



The Spiral

March, 2008

President's Message

Greetings,

I want to thank the membership for the wonderful turnout at the February general meeting to hear our speaker Ed Heffelfinger. I encourage you all to attend these meetings because this is yet another way for us to communicate with our membership.

We will have a change in speakers for the March meeting. Our visiting Chinese professors, who were to address us, have made travel plans for that date, which coincides with the University's spring break. The new speaker is Dr. Roger Deal who is on the faculty of USCA and will speak about the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians (and other Arabs as well) as one of colonialism. Dr. Deal brings a new perspective to this conflict and his view will help us to understand both the fundamental differences between the parties, and the ways in which other interpretations of the conflict can be understood.

Vince Coughlin, Academy President

Candidate for President-Elect Still Needed

The upcoming general meeting on March 14th is our annual election of officers.

Before becoming involved recently with the Academy Board as new editor of *The Spiral*, I thought the Academy was a program run by USC-Aiken, with a little assistance from some volunteers. Now I know it is just the opposite. Our Academy is a volunteer-run organization that is fortunate to have assistance from some helpful folks at USC-Aiken. This means that, from an Academy member standpoint, things

don't "just happen" - somebody has to step forward to MAKE them happen.

This year's nominating committee, after contacting all active Academy members that were not known to have already served as officers, have been unable to find anybody willing to serve as President-Elect for next year. The President-Elect performs the duties of the President in his/her absence, oversees the formation and election of the Nominating Committee and guides its activities in an ex-officio capacity, and accepts assignments from the President, including ex-officio membership on designated committees. Also, the President-Elect assumes the duties of the President the following year.

If you truly value the Academy and all it provides to you and your fellow members, won't you please consider donating some of your time to the Academy and place your name in nomination for the President-Elect position? Feel free to call me at 643-9187 or email me at spiral@email.toast.net.

Doug Wilson, Nominating Committee Chair

February Board Meeting Summary

- The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Vince Coughlin at 12:27pm, February 8, 2008.
- Kathy Reiter read the Secretary's report of the January meeting which was approved.
- Roy Wright presented the Treasurer's report which was approved. The Treasurer suggested that the Academy consider increasing our donation to the University endowment and scholarship funds. President Elect, Larry Peyser will meet with representatives of the University to discuss these

financial issues and report to the Board at the March Board meeting.

- Mike Lythgoe suggested that the Academy use some of the earnings from the Julie Thurlow Watson endowment fund to purchase a lavalier microphone for our instructors and speakers as well as a lectern bearing the emblem of the Academy for use in Penland 106. The present lectern is the property of the University and is often moved to other rooms on campus. Research on price of the lectern and microphone will be conducted.
- Judy Perkins and Elizabeth Majors, co-chairpersons of publicity will keep a journal of Academy publicity and will contact our Archivist, Beecher Morton, to gather information from him. They will also meet with Jennifer Connor, Director of University Marketing and Community Relations, to coordinate publicity for the Academy.
- Doug Wilson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for the upcoming year to the Board. A candidate for President-Elect is still being sought.

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

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Academy Officers: Vince Coughlin, President; Mike Lythgoe, Immediate Past President; Larry Peyser, President Elect; Kathy Reiter, Secretary, and Roy Wright, Treasurer.

Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:

Board of Directors: Jack Perkins, Curriculum Chair; Erna Arkin, Curriculum Chair-Elect; Judy Perkins and Elizabeth Majors, Publicity Co-Chairs; Elayne Kantor, Membership Chair.

Non-Members: Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Director of Conferences & Continuing Education; Dr. Bill Brockington, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

Academy on the Web:

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MARCH 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 10am <i>To Bee or Not to Bee</i> [P106]	4 11am <i>I –The Brain</i> [P106]	5 9am <i>Curriculum Committee</i> 2pm <i>Shakespeare The Tempest</i> [P106] 3:30pm <i>Cost of Free Exercise Clause</i> [CC]	6 10am <i>Made in China</i> [P106] 1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P110]	7 8:45am <i>Bus Trip to Washington, GA</i> [Parking Lot "A" - USCA Campus]	8
9	10 10am <i>To Bee or Not to Bee</i> [P106]	11 11am <i>I –The Brain</i> [P106]	12 11am – 3pm "The Southerner" [P106] 3:30pm <i>Cost of Free Exercise Clause</i> [CC]	13 <u>(No Made in China Class Today)</u> 1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P110]	14 12:30pm <i>Board Meeting</i> 2pm, <i>General Meeting ELECTION</i> [P106]	15
16	17 10am <i>To Bee or Not to Bee</i> [P106]	18 1am <i>I –The Brain</i> [P106]	19 3:30pm <i>Cost of Free Exercise Clause</i> [CC]	20 10am <i>Made in China</i> [P106] <u>(No Great Decisions Class today)</u>	21	22
23	24 1pm <i>Painting thru Poetry</i> [P106]	25 1am <i>I –The Brain</i> [P106]	26 3:30pm <i>Cost of Free Exercise Clause</i> [CC]	27 10am <i>Made in China</i> [P106] 1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P110]	29	29
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[Location Codes]

P = Penland Building at USCA

CC = Cedar Creek Community Building