

February, 2010

President's Message

The Winter/Spring semester is off to a fine start with a number of very interesting courses and more to come. Please plan to attend the February general meeting where you will have the opportunity to hear Elliot Levy, Director of the Aiken County Historical Museum, discuss the History of Aiken.

I'd like to call your attention to two important articles elsewhere in this issue, dealing with proposed revisions of the Academy By-Laws and a call for Academy Officer Candidates. During the March business meeting we shall vote on the proposed revisions to the By-Laws which are included as an attachment to *The Spiral*. The purpose of the revision is to streamline the By-Laws and to facilitate prompt action of issues that come before the Board of Directors.

Vince Coughlin, Academy President

Course Schedule Change for March

Dr. David Andrews' *Intelligence: What it is, How it Works and Doesn't* course will begin one week earlier than is indicated in the published catalog. The new dates are March 4, 11, 25 and April 1. The class will not meet March 18.

Call for Academy Officer Candidates

Are you under the impression the Academy for Lifelong Learning is a program run by USC-Aiken, with a little assistance from some volunteers? It's actually 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" – it takes a fair amount of effort on the part of Academy members to keep things rolling.

The slate of officers for the 2010-2011 academic year is now being assembled. The offices to be filled are President-Elect (to assume duties of President the following year), Secretary, and Treasurer. Other

elected positions are Curriculum Chairperson-Elect (to assume duties of Chairperson the following year), Public Relations Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions, or as a worker on the Curriculum Committee, please contact the current Academy President-Elect, Glenn Knowles (642-9883, jeanglennknowles@bellsouth.net).

Aiken Historical Museum Director to Address Academy at February 12 General Meeting



Elliot Levy, Director of the Aiken County Historical Museum, will address the Academy at the next General Meeting. With 2010 being the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Aiken, his discussion of the *History of Aiken* is

sure to be of interest to long time residents and newcomers alike. The meeting will be held at 2 pm in room 106 of the Penland Administration Building on the USCA campus. As always, non-Academy visitors are welcome, and are encouraged to attend. A reception with refreshments will follow the meeting.

Update to Academy Bylaws

The Academy Board this year formed a committee to review our Bylaws to assure they conform to the current needs and practices of the Academy. Under the direction of President-Elect Glenn Knowles, the Committee has been working for several months and has identified some areas where revisions are recommended.

In the five years since the Bylaws were last reviewed, it has become increasingly difficult to get members to attend the monthly General Meetings. Much work goes into arranging speakers for these meetings, and the turnout is generally very low, bringing the amount of effort needed to bring these meetings together into question. The proposed Bylaw revisions would give the Board the ability to schedule General Meetings at a frequency that better reflects the level of member interest.

The General meetings are also where any needed Academy business that must be approved by the

membership is handled, and with only a handful of members present, any votes taken, although binding, only reflect the opinions of a small portion of the membership. Under the proposed revisions, Election of officers will still be carried out by a vote of the membership at a General Meeting, however the need for membership approval of several more minor issues would be removed: the annual formation of the Nominating Committee and the confirmation of any needed mid-term officer replacements.

Other more minor changes remove the requirement for forming several committees and subcommittees that we routinely function very well without.

A copy of the proposed Bylaw revision is included as an attachment to this issue of *The Spiral*, with all proposed changes identified in red. Proposed deletions are ~~lined through~~, and additions are underlined.

The membership will vote on whether to adopt these revisions a month from now at the General Meeting, scheduled for March 12.

Special Event, February 1: Leonardo da Vinci

From the Workshops of the Italian Renaissance: Leonardo da Vinci will be presented by Dr. John A. Elliott, Associate Professor of Art History at USC Aiken. He will discuss the relationship between Leonardo and his master, Andrea del Verrocchio, plus Leonardo's influence on other Renaissance masters, such as Rustici and Rubens. Before the class date, please consider visiting the High Museum in Atlanta (www.high.org) to view the new exhibit entitled "Leonardo da Vinci: Hand of the Genius" (October 6, 2009 – February 21, 2010).

Date: Monday, Feb 1
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Humanities 103



January Issue Calendar Errata

There were some errors in Academy calendar published in the January issue of *The Spiral*. The initial meeting of the Relativity and Einstein class on January 14 was erroneously shown as a session of the Former Soviet South class. The third session of the Opera class on January 25 was erroneously shown as a Curriculum committee meeting. Also, *The Spiral* was not informed of a late time change for the Former Soviet South class, which meets at 3pm rather than 2pm as was indicated in the published

catalog. *The Spiral* apologizes for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

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Courses and Events Beginning This Month

Please see the published course catalog for more complete descriptions. To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / lauraa@usca.edu). The Spring 2010 catalog is available on the web at: <http://web.usca.edu/dotAsset/43789.pdf>

Four Writers On Writing: Their Own Writing and Their Favorite Writers – Four local/regional writers, one per week, will discuss their writing and those of a favorite writer of their choosing.

Dates: 4 Mondays, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Animal Behavior - Assistant Professor of Biology Michelle Vieyra will present a course on the fascinating world of animal behavior, including communication, predator-prey interactions and reproductive strategies.

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Japanese Cooking - Ami Carlson, a native of Japan, will share some of the basics and secrets of Japanese cuisine. Recipes will be provided at all four sessions. A \$20 fee covers the cost of food, paper products and utensils. **Class is limited to 15 students.**

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church

All-Stars of Psychology - Academy member and former Advanced Placement Psychology teacher Ken Brace will examine contemporary research in Psychology, covering the work of Robert Sternberg, Philip Zimbardo, Martin Seligman and Howard Gardner. Topics to be discussed will include: Intelligence,

Optimism, Obedience to Authority, and Reciprocal Determinism.

Dates: 4 Thursdays, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Cedar Creek Community Center

Planning for Your Care in Your Later Years- This class will present options to consider when planning for your future as you age. Kathy Crist, B.S. in Family Resources and owner/administrator for "Right At Home" will be the presenter.

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, Feb. 9, 16, 23, and Mar. 2

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin., Rm. 106

Wine Tasting - The Academy is again offering its popular wine tasting class. Lorraine Riley will delight your palate with Australian wines and appropriate heavy hors d'oeuvres. **Space is limited to 25 participants.** Cost: \$25

Date: Tuesday, February 16

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Riley's Whitby Bull, 801 East Pine Log Road

Frank Lloyd Wright - Owen and Linda Clary are devotees of Wright's style and will attempt to qualify why architect Frank Lloyd Wright was 100 years ahead of his time and will show why many of his structures surviving today can be called "green."

Dates: 2 Tuesdays, Feb 23, Mar 2

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Minutes of January 8 Board Meeting

President Vince Coughlin called the meeting to order. Those present were: Vince Coughlin, Glenn Knowles, Dick Baxter, Kathy Schulz, Erna Arkin, Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Larry Peyser, Jane Friis, Doug Wilson, and LaVerne Speca.

Vince informed us that there is a form for Homeland Security that any retired or previous employee of the university or the State of Carolina is required to fill out prior to teaching at USCA. Hopefully, this will not cause any problems for upcoming classes.

The minutes for the November 13, 2009, meeting were approved.

Since the USCA Level One [financial] report has not been updated yet for December, Jane was only able to give us our balance as of the end of November, which was \$17,693.65. The majority of activity for November was for payment of instructors. The pay-

ment of \$100.00 was sent to Leone Philbeck, the accompanist for the holiday luncheon, and the check has cleared.

OLD BUSINESS

1. By-Laws -Vince recommended that everyone read through the proposed revisions to the by-laws and e-mail him any concerns. Doug indicated that the committee tried to make changes that reflect our current practices and would tie everything together. They eliminated the requirement to have a Finance Committee, which doesn't mean that we can't form one should the need arise. The by-laws were last rewritten in 2005. We need to finalize everything so that we can publish what we have in February's Spiral. Perhaps we will include a ballot in the Spiral to be returned to Laura and/or they will be voted on at the March monthly meeting.

2. Publicity – Mary Anne reported that the ads the university put in the newspaper with the "Beat the Winter Blahs" theme brought in many phone calls.

3. Holiday – Those who have classes on Monday, January 11, need to announce that there will be classes on Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers – We were supposed to have chosen a nominating committee in November, but we're looking into it now. Our by-laws say three people need to be on the committee. Several names were suggested and Doug will put an article in February's Spiral asking for volunteers.

Finances - Mary Anne has received several notices from the partnership board regarding our pledges for scholarships, but we decided to wait until we have a firmer idea of what our finances are before we discuss this matter.

Spiral – Doug asked that he be notified if class dates or times are changed from what is in the catalog.

Publicity – LaVerne asked if we wanted to have articles or ads in the Augusta paper. Mary Anne said she has recently met with representative from the "Augusta Chronicle" and will be getting some prices etc. for targeting South Carolina customers.

Curriculum Committee – Room 102 will not be available for the February 3, 2010, meeting, so we'll be looking into the possibility of using Penland 110.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned so that board members could discuss and vote on the recipient of the Kauffman Award.

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Academy Officers: Vince Coughlin, President; Larry Peyser, Immediate Past President; Glenn Knowles, President Elect; Erna Arkin, Secretary, and Jane Friis, Treasurer.

Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:

Board of Directors: Richard Baxter, Curriculum Chair; Susan Sadowski, Curriculum Chair-Elect; Gladys Olson and LaVerne Speca, Publicity Co-Chairs; Kathy Schulz, Membership Chair.

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

Academy on the Web: <http://web.usca.edu/conted/academy/>

ACADEMY CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|--|---|---|--|----------|
| | 1 <i>Opera</i> 11a [P 106] <i>DaVinci</i> 2p [H 103] <i>Writers on Writing</i> 3p [P 106] | 2 <i>Former Soviet South</i> 3p [P106] | 3 Curric. Committee 9a [B conf] <i>Animal Behavior</i> 1p [P106] <i>Japanese Cooking</i> 2p [1 st Presbyterian] | 4 <i>Relativity</i> 10:50p [P106] <i>All-Stars of Psych</i> 3p [CC] | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 <i>Writers on Writing</i> 3p [P 106] | 9 <i>Planning for Later Years</i> 1p [P106] | 10 <i>Animal Behavior</i> 1p [P106] <i>Japanese Cooking</i> 2p [1 st Presbyterian] | 11 <i>All-Stars of Psych</i> 3p [CC] | 12 <i>Board Meeting</i> 12:30p [P110] <i>General Meeting</i> 2p [P106] | 13 |
| 14 | 15 <i>Writers on Writing</i> 3p [P 106] | 16 <i>Planning for Later Years</i> 1p [P106] <i>Wine Tasting</i> 2:30p [Riley's Whitby Bull] | 17 <i>Animal Behavior</i> 1p [P106] <i>Japanese Cooking</i> 2p [1 st Presbyterian] | 18 <i>All-Stars of Psych</i> 3p [CC] | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 <i>Writers on Writing</i> 3p [P 106] | 23 <i>Frank Lloyd Wright</i> 10:50a [P 106] <i>Planning for Later Years</i> 1p [P106] | 24 <i>Animal Behavior</i> 1p [P106] <i>Japanese Cooking</i> 2p [1 st Presbyterian] | 25 <i>All-Stars of Psych</i> 3p [CC] | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | | | | | | |

[Location Codes] B = Business & Education Bldg @ USCA H = Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg @ USCA
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING BYLAWS
TO BE VOTED ON AT ACADEMY GNEREAL MEETING MARCH 12, 2010**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be **ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**, University of South Carolina Aiken. ~~...The Academy is a member of the Elderhostel Institute Network, identified as an Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR).~~

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to provide continuing educational and social opportunities for mature adults within ~~within the Aiken community~~ **Aiken and its surrounding communities.**

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Academy is open to mature adults who are interested in enriching their lives by continuing their education.

ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY

As a component of the University of South Carolina Aiken and acting in collaboration with the Department of Continuing Education, the Academy looks to the University for support of its programs and activities, and functions in conformity with University policies and procedures.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

V.1. The governing board shall be known as the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as "the Board"). Voting members of the Board shall consist of the elected officers and chairpersons of the standing committees.

Ex officio, non-voting members of the Board shall include the Director of Continuing Education, the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, and the Faculty Liaison appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

V.2. The Board shall:

V.2.1. Meet at least three times each semester, upon call of the President, or upon the demand of a majority of its voting members. Meetings shall be at such times and places designated. Notice of called meetings shall be provided to all Board members at least five days prior to the meeting.

V.2.2. Direct and control the affairs of the Academy, within the limits of these ~~bylaws~~.

V.2.3. Actively promote the purposes of the Academy.

V.2.4. Review proposed programs and recommend those activities that promote the Academy objectives.

V.2.5. Have discretion in the disbursement of Academy funds.

V.2.6. Establish, maintain, and publish policies and procedures ~~published in the Membership Manual.~~

V.2.7. Act on urgent matters on behalf of the Academy when such action must be taken before the next regular meeting of the ~~academy~~ **Academy.**

V.2.8. Two-thirds of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at any Board meeting. A simple majority of a quorum shall constitute a decision.

- V.2.9. A vacancy in office occurring between elections shall be filled by a ballot vote of the Board. A simple majority of the quorum is required. ~~These actions must be confirmed by the Academy membership at its next regular meeting.~~

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

VI.1. The President shall:

- VI.1.1. Serve a one-year term.
- VI.1.2. Preside at all meetings of the Academy and its Board.
- VI.1.3. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
- VI.1.4. Actively promote the mission of the Academy.
- VI.1.5. Serve as the principle liaison with the administrative staff of USCA.

VI.2. The President-elect shall:

- VI.2.1. Prepare self for assuming the office of President.
- VI.2.2. Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- VI.2.3. ~~Guide the activities of the Nominating committee in an ex officio capacity.~~ Nominate the members of the Nominating committee and guide its activities in an ex officio capacity.
- VI.2.4. Accept assignments delegated by the President, including collaboration with designated committees in an ex officio capacity.

VI.3. The Immediate Past-President shall:

- VI.3.1. Serve a one-year term immediately following the term as President.
- VI.3.2. Accept assignments delegated by the President, including collaboration with designated committees in an ex officio capacity.
- VI.3.3. Serve as Chairperson of the Earl Kauffman Recognition Day planning committee and report progress of the work of this committee to the Board at regular intervals.

VI.4. The Secretary shall:

- VI.4.1. Serve a one-year term but may be re-elected for additional terms.
- VI.4.2. Record and file minutes of all meetings of the Academy and its Board.
- VI.4.3. Maintain a written record of the policies and procedures of the Academy, as established by the Board.
- VI.4.4. Receive and reply to all correspondence, as directed by the President.
- VI.4.5. Preserve all records and letters of value to the organization and its officers in a permanent file.
- VI.4.6. Transfer all files to the successor, upon completion of term of office.

VI.5. The Treasurer shall:

- VI.5.1. Serve a one-year term but may be re-elected for additional terms.
- VI.5.2. ~~Serve as an ex-officio chairperson of the Finance committee and will lead the Finance committee in the performance of its tasks. Prepare and recommend an annual budget to the Board.~~
- VI.5.3. Manage disbursements from the Academy account, as directed by the Board.
- VI.5.4. Monitor disbursements from the Academy account and the Academy's USCA account and report the current balances of both at each regular Board meeting.
- VI.5.5. File an annual report of income and disbursements for both accounts at the ~~May Board Meeting~~ final Board Meeting of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing committees of the Academy shall be Curriculum, Public Relations, ~~Finance,~~ and Membership.

- VII.1. Chairpersons of Standing committees shall be elected by the Academy membership for a one-year term and may be re-elected to additional terms. The Curriculum Chairperson and Curriculum Chairperson-elect may not be re-elected. The incumbent Curriculum Chairperson-elect becomes the Curriculum Chairperson annually and a new Curriculum Chairperson-elect is elected annually.
- VII.2. The Curriculum committee may include but not be limited to the following subcommittees: Programs, Special Events, and Short Courses, ~~and Conversations with the Faculty.~~ The Curriculum Chairperson is aided by the Curriculum Chairperson-elect who assists the ~~chairperson~~ Chairperson during the current year while also formulating plans for programs, field trips and short courses for the following year.
- VII.3. The Public Relations committee shall include but not be limited to the following subcommittees: Publications, *The Spiral*, and Media Relations, ~~Annual Scholarship Award, and Telephone.~~
- ~~VII.4. The Finance committee shall prepare and recommend an annual budget to the Board and monitor both receipts and expenses against the annual budget.~~
- ~~VII.5.4. The Membership committee shall promote and encourage membership in the Academy. The committee shall include but not be limited to the following subcommittee(s): Hospitality and Member Inventory.~~

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- VIII.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three non-board members of the Academy ~~elected at the November General Membership Program/Business meeting~~ nominated by the President-Elect and approved by the Board.
- VIII.2. A Chairperson shall be selected by the three Nominating committee members.
- VIII.3. Slate shall be presented to the Board of Directors by the Nominating committee Chairperson at the February Board meeting. The slate shall provide one or more nominees for each position. Slate of candidates shall be announced in advance of the election.
- VIII.4. An election shall be held at ~~the March~~ General Membership Program/Business meeting in March. following a request for nominations from the floor. If none, the Academy membership elects by acclamation. Otherwise, a paper ballot will be required.
- VIII.5. New officers will assume their duties July 1.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS OF THE ACADEMY

~~The Academy shall have a Program meeting at least once each month, September through April of each academic year. The Board will schedule Program and/or Business meetings as appropriate September through~~

April of each academic year. The traditional date for such meetings is the second Friday of the month. All such meetings shall be announced in *The Spiral*. Required meetings are the election of officers in March and Earl Kauffman Recognition Day in April.

ARTICLE X: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the organization shall begin July 1.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Academy by two-thirds of all members present and voting. The proposed amendment(s) shall be ~~submitted-made available~~ in writing to all Academy members at least four (4) weeks prior to the vote.

ARTICLE XII: GOVERNING RULES

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, as from time to time revised, shall govern the Academy for Lifelong Learning in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or any special rules of order the Academy may adopt.