



# The Spiral

Twenty Years of Service for Aiken's Senior Community

December, 2010

## President's Message

The continuing story of Robert Penland and the buildings on the USCA campus will resume in the January issue of *The Spiral*.

There will be no Friday Membership Meetings in January or February. For the March (3/11/11) meeting, however, Anne Campbell will be our speaker. For any of us who have heard Anne, or her husband Cot, tell their tales of life, and of the horse racing world, know we are in for a real treat. For those who haven't, you will definitely want to be there.

On behalf of the Academy Board and all of its committee members I wish all of you a wonderful and joyous Holiday season, and the very best for the New Year!

*Glenn Knowles, Academy President*

## Officer Candidates Sought

The Academy Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of officers for election. The following positions are open for the 2011-2012 academic year:

*President-Elect.* Becomes President on July 1, 2012.

*Curriculum Chair-Elect.* Becomes Curriculum Chair on July 1, 2012

*Publicity Chair.* Becomes publicity chair on July 1, 2011.

The names of the candidates for election are due by March 11, 2011. Please volunteer. The Academy needs your support. Contact Dick Baxter at 648-3355 or [rgbinaiken@yahoo.com](mailto:rgbinaiken@yahoo.com), or any member on the Board.

## A Peek into Spring

Our Fall 2010 term is now completed and there are no additional courses starting in December. Here's a sneak peek at the courses to be offered this spring, the catalog for which will be mailed shortly. Please see the published course catalog for full course descriptions and additional information and any last

minute changes. 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](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)).

### COURSES:

**Opera** [M. Simpson]

Mon. Jan. 10, 24, 31, Feb. 7

**Coinage & History of Ancient Greece** [J. Barry]

Wed. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16

**Making a Poem** [M. Lythgoe]

Mon. Jan. 31

**Chinese Culture** [L. Wang]

Thurs. Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

**Intro to Human Language** [E. Carlson]

Tues. Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

**Exploring the Heavens** [G. Senn]

Tues. Feb. 3, 17, 24 (plus one evening session, date TBD)

**The Ancient Etruscans in Myth and Mystery** [J. Elliott]

Monday, Feb 7

**S.C. Through Geological Time** [W. Kubilius]

Thurs. Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10

**Geneology 101** [T. Browder]

**Class size limited to 40**

Tues. Mar. 1, 8, 15

Tues. Mar. 22 carpool to Old Edgefield Genealogical Society

**War Poetry from WWI to Iraq** [D. Higbee]

Wed. Mar. 2, 16, 23, 30

**Psych for the Fun of It** [K. Brace]

Wed. Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23

**How to Watch Polo** [P. Gleason]

Mon. Mar. 14, 21, 28

**The Art of Writing Memoirs** [V. Collins]

Wed. Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6

**Living Well the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 Years and Other Healthy Habits** [K. Lewis]

Thurs. Mar. 17, 24, 31, Apr. 14

**Great Decisions** [C. Braun]

Thurs. Mar. 17, 24, 31, Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12

**Help for Women Traveling Alone** [L. Clary]

Tues. Mar. 29

**Herbicides/Toxins in the Environment** [A. Dyer]

Wed. Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27

**SPECIAL EVENTS:****American Wine Tasting**

Riley's Whitby Bull

**Limited to 20 persons**

Tues. Jan. 11 - \$25/person

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Beatnik Café: Food, Poetry, & Music**

Red Pepper Cafe

**Limited to 80 persons**

Thurs. Feb. 10 - \$28/person

**Cypress Gardens Bus Trip, Moncks Corner SC****Limited to 54 persons**

Fri. May 20 - \$32/person includes bus, entry fee with guided tour

**Board Meeting November 12, 2010**

President Glenn Knowles called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Those present were: Dick Baxter, Richard Arkin, Larry Peyser, Kathy Schulz, Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Rick Arkin, Susie Sadowski, Dr. Deidre Martin

Motion to approve the minutes of October 1 with one editorial change Carried

**Dr. Deidre Martin** reviewed the October 13 meeting with President Glenn Knowles, President Elect Dick Baxter, and Mary Anne Cavanaugh.

1. The USCA fee per student will be changed from the current structure of \$35.00 per student per year, even if the student is registered for one semester, and be established at \$17.50 per student per semester.
2. Dr. Martin stated that the Academy student fees covered about 1/3 of USCA experienced cost per Academy student.
3. USCA requests the Academy to review its per student fee structure and reenter discussions on USCA fee per student in the Spring of 2011.
4. The current annual level of State funding to the University is on the order of 12% and will likely decrease by 20% of that value next fiscal year. Change in Governorship will probably not cause that outlook to change.

Discussions:

Treasurer Rick Arkin asked if one classroom, e.g., B&E 140 could be dedicated to the Academy so that the Academy would not be dependent on Penland 106 or other smaller rooms when Penland 106 is not available.

- Dr. Martin has broached this topic with Chancellor Hallman without success. She suggests we write a letter to Chancellor Hallman requesting dedicated scheduled assignment of B&E 140 to the Academy.
- Mary Anne Cavanaugh requests and gets first priority for scheduling Academy class rooms.
- Mary Anne's input to annual reports stress the need for a dedicated classroom for the Academy.

Secretary Larry Peyser asked if the upper and lower limits of USCA costs per semester of \$17.50 to \$52.50 (\$35.00 to \$105.00 per year) established a reasonable range to use for the Academy Board to uses for planning purposes.

- Dr. Martin suggested this was a reasonable range but could not be more definitive.

Dr. Martin left the meeting at this point. Discussions continued.

- President Elect Dick Baxter thought the "Academy student fees covered about 1/3 of USCA experienced cost per Academy student" is questionable and should be analyzed. President Glenn Knowles mentioned \$29K to \$30K as cost for room space plus 1/3 salary burden for Mary Anne and Laura. Treasurer Rick Arkin suggested that the Academy schedule of 40 classes per year times 4 hours per class yielding a total of 160 hours could not possibly cost the \$30K Glenn suggested.
- President Elect Dick Baxter noted there is clearly a need to examine the data and review the Academy per student fee structure. Losing seats as result of students not attending suggests we find ways to incentivize students' attendance through fees or other means.
- Treasurer Rick Arkin suggested Dr. Martin's note of 20% pending reduction in State funding might be a reasonable figure to use in our upcoming student fee structure.

*[Editor's note: After this meeting Mary Anne Cavanaugh reported back to President Glenn Knowles the following classroom availability information information:*

- PEN 106 (seating capacity of 150) - typically there are no Friday classes, but is used often for Faculty Assembly Meetings and Freshman Friday groups
- NURS 114, 120 (seating capacity of 60 each room) - typically there are no Friday classes
- HSS 103, 116 (seating capacity of approx. 75) - typically there are no Friday afternoon classes
- Mary Anne advised that the busiest days for undergraduate classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, especially in the mornings.]

**Treasurer's Report** - Current enrollment and fees at \$17.50 per student per semester reduces the budget line item for Continuing Education from \$11,550.00 to \$8,000.00 providing a \$3550 increase to total net income available for carry over and scholarship funding. The most current financial report is tracking very close to our budget projection. .

Action 9/10/10: The Board will act on the invoices for two annual scholarships identified above. Action on these invoices will be deferred until resolution of the projected surplus identified above and the Carryover Action items listed below. Complete 11/12/2010 see motion following.

Motion - Defer payment of \$3500.00 scholarship pledges made in January 2010 pending review of Spring 2011 enrollment and dollar values available. Motion Carried

Action - Treasurer Rick Arkin requested that a group of Board Members work with him to develop ideas to incentivize student attendance and revise student fee structure. Susie Sadowski, Wesley Sloan and Kathy Schulz volunteered.

**Committee Reports**

Curriculum - We have 17 classes and 3 special events for the Spring 2011 semester. Most of the classes are in Penland 106, which has a computer.

The committee requested \$120 for student computer assistance for the Spring semester. .

It appears that the number of people calling Laura to officially drop classes is increasing. Therefore, announcing the need to drop classes officially, especially where there are waiting lists, will continue to be stressed at the beginning of classes by the liaison.

We may be able to utilize some Fridays for classes, depending on Board determination of the use Fridays for Academy presentations. This may open up some additional options to use Penland 106 and/or to offer classes on Fridays.

The McDonalds, as Curriculum Chair Elects, plan on conducting a brief survey from their home computer, if they can obtain a list of ALL registrants from Laura Anderson. The results will be tabulated by them and the computer software that they are using. The survey will contain about 7-10 items to ascertain course preferences and suggestions. Results will, hopefully, be available at the Jan. 2011 Curriculum Committee Meeting.

**Catalog**

President Glenn Knowles notes that Laura Anderson will assume responsibilities as Catalog Editor. This requires class liaisons to submit 'print ready' descriptions of their classes. President Elect Dick Baxter offered to prepare a template.

**Public Relations** – LaVerne Speca was unable to attend.

Action 9/10/10: LaVerne Speca will submit an Academy for Lifelong Learning descriptive article to the Augusta Chronicle and the Aiken Standard for publication. 10/1/10 Partially Complete LaVerne has contacted the Aiken Standard and will continue to follow-up with the person contacted. LaVerne will continue to establish contact with someone representing the Augusta Chronicle.

Carry Over note from 8/13/10: Erna Arkin and Elizabeth Majors will follow up and come back to the Board with a plan and request regarding the glass display cases on the Aiken Library second floor. 11/12/10 Continue Action Item Display will be set up for August 2011.

**Membership** – Kathy Schulz reported the Fall Steeplechase went well. The new tent was used. Holiday Luncheon reservations are closed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Past President Vince Coughlin has secured Elliot Levy of the Aiken Historical Society to speak at the General Membership Meeting following the Kauffman Award Luncheon in April 2011.

General Membership meetings are scheduled for March and April 2011. There will be no membership meetings in December 2010 or January and February 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion of Laura Anderson's continuing contribution to the Academy in terms of attention to detail, responding to members and liaisons requests, following up with class changes and tracking class wait lists.

Motion – Purchase and deliver a \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Atlanta Bread Company to Laura Anderson. Motion Carried.

Anne Campbell will be our speaker at the March 11, 2011 Membership Business Meeting at 2:00 PM.

**Adjourn** – The meeting Adjourned at 2:00 PM. Next Meeting January 14, 12:30 p.m. Penland 110

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**Academy Officers:** Glenn Knowles, President; Vince Coughlin, Immediate Past President; Richard Baxter, President Elect; Larry Peyser, Secretary, and Rick Arkin, Treasurer.

**Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:**

**Board of Directors:** Susan Sadowski, Curriculum Chair; Gerald and Marsha McDonald, Curriculum Co-Chairs-Elect; LaVerne Speca, Publicity Chair; 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 – DECEMBER 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 <i>Holiday Luncheon</i> 12:00n [Houndslake Country Club]	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

[Location Codes] B = Business & Education Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Science Center @ USCA  
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building