

**ICLRU BOARD MEETING
MINUTES ---FEBRUARY 20, 2017
10:00 AM**

Present: Joan Brody, Henrietta Leary, Les Miller, John Wiese, Steve Wolf and Andrea Zietlow

Absent: Sue Harty and Sue Masterson

Guest: Caryn Amster

1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum

- A. President John Wiese called the meeting to order and said that we had a quorum with 6/9 members present.

- B. John Wiese paid tribute to Jim Kacena, recalling that he was a regular coordinator with Bob Allen, had a good sense of humor and wit, and was a source of ideas who will be missed. Bob Allen will coordinate their class in the spring.

2. Review of the January 2017 Minutes

Andrea Zietlow asked if the check had been sent out in honor of Paul Green. John Wiese responded that it had and that we received acknowledgement from President Ali Malekzadeh.

3. Approval of the January 2017 Minutes

John Wiese asked for a motion; Joan Brody moved to approve the January 2017 minutes; 2nd by Steve Wolf; motion carried.

4. Approval of 2017 Nominating Chair

John Wiese asked Mike Glass to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee and Mike's committee includes Marlene Brusko, Jean Link, and George Venetis from the members-at-large and Sue Masterson and John Wiese from the Board. Henrietta Leary moved that the board approve Mike Glass as the Nominating Committee Chair, 2nd by Les Miller; motion approved.

5. Approval of the 2017 Nominating Committee Procedures (Nominating Committee Procedures that have been used for several years are attached)

Andrea Zietlow moved that the nominating committee procedures be approved; 2nd by Henrietta Leary; motion carried.

6. 2018 Winter Lecture Series Caryn Amster

A. Caryn Amster, Chair of the Lecture Committee and the Board Members had a general discussion of the Lecture Series. The goal is that the Lecture Series be the intellectual highlight of the year.

B. The board suggested a variety of speakers and topics, including local area professors, such as Dr. Artemis Ward of Northern Illinois University. Roosevelt University has a number of potential future speakers such as from the Pharmacy College, and Dean Henry Fogel from the Chicago College of Performing Arts, who has a vast knowledge of classical music, or David Schrader, who is knowledgeable about music history. Diversified subjects, such as art and science, would be appreciated by the membership. Jeff Nigro is a popular art history speaker. Members of Congress such as Raja Krishnamoorthi could talk about the mechanics of government and what could be done for constituents.

C. John Wiese informed Caryn that he would check the total speakers' fees that were approved by the board for the 2017 budget.

E. John recommended guidelines for selecting lecturers. The Illinois Speakers' Bureau or a speakers' network could be a resource, as are local senior centers, Friendship Village, The Moorings, etc. A preliminary meeting could be held in June to develop topics and perhaps the committee might share their plan with the board. The Committee could review a list of potential speakers at the 2nd committee meeting. If there is a strong objection among the committee to a speaker, that person should be eliminated.

F. Quality is more important to the board than a particular number of speakers. A question on the number of lectures was deferred until the whole board is present.

G. The Lecture Committee does check speakers' references.

H. The current lecture committee consists of Caryn Amster, Chair and Henrietta Leary and Gordon Palmer. Selwyn Schwartz would like to be considered for a recent vacancy on the committee. A suggestion was made that the Lecture Committee Chair should invite additional members who appear to be a good fit to join the meeting.

7. Proposed Lecture Series Agreement with The Moorings of Arlington Heights - Selwyn Schwartz and John Wiese

Selwyn Schwartz, Henrietta Leary, and John Wiese visited The Moorings to discuss a potential agreement with ICLRU. They presented background on ICL and our agreement with Friendship Village. The Moorings definitely want to work with us, however, Marie Lanza, spokesperson for The Moorings, indicated they have already committed their budget for this year. They may have some flexibility in their budget to do a smaller program this summer. John Wiese invited Marie Lanza to come to any of our lectures. She indicated that Wednesday morning lectures were preferable to Fridays, because transportation is more easily available on Wednesdays.

Les Miller suggested that the Program Development Chair/Committee not schedule study groups on Wednesday mornings in summer to accommodate lectures more easily. ICLRU plans to recognize The Moorings as lecture sponsors prior to each lecture and reserve 25 seats. We would welcome any topics that The Moorings would like to suggest; however, ICLRU would maintain responsibility for selecting and scheduling speakers. There was no discussion of holding lectures at The Moorings; this may be possible in the future, but parking is a problem. John Wiese will follow up this week with a letter outlining benefits of an agreement with ICLRU. ICLRU would welcome the opportunity to add 3-5 summer lectures to the program. John will post a flyer about The Moorings on the ICLRU bulletin board.

8. “Feed Your Spirit” joint event with Friendship Village, Harper College and ICLRU - Update, John Wiese

John Wiese mentioned that Harper College and Friendship Village are talking about bringing in 200-300 attendees for this event. We are to provide 4 speakers and Harper will provide 4 speakers. Some possible ICLRU speakers include Peter Marron, Bob Allen, Pam/Steve Novey, and Rem Stokes. The next meeting is March 6 at Harper College in the W building.

9. Generation Rx Preventing the Misuse and Abuse of Prescription Medications – Update, John Wiese

A. John Wiese said that at present no progress has been made with a pharmacy speaker.

B. Ellecia Bernard would prefer a stand-alone event for a 45-minute presentation. John Wiese doesn't think we will get a large enough turnout.

10. Spring '50s Party – Update, Andrea Zietlow

Henrietta Leary said that the food and candy have been ordered. We have solicited people to help. She suggested having Bob Masterson send an email to those who signed up to remind them that if they can't come they should let us know. We also need to encourage attendees to wear period costumes. She also suggested that Bob Masterson tell the 2 people on the waiting list that they can come.

11. ICLRU Master Calendar

A. Selection of the Spring/Summer Intersession Dates.

Comparable Tuesday and Wednesday dates in 2017 are: May 30 and 31 and June 6 and 7 and June 13 and 14.

B. Ice Cream Social – July 12 at 3 pm (pending room approval from RU)
This is OK.

C. Summer Picnic – Friday, August 4 (pending Park District approval)
This is OK.

12. Treasurer's Report

Joan Brody said that bank statements arrived that enable Bob Masterson to reconcile the month of December, but not January. We have 438 members.

13. Committee Reports

A. Marge Olszewski requested that white strips be placed on the stairs in Room 706 as she has seen several people almost fall. John Wiese said he would ask for this.

B. Events --- Henrietta Leary mentioned that the musical at the Lyric Theater next year is *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Other possible events include a trip to the Chicago Historical Group, a Route 66 Field Trip, the Klaremont Kollection of vehicles in April or May and a Murder Mystery in Geneva that would cost \$75 and would include lunch, but no transportation. John Wiese mentioned that Schaumburg also has a murder mystery, but no meal. The advantage is that being a lot closer, more people would probably attend. Henrietta Leary said that she would check into this.

Selwyn Schwartz and Jack McKee are planning a behind the scenes trip to Wrigley Field.

14. Other?

A. John Wiese mentioned that he would like to ask Selwyn Schwartz to fill the unexpired term for Jim Kacena. Henrietta Leary moved that Selwyn be asked to fill the vacancy; 2nd by Les Miller; motion carried.

B. Andrea Zietlow brought up offering some type of donation for Jim. Joan Brody moved that in lieu of flowers we make a \$75 donation to the American Red Cross. This was 2nd by Steve Wolf; the motion carried. John Wiese said he would take care of this.

C. Steve Wolf brought up that he has been Chairman of the Program Development Committee since 2009 and that he took it over from Sue Harty. He had agreed to do so because he saw ways to improve the manpower requirement. He got together with Bob Masterson and Mike Thompson and put together the current system. However, this has turned into a one-person job.

The qualifications for the position are a basic familiarity with Microsoft Word, Power Point, and Excel. He turns over the brochure to Mike Thompson and the schedule goes to Bob Masterson. Bob sends out solicitations for proposals; Steve puts the submissions into standard proposal form. As soon as Steve is finished with a term, he copies the entire brochure, etc, and sends it to Bob. Steve has two Power Point collections of images that he uses for the brochure.

At the end of the spring term, Steve will resign as Program Chair since he has been doing this for 8 years. Steve would be willing to mentor someone new, along with Bob Masterson and Mike Thompson.

Andrea Zietlow said that since she is already doing something similar for the Intersession classes, she would be willing to do this. Joan Brody agreed to help her.

15. Next Board Meeting Date: Friday, March 24 at 10 AM

16. Adjournment

Les Miller moved to adjourn the meeting (12:15 p.m.) There was a 2nd by Henrietta Leary, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Andrea Zietlow
for Susan Masterson