
April, 2010

President's Message

Greetings,

The academic year is rapidly rolling to a close and we have only a few more classes remaining before our summer break. The curriculum committee has arranged 22 courses and three special events for the fall semester and these will be released soon. I want to thank Dick Baxter the curriculum chair for his hard work in coordinating the work of the committee and his initiative in personally arranging a number of the courses. A salute also to the curriculum committee for its dedication and hard work. Look for your Academy for Life Catalog in early August.

As you know, if you attended the March general meeting, the revised by-laws were accepted by the membership and the same committee that oversaw the amendment to the by-laws is working to bring the Academy policy and procedures up to date. We can thank Glenn Knowles for his direction of the committee and Doug Wilson and Kathy Schulz for their able assistance in these endeavors.

Our publicity chairperson, LaVerne Specca has requested that anyone interested in assisting her in arranging publicity for the academy, contact her at ajspeca4@gforcecable.com. This is a very important job and LaVerne certainly needs the assistance of another member.

Vince Coughlin, Academy President

Tim Simmons is the Speaker for the April 16 General Meeting

The Academy General Meeting for April will feature a presentation by Mr. Tim Simmons, Chairman and CEO of Security Federal Bank and Aiken Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year for 2010. Tim serves on boards of numerous organizations, including the Aiken Partnership Board of USCA, the Aiken County Commission for Technical Education, Aiken County Commission for Higher Education (Chair), Hitchcock Woods Foundation, and the Salvation Army.



Dr. Tom Hallman, chancellor of USCA, summed up Tim's passion for the Aiken community. "I have known Tim for more than 20 years. He is committed to making our community a better place, and he works tirelessly in a variety of roles to make that happen."

Mr. Simmons will present private and public partnerships in Aiken, including the Aiken Railroad Depot, and how they contribute to our quality of life in our community. No matter how long you have lived in Aiken, you will hear of history and lore you have never encountered before.

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.

Kauffman Award Recipient to be Announced at April Meeting.

Every April, the Academy presents the Earl Kauffman Award to recognize outstanding individual contributions to the organization. This year's presentation will be made at the April Monthly Meeting, 2pm April 16, in Room 106 in the USCA Penland Administration Building.

USCA Science Day April 16

April 16 will be a busy day for Academy members. In addition to our General Meeting and Kauffman Award announcement, Academy members are invited to visit the USCA Science Day exhibits to be displayed on campus that same day. This is an annual event in which USCA students present exhibits of their research projects in several scientific disciplines.

New Officers Approved for Next Year

Next year's officer candidates were approved by the membership at the March General Meeting. Those elected were:

President-elect: Dick Baxter
Treasurer: Rick Arkin

Secretary: Larry Peyser
 Membership: Kathy Schulz
 Curriculum Chair-elect:
 Gerald and Marsha MacDonald

The new officers will assume their positions July 1. Also at that time, current President-elect Glenn Knowles will assume the position of President and Current Curriculum Chair-elect Susan Sadowski will assume the position of Curriculum Chair. Current President Vince Coughlin will serve as Past President.

Bylaw Update Approved

Revisions to the bylaws under which the Academy operates were approved by the membership at the March General Meeting. The first revision since 2005, the updated bylaws reflect the current needs and practices of the Academy. The updated bylaws will soon be available for reference on the Academy's web page on the USCA website.

Courses Beginning in APRIL

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>

The Art of the Narrative in Fiction – USCA Assistant Professor Andrew Geyer will teach the course. Topics include narrative forms, the origin of the short story, historical review of what makes a “well-told” story, and readings from Prof. Guyer's works.

Dates: 4 Mondays, April 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Younger Next Year - Dr. Brian Parr of USC Aiken will offer a program to improve the quality of your life as you have moved into retirement age. Based on the popular books written by Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge, the program stresses that exercise should be a part of your life as you age. Professor Parr will highlight the advantages of following the Younger Next Year program regardless of your age.

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

February 11 Board Meeting

[The February Board minutes were not received in time for inclusion in the March issue of The Spiral.]

President-elect Glenn Knowles called the meeting to order. Those present were: Glenn Knowles, Kathy Schulz, Jane Friis, Doug Wilson, Erna Arkin, LaVerne Specca, Dick Baxter, Larry Peyser, Susie Sadowski, and Elaine Lacy.

The minutes for the January 8, 2010, meeting were approved.

Jane reported that we have a net balance of \$23,004.57. Doug inquired if we have a lot of outlying expenses and was told that the funding for the scholarships we have supported in the past still needs to be finalized. Erna requested and the board agreed to give the First Presbyterian Church \$100.00 for use of their kitchen for the four sessions of the Japanese cooking class. Susie alerted the Board to the fact that she will be requesting a similar amount to be given the church next fall for the French cooking class. All agreed that this is an appropriate expenditure. Susie moved and it was seconded that during our next meeting we discuss and take a formal vote on keeping our petty cash balance at \$1000.00. The need for a standing finance committee was discussed and it was decided that the board will pull one together from its members if and when the need arises. Jane will call Roy Wright for some assistance and will possibly meet with him and Mary Anne.

CURRICULUM - Dick reported that there are currently fifteen classes that are finalized and up to ten more possibilities for next fall. The committee will work on the calendar at its meeting on March 3rd. Dick also thanked Elaine Lacy for all she has done for the Academy.

PUBLICITY – LaVerne told us that Mary Anne is working with the newspapers in Augusta and North Augusta.

MEMBERSHIP – Kathy informed us that Steeplechase is October 30, the Saturday before Halloween. She will begin planning the Holiday Luncheon to be held on December 3, 2010 at Houndslake Country Club. Maureen Simpson will again be asked to entertain us.

NOMINATING – The Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for next year's officers:

President-elect:	Dick Baxter
Treasurer:	Rick Arkin
Secretary:	Larry Peyser
Membership:	Kathy Schulz
Curriculum Chair-elect:	Gerald and Marsha MacDonald

BY-LAWS – Glenn said the by-laws will be voted on by the membership at the general meeting in March. There will be a Procedures and Policy meeting next Monday at 2:30 in Penland 110.

KAUFFMAN AWARD – Larry will be working with Mary Anne on invitations for the April 16, 2010 event. The speaker will be the Aiken Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, Tim Simmons. His topic is the role public/private endeavors have played in making Aiken a wonderful place to live.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarships – Glenn reported that Mary Anne and Vince have discussed the scholarships we have supported in the past and determined that there is sufficient money to do so again. They include the Youth Challenge Scholarship at \$1,000.00 and the Retention Scholarship at \$2,500.

Reimbursement – Larry asked for \$21.60 from petty cash to reimburse George Hummert for copying expenses incurred during his class on Einstein. The board determined that reimbursing a speaker for copying costs is an acceptable expense from petty cash.

New Fee Schedule – It was agreed that the new fee schedule is very user friendly and easy for our membership to understand.

NEW BUSINESS

USCA Research Day – In an effort to better involve the community in Research Day, Elaine extended an invitation to Academy members to attend the oral presentations in B&E 140 and/or the poster exhibition in B&E 116. Since it is the same day as the Kauffman meeting, members could attend these presentations in conjunction with the Kauffman activities. Susie suggested we include details concerning Research Day in *The Spiral* and/or the Kauffman invitations.

March 11 Board Meeting

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

The minutes for the February 11, 2010, meeting were approved.

Jane reported our balances as \$18,259.98 for savings and \$515.30 in checking. There will be very few additional expenses for the rest of this operating year. Vince pointed out that there is a long time period between when we approve money for scholarships and when the money is actually withdrawn from our account.

CURRICULUM - Dick reported that there are currently 22 classes slated for fall, 2010, and three special events, although An Evening of Poetry and Wine still needs to be finalized. We also have 16 possibilities already lined up for spring, 2011. Once again, Dick expressed thanks to Elaine Lacy for all of her assistance.

PUBLICITY- LaVerne said an article on the Japanese cooking class will appear in the next *Mature Times*. She requested more information on the Research Day program so she can properly publicize it. LaVerne graciously offered to remain as the Publicity Chair for next year. Mary Anne told us that USCA and Continuing Education will not be advertising in the *Augusta Chronicle*, but that they may be open to an article or two on programs.

MEMBERSHIP – Kathy informed us that the cost of the Holiday Luncheon will be \$21.47, which includes punch for a social time. The charge will be \$23.00 flat. Maureen Simpson has agreed to entertain us, and Vince kindly offered to provide a gift for the raffle once again.

ELECTION – Vince reminded us that the election of Board officers is today; Glenn will read the slate of candidates.

BY-LAWS - A vote on the changes to the By-Laws will also be today at the general meeting. Comment will be made as to the amount of time and effort that went into rewriting them. Someone will make a motion from the floor to accept them. This will be seconded and, hopefully, approved by acclamation.

KAUFFMAN AWARD– Larry said invitations were being sent out today and will include information on Research Day. There was some discussion as to whether or not to name the other nominees considered for the Kauffman Award.

OLD BUSINESS

Payments – The check for the Japanese cooking class was written at the last meeting. It was moved and seconded that the \$100 for the French cooking class will be included in our budget for next year so we don't have to take it out of petty cash.

Scholarships – The Retention Scholarship of \$2500 and ALL Scholarship of \$1,000, are budget items for us. Since there is no delineated procedure for when and how this is handled, Glenn will consider this while working a Procedures and Policy.

Petty Cash – There was considerable discussion concerning whether or not to increase this amount to \$1,000. Some members felt that since these monies are rarely used, there was no need to increase the amount. Other members thought that since there is more than sufficient money in our university account which earns no interest, and monies in petty cash would be more readily accessible, such an increase is warranted. No decision was determined at this point. Copying costs should not be taken out, as there is a policy in place with the university for handling copying. The class liaison is responsible for requesting any money needed prior to the beginning of the class if at all possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Freshman Reading Program – This program costs around \$4,600, or \$7.20 per book. The book chosen for this year is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*, by Barbara Kingsolver. We have contributed \$2,500 each of the past two years. Since the monies for this expenditure are derived from the interest from our endowment, and that is below \$2,500, it was felt that we should decrease our contribution this year to \$2,000 and consider increasing it in the future if the economy improves. Vince moved that we use only the spendable money from the endowment not to exceed \$2,000, to support this program. Kathy seconded the motion and it passed.

Endowment – Roy Wright recommended that we decrease the amount of money in our university account by \$10,000, and transfer it to the endowment fund. The downside of this is that we would no longer have direct access to it, but

it was felt that a sufficient amount would be left and more money in the endowment would earn more interest in the future. Perhaps this additional capital would garner enough extra spendable money to support the Freshman Reading Program at our original amount of \$2,500. It was moved and seconded that we transfer \$10,000, from our university account to our endowment fund. This motion was passed.

Steeplechase – Kathy asked if we want to purchase a tent for Steeplechase. It was agreed that it was a good idea. She and others will check on prices. One consideration is who would be responsible for it.

Archivist – Although we apparently have an Archivist/Historian, he has not been active. A motion supporting renewing this role in the future was passed.

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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 – APRIL 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	2	3
4	5 <i>Narrative in Fiction</i> 11a [P 106]	6	7 <i>Criminal Procedures</i> 3:30p [CC]	8 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	9	10
11	12 <i>Narrative in Fiction</i> 11a [P 106]	13	14 <i>Younger Next Year</i> 1p [P 106] <i>Criminal Procedures</i> 3:30p [CC]	15 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	16 <i>General Meeting and Kauffman Award</i> 2p [P106]	17
18	19 <i>Narrative in Fiction</i> 11a [P 106]	20	21 <i>Younger Next Year</i> 1p [P 106] <i>Criminal Procedures</i> 3:30p [CC]	22 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2p [P 110]	23	24
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[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