



The Spiral

Newsletter of the Center for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina Aiken

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President's Message

Greetings

As I write this letter, we have finished our first year as the Center for Lifelong Learning. We have been very successful in all areas. The many and diverse General Interest courses were well attended and were well received by you. The Technology courses were overflowing in some cases which required adding repeat sections. Financially we were able to cover all expenses.

Steve Gordy and Raleigh Daniel with the support of their hard-working curriculum committees have prepared an excellent listing of about 60 courses that will be taught this fall. The catalog is being printed and should be distributed around the first of August. More good news, the prices have not changed from the Spring semester.

The Open house planning is underway for August 17, 2022; 9 – 12 Noon in Room 122 of the B&E building USCA. Courses will start on September 6, 2022. We are planning a Book Fair, similar to last year for September 24, 2022 in the Etherredge center. You should plan to attend.

As we have stated earlier, the majority of our classes will be held in room 144 of the B&E building or the Tech Center for the technology courses. For those courses that exceed classroom capacity we will “rent larger rooms” or perhaps have two sections of a course as we have done a few times this year. If the classroom must be changed due to overcapacity the change will be posted on our web site aikenlearning.org. I firmly believe that this will make the sched-

ule easier to execute. We are very fortunate to have the continuing support of USCA and the Continuing Education staff.

While our year was very successful we operated as two organizations under our central umbrella. In an effort to treat all volunteers equally, the Board has approved a reduction of \$20 in membership fee for active Technology coaches and liaisons for General Interest courses. They are not required to pay for the classes they are coaching or the class they are assigned to liaison.

I would like to welcome David Tavernier as the new President and Raleigh Daniel as Vice- President for next year, and Debbi Brooks, Liz Malyszek, and Don Bozeman as new board members.

My warm thanks to Ellen Wood as she leaves the Board, for her hard, dedicated work to the organization and as Board Secretary for several years.

It is my observation that each of you, as members, are a part of a unique and worthwhile organization that is supported and sponsored by USCA. We have members driving from Lexington and Columbia to attend our courses because there is not a similar organization there. We, the Board, ask that you continue that support and please, tell all your friends and neighbors about our educational opportunities.

If you would like to be part of the administration of our organization, please let me or any Board member know. The input, dedication and effort of every volunteer is vital to our continued success. New voices and

ideas are always desired and required if we are to be successful.

I look forward to seeing each of you on campus this fall as we make the second year bigger and better than the first year.

Wayne Rickman, CLL President
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Board Positions Filled for Next Year

The Center for Lifelong Learning has filled the following volunteer Board positions for the 2022-23 academic year:

President: David Tavernier
 Vice President: Raleigh Daniel
 Immediate Past President: Wayne Rickman
 Secretary: Debbie Brooks
 Treasurer: Liz Malyszek
 General Interest Curric. Chair: Steve Gordy
 Technology Curric. Chair: Don Bozeman
 Publicity Chair: Jim Tesserani
 Volunteer Chair: Nancy Hughes
 Newsletter Editor: Doug Wilson
 Webmaster: Jim Brown

Still needed: Assistant Chairs for both Curriculum Committees

These Board members will serve one year terms, beginning July 1.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT FALL

The General Interest and Technology Curriculum Committees are putting the final touches on the offerings for next term. There again are a wide array of classes planned where nearly everyone should be able to find something of interest.

Some key dates:

- Catalog release target date first week of August
- Open House and Registration Opening day August 17
- First classes begin September 6

- Last classes end November 17

As the summer progresses, check the aikenlearning.org website for the latest updated information.

TENTATIVE FALL OFFERINGS LIST

The following offerings tentatively are planned for the Fall 2022 term. Full details will be available when the Fall catalog is released..

Who's Afraid of Opera

Everything has a Past: Intellectual and Developmental Disability in the Modern World

Excel Basic

Falun Dafa Cultivation and Meditation

Story Cycle Versus Composite Anthology: Lesser Mountains and Magic, Mystery, Madness: Electric Ekphrastics

Learning to Use Your iPad/iPhone

America's Gilded Age

Great Decisions

Computer Security and Privacy

Exploring Windows 10

China's Population Control Policies and Consequences

Cathedrals of Europe: The Sky's the Limit

How to Fight Back Against Computer Scams

Making the Most of Your Words

Introduction to Chromebooks

Exercise Is Medicine

Insulin Resistance, Modern Disease, and the Power of Exercise and Nutrition

Home Security

Eater's Digest: The Care and Feeding of Your Microbiome

World War II in Europe: The United States in the European Theater of Operations

Using the iPhone/iPad Camera & Photo App

African Americans and Hollywood

Politics, Pottery, and Moonshine: A Look at how Edgefield Evolved

Home Surveillance Systems

Facebook Security

Introduction to Zumba Gold

Apple Technology Special Interest Group

Row on Row: US Military Graves, Cemeteries, and Memorials

A Sketch of Ancient Rome: Its History and Society

Introduction to Digital Networks

Intro to Art / Drawing

Learning to Use Your Android Device

The Personal Story of Martha Kitchings Seawright Ellison

Google Picasa Photo Editing
 Identity Theft and Personal Safety
 Introduction to Yoga Gold
 History in Headstones: The Last Writes
 Snakes of South Carolina
 TV Streaming
 Forensic Science, Solving Crimes, Identifying Killers
 Excel Advanced
 The Exciting World of Music
 Evolution of The Masters: The Creation and Rise of a Major
 Championship
 Mac File Management (MacOS)
 Line Dancing
 Tetradrachms of the Ancient World
 A Dirty Little Secret: Soil Degradation and Reclamation
 Murphy's Law at War: Four Battles That Went Awry
 Transitioning from PC to Mac Computers
 Climate Change and the Trends We've Seen Locally
 The Thompson Family: Untold Stories from the Past (1830-
 1960)
 Exploring Amazon Fire Tablets
 The History of Horse Sports In Aiken
 Apple Watch
 Introduction to Tai Chi
 Use iCloud with Your iPad/iPhone
 Discovering Hidden Biodiversity in the World Around Us:
 Reptiles and Amphibians
 Founding Fathers: the Men Who Built Aiken
 Pinterest
 Friendship as We Age

April 8, 2022 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the May 13 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Wayne Rickman, Immediate Past President Harriet Haynes, Vice President David Tavernier, General Interest Curriculum Chair Steve Gordy, Volunteer Chair Nancy Hughes, Spiral Editor Doug Wilson, Treasurer and USCA Asst. Director of Ext. Programs Michael St. John, Webmaster Jim Brown (virtual), Liz Malyszek, and Secretary Ellen Wood.

- The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by President Wayne Rickman.
- The minutes of the 3/11/22 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michael noted that finances are essentially 'healthy'. Liz reported that some information is missing and cannot be obtained from the data base. Wayne asked Michael and Liz to put some information together and mail it to the Board. Liz recommended that CLL continue with same pricing for upcoming semester.

Review of registration stats: Wayne

- Enrollment – 389
- Sessions enrolled for – 1966

General Interest Curriculum Committee: Steve reported 36 classes and 2-3 field trips are scheduled for fall semester. Planning is underway for the 2023 Book Fair. Location and publicity to be decided.

Technology Interest Curriculum Committee: Wayne reported for Raleigh that all but 2 of the fall tech classes can be held in McGrath. He also noted the passing of Ralph Dale, Tech's longtime 'Windows 10' man.

Publicity Committee Report: Jim T. reviewed the status of the Publicity Action Plan (refer to handout). He thinks we've probably reached our maximum goal (400 participants) for now. Discussion of marketing budget of \$3500. Plans for marketing the fall Book Fair, in addition to those mentioned in the Action Plan, include an emphasis on panel speakers, and a listing and ad in CLL Fall catalogue. Rack card is under development.

Volunteer Committee: Nancy reported last month's volunteer appreciation event was a success. Suggestion that this event be held semi-annually. Committee is planning to develop a volunteer profile database and an orientation for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS: Wayne

Change in Policies & Procedures language. Final approval given to clarifications in sections 4.2.2 and 7.2.4 (on file).

Distribution of new pens to Board member with further distribution at Kauffman luncheon and to Technology and General Interest committees.

Kauffman Dinner: Harriet reports upwards of 65 RSVPs, including all four scholarship recipients.

Thursday, April 21, 12:00 – 2:00 pm room 116

Scholarship Issues: Discussions were held regarding the Scholarships that affect the CLL, including the money that was transferred to CLL from the McGrath Computer Learning Center dissolution. It was agreed that the McGrath money would be placed in the Academy of Lifelong Learning Endowment fund as money available for scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Work: Discussion of need for clarity in the reporting of the current 4 endowment funds, which total about \$60,000. They are managed as one, by USCA, but reported separately. Board voted and approved moving the McGrath funds (approximately \$999) into the Academy for LL Endowment and spending those monies down.

Fall Catalog status: David announced 'copy to proof' due on June 27; information currently in the hands of course liaisons and/or instructors. Attention must be given to number of classes to be held outside of room 144. Suggestion to implement word count for both course description and instructor bio to reduce size. Other suggestions included using page numbers; implementing a course index as a convenient way to locate a given course; making use of Doug's course

calendar in the Spiral; and selling ads (need to figure out the process).

Agreement with USCA: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted by Rickman and Crook. Submitted to USCA Legal for review; expecting resolution and signing by July 1, 2022.

Proposed Board Additions:

- a) External Offerings and Relations – no decision.
- b) Catalog Coordinator – voted and approved – Doug will write up a description for inclusion in the bylaws.
- c) Scholarship Coordinator – this will be tracked by the Treasurer

Liz Malyszek approved as Treasurer. This will necessitate a change in Article VII, #5 in the CLL Bylaws to reflect that the position of treasurer is to be held by a Board member, elected by the Board for a one-year term with voting rights. Doug will write up.

Other Business: Wayne passed around a list with Board officer vacancies for 2022-2023. Slate will be voted on at May meeting.

Next meeting May 13 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Wood, Secretary

May 13, 2022 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the June10 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Wayne Rickman, Immediate Past President Harriet Haynes, Vice President David Tavernier, General Interest Curriculum Chair Steve Gordy, Technology Committee Chair Raleigh Daniels, Volunteer Chair Nancy Hughes, Spiral Editor Doug Wilson, USCA Asst. Director of Ext. Programs Michael St. John, and Ruth Poland, administrative assistant in the Continuing Education Dept.

- The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Wayne Rickman.
- The minutes of the 4/8/22 Board meeting were approved.
- Changes to the bylaws proposed at the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

A preliminary treasurer's report was provided. There will be some continuing effort to fill in the blanks on the report, since the semester continues thru June and all the numbers are not in yet.

The actual number of memberships for the spring semester needs to be clarified.

A discussion about reducing the membership fee for liaisons and those coaches who take actually take classes to \$15.

General Interest Curriculum Committee:

Steve noted that next semester both the General Interest Curriculum Committee and the Technology Committee will use the same form for evaluations.

The curriculum committee has 37 classes for fall semester.

September 24 will be the date for the bookfair, to be held in the Etheredge Center Lobby.

A question was asked about the availability and cost of renting Penland 106—Steve will get some information.

Technology Interest Committee:

Raleigh says the Technology group has for fall the same number of classes as the spring semester (approx. 15), with the addition of a new class on malware by Gabriel Lemnar.

Publicity Committee Report:

A proposal to add a BLOG to our webpage was discussed. More information is needed, and a writing schedule drawn up to keep information on the blog current, if adopted.

A full-page ad in the Aiken Standard for July 31 and August 14 was recommended.

A new ad for the Woodside/Cedar Creek magazines is needed to replace the original ad. Information has been submitted for the media group to develop one. The magazine will allow us to submit a free article, if we can get the information to them by May 20.

Rack card: Professional pictures by a campus photographer are scheduled May 19.

Volunteer Committee:

We had no new volunteers during the spring semester. We currently have about 55 volunteers.

Next Volunteer Celebration proposed to be in November/December timeframe.

Setting up a data base to collect information on the interests/abilities of all volunteers is being explored. It would be available to the chairs of the committees so that they could find a volunteer with the qualities needed for a certain position.

OLD BUSINESS:

USCA /Center for LifeLong Learning Memorandum of Understanding is still in progress.

The idea of selling ads to help pay for catalog was revisited. Michael's recommendation was to start at the low end of pricing. No decision was made, and the idea will be taken up at a future board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and approved to rename the existing Technology Center to **Ralph Dale Technology Center**, to honor the longtime head of the Windows 10 technology group, who died recently.

Preliminary nominations for 2022-2023 board members was presented, but listing was not complete. Voting on completed nominations will be done at the June board meeting.

It was decided that nametags for volunteers and board members would be ordered for the fall semester. Options for the type of nametags to be used will be pursued, and the nametags ordered before the fall semester starts. No one was assigned to the task.

CLL banners for room 144 and for the Tech Center will be needed before the fall semester starts. No one was assigned to the task.

2022 Fall semester catalog preliminary dates were:

All initial information to the catalog designer by October 1.

Finalized information to designer Oct 15.

Next meeting June 10 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Haynes

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**Have a GREAT SUMMER !
We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.**