10/27/21.
- Mark Gordon got the latest newsletter and noticed \$ 1.56 postage stamp. Appears to be overpaid. David Lieby wants to check with Martha ?, the printing company who sends out about 200-300 copies each month. Mark Gordon

doesn't want to give up the blanket order we have with Martha, just wants to know the cost in advance.

11. Cindy Margolin - Treasurer's Report:

- Could not attend today. Barry Bowman pointed out that we are on sound footing financially.

12. Sara Radoff is working on the annual report to the OSHER Foundation due on 10/27/21. The group brainstormed about our activities and accomplishments which Sara Radoff will summarize and send to the OLLI board for review later this week with a request for feedback by 10/26/21.

Next OLLI board meeting is on 11/15/21 from 10 AM to Noon.