



The Spiral

Twenty Years of Service for Aiken's Senior Community

April, 2011

President's Message

A notable date is coming soon!

Friday, April 15 is the Academy's Earl Kauffman Recognition Day. Mr. Kauffman was a founder of our Academy in 1990. His son, James, established an endowment in memory of his father to fund Recognition Day. Each year, if appropriate, an award is given to one who has been outstanding in service to the Academy, or to the mature population in general.

The presentation for 2011 will be made at 2:00 PM Friday April 15 in Room 106 of the USCA Penland Administration Building.

Following the award we will be treated to a new look at Aiken County's history from Elliot Levy, Executive director of the Aiken County Historical Museum. Mr. Levy's wit, humor and knowledge are now legendary, and should not be missed!

Please join us to honor a long time contributor to the success of our Academy.

Glenn Knowles, Academy President

April General Meeting features Elliot Levy and presentation of the Kauffman Award



Ever-popular curator of the Aiken County Historical Museum Elliot Levy will be the featured speaker at the Academy's April General Meeting. Mr. Levy will share his always entertaining and informative views on *Horse Creek... A Tale Worth Telling*.

The April meeting will also feature the presentation of this year's Kauffman Award for Outstanding Service to the Academy.

The meeting is Friday April 15 at 2:00 pm, in room 106 of the Penland Administration Building on the USCA campus. A reception with refreshments will

follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome, so feel free to bring your friends.

New Officers Elected for Next Year

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

President-elect:	Jerry McDonald
Treasurer:	Norb Denil
Secretary:	Wesley Sloan
Membership:	Kathy Schulz
Publicity:	(vacant)
Curriculum Chair-elect:	(vacant)

The new officers will assume their positions July 1. Also at that time, current President-elect Dick Baxter will assume the position of President and Current Curriculum Chair-elect Marsha MacDonald will assume the position of Curriculum Chair. Current President Glenn Knowles will serve as Past President.

Two More Officers Needed for Next Year

The nominating committee was unable to find volunteers to fill two remaining officer positions for next year. These positions are essential to the operation of the Academy. Without its members volunteering to work behind the scenes, the Academy cannot continue to function. Won't you please consider giving a little of your time to assure that the worthwhile activities of the Academy can continue?

The positions we need to fill for the 2011-2012 academic year are:

- Curriculum Chair-Elect – This position involves a two year commitment. The holder of this position assists the Chairperson of the Curriculum committee while learning the operation of the committee. The Chair-Elect moves up to become the Chairperson for the 2012-2013 academic year.
- Public Relations Chair – This position involves publicizing the Academy and its activities.

If you are willing to help with either of these positions, please contact Glenn Knowles, current Academy President (jeanglennknowles@bell-south.net, 642-9883).

Reference articles from Cultural Studies of China class

During the Cultural Studies of China class, Dr. Linda Wang mentioned two articles which appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* concerning a Chinese mother's parenting style. Several class members referred to the woman, Amy Chua, as the "Tiger Mother". If anyone is interested in reading these articles, please e-mail Laura Anderson at lauraa@usca.edu, and request that she e-mail you copies of the articles.

Course Beginning in April

As we reach the end of our academic year, we have one remaining course which will begin in April. Please see the published course catalog for course descriptions and additional information. (The Fall 2011 catalog is available on the web at <http://web.usca.edu/dotAsset/62353.pdf>). 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).

Herbicides/Toxins in the Environment [A. Dyer]
Wed. Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27

March Board Meeting

President Glenn Knowles called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. Those present were: Dick Baxter, Rick Arkin, Larry Peyser, Kathy Schulz, Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Gerry McDonald, Susie Sadowski, Vince Coughlin, and Wesley Sloan.

LaVerne Speca was not in attendance

Motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2011. Carried

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rick Arkin advised that \$1000.00 is available for scholarship funding from the Academy Program Endowment.

Motion to withdraw \$1000.00 from available Program Endowment funds to pay to the University reducing our 2010-11 obligations from \$3,500.00 to \$2,500.00. Carried

Treasurer Rick Arkin advised that the Julia Thurlow Watson Endowment Fund has provisions to pay for student work study assistance. Mary Anne Cavanaugh advises that student work to provide computer assistance to Class Liaison personnel falls under the category of work study.

Motion to pay a maximum of \$280.00 from the Julia Thurlow Watson Endowment fund to cover costs of student assistance to Class Liaisons for the 2010-11 academic year. Carried

The budget line item for Continuing Education Charges was overstated as result of University revision downward of per student fees. We now expect a surplus sufficient to pay the \$2500.00 remaining 2010-11 scholarship obligations.

Motion to pay the 2010-11 scholarships invoice \$3500.00. \$1,000.00 of which will be paid from the Program Endowment Fund (Previous Motion) and the remaining \$2500.00 to be paid from Academy Accounts. Carried

Various budget line items were discussed and analyzed. This led to suggesting that the Board form a committee to find meth-

ods of increasing public exposure while reducing printing and mailing costs.

Action 3/11/11 Gerald McDonald will chair a Marketing Committee composed of Board Members Dick Baxter, Susie Sadowski, Wesley Sloan and Vince Coughlin (ex-officio). They will attempt to find and report to the Board methods of increasing public exposure while reducing printing and mailing costs.

Mary Anne Cavanaugh advised the Board that Dr. Deidre Martin will offer her offices to provide assistance to an Academy Marketing Committee.

Treasurer Rick Arkin presented to the Board a revised Budget Options Model seven (7) options, which the Board discussed. Included in the options were per student fee increases, and reduction of honoraria paid to lecturers. At this time Gerald McDonald presented results of the survey he conducted of 61 members on line in the past month.

Results of the survey indicate that 80% of the members would rather see an increase in annual fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 while 43% would rather have a \$30.00 per course fee rather than an increase in annual fee.

Based on these results and Board deliberation of the options the following motion carried:

Motion to accept option D to increase member fee from \$50.00 to \$70.00 per semester, reduce the class lecture honoraria from \$75.00 to \$50.00 and provide for an increase from \$17.50 to \$20.00 in per student fee to the University. Carried

Action from 2/11/2011: Treasurer Rick Arkin will revise the Academy Budget Model to reflect fixed costs based on the twenty-eight (28) classes per year. Complete 3/11/2011

Action from 2/11/2011: Jerry McDonald will develop a Member survey to assess the impact of raising member fees. Complete 3/11/2011

Motion: Approve the Treasurer's Report Carried.

Committee Reports

Curriculum - Susie Sadowski reported the Curriculum Committee has identified fourteen (13) short courses, one cancelled since last report, and five (5) special events for the 2011 Fall Semester.

Public Relations – LaVerne Speca was absent.

Membership – Kathy Schulz advised there are a total of 221 members of the Academy.

Action from 1/14/2010: Mary Anne will work with Laura to identify correlation of member registration with persons who expressed interest at the Senior Extravaganza. Carried Over 3/11/2011.

Old Business

Kauffman Award meeting is scheduled for April 15. (See article in *The Spiral* for details.)

New Business - None

Adjourn – The meeting Adjourned at 1:15 AM to the Membership Meeting in Penland 106 at 2:00 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, at time TBA.

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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 – APRIL 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Curric. Committee 10:00a [B conf]	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Herbicides & Toxins</i> 1:00-1:50p [P106] <i>Memoirs</i> 3:00-3:50p [P106]	7 <i>Living Well</i> 12:15-1:30p [P106] <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P110]	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Herbicides & Toxins</i> 1:00-1:50p [P106]	14 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P110]	15 <i>General Meeting</i> 2:00p [P106]	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Herbicides & Toxins</i> 1:00-1:50p [P106]	21 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P110]	22	23
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[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