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President's Message

The Academy got off to a good start for the Fall semester by offering five courses, all of which were well attended. During this coming October, the Academy will offer "American Realism in Literature", "Classical Composers", "The New Middle East After the 2011 Revolutions", "Prohibition & The Bahama Queen", "Tie One On", and "The Poetry of Philip Levine: Blue Collar Poet of Detroit", and a special event, attendance at the Fall Steeplechase.

For Publicity, both Laura Anderson and Mary Anne Cavanaugh attended a USCA booth in Wednesday's Aiken Senior Extravaganza, and gave catalogs to interested persons. An article on the Academy is scheduled for publication in Mature Times on September 28.

The Curriculum Committee is busy selecting and scheduling courses for the Spring 2012 semester. If you have any ideas for courses that might be of interest to Academy members, contact Marcia McDonald or any member of the committee. In addition, liaison persons are still needed for some of the Spring courses.

Our current membership is 134, which is 93 less than that of the same period last year. This Spring we will offer about 18 courses which will broaden the scope of interest. If you know of persons who might be interested, by all means encourage them to be alert for the 2012 catalog, when published during October/November.

The Academy still has two positions open: Curriculum Chair-Elect and Publicity Chair. If interested, please contact me, or any member of the Board.

Dick Baxter, Academy President

Have you visited our Website yet?

Don't forget you can always get the latest Academy news and updates at our new website:
www.aikenlearning.org

Important Class Registration Information

Due to classroom space limitations, many Academy classes have enrollment limits. These limits are imposed by fire safety ratings for each room and must be observed.

The USCA office sends out letters listing your class registrations. If you signed up for a class but it is not listed on your registration letter, it means the class was already full at the time your registration application was processed. In such cases, you are automatically placed on a wait list for this class.

Please *do not attend classes not specifically shown on your registration letter* unless you have heard from Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / LauraA@usca.edu) indicating that a space has opened up for you.

Also, if you find you cannot attend a class for which you have received confirmation, please contact Laura so your space can be passed on to someone on the wait list.

October Bus Trip Canceled

The Santee Cooper Canal Bus trip scheduled for October 20 has been canceled due to lack of interest.

Courses Beginning in October

Please see the published course catalog for course descriptions and additional information. (The Fall 2011 catalog is available on the web at www.aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php). 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).

PROHIBITION & THE BAHAMA QUEEN

Date: 2 Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Cedar Creek Community Center

CLASSICAL COMPOSERS

Date: 4 Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 27 and Nov. 10 (No class Oct. 20)

Time: 1:40 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

AMERICAN REALISM IN LITERATURE

Date: 4 Fridays, Oct. 14, 28 and Nov. 4, 11 (No class Oct. 21)

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

THE NEW MIDDLE EAST: AFTER THE 2011 REVOLUTIONS

Date: 4 Mondays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 40

TIE ONE ON

Date: Tuesday, October 18

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Cedar Creek Community Center

Enrollment Limit: 25

THE POETRY OF PHILIP LEVINE: BLUE COLLAR POET OF DETROIT

Date: 4 Wednesdays, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 40

In addition, there is one Special Event in October:

FALL STEEPLECHASE

Date: Saturday, Oct. 29

Time: Gates open at 9:30 a.m. The first race is at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Ford Conger Field, Aiken

Potluck – Bring a dish to share

Non-Academy Item that May be of Interest to our Members

USCA's Distinguished Writer's Series for this year brings writer John Lane to the Etherridge Center main stage on October 25 at 8:00 pm. Initially known for his poetry, "he has become a significant environmental essayist and chronicler of the American landscape". His new book to be published this fall, *My Paddle to the Sea*, combines an overview of important Southeastern water issues with an entertaining personal narrative of a kayak trip from his backyard in Spartanburg three hundred miles to the Atlantic Ocean through the Broad/Congaree/Santee River Basin.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information on the series, please contact Dr. Tom Mack, Department of English, USC Aiken, 471 University Parkway, Aiken SC 29801, email: tomm@usca.edu.

Board Meeting September 23

President Dick Baxter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Glenn Knowles, Kathy Schulz, Wesley Sloan, and Doug Wilson.

Norb Denil, Gerry McDonald, Marcia McDonald and Faculty Liaison Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith were not in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2011 carried.

Treasurer's Report

In Norb's absence, there was no Treasurer's Report presented. Mary Anne has mailed the most recent Level 1 report to Treasurer Norb Denil. She has not received a response.

Committee Reports

Curriculum – There are 16 confirmed courses for Spring 2012. There is also a need to recruit a Curriculum Chair Elect and additional committee members. Criminology and Local History, Debt in the U.S., need liaisons.

Hopefully there will be 19 – 20 courses. There is an October 14 deadline for setting Spring classes, with October 7 as the final Curriculum Committee meeting before the deadline.

There is difficulty planning Power Point presentations at Cedar Creek because there is no dedicated digital projector. The available projector belongs to Cedar Creek Realtors and is not always available.

Publicity – Dick Baxter is the acting Publicity Chair. There was another article in the *Mature Times* insert to the *Aiken Standard* in September. Dick is doing a good job, but it would be better if a Publicity Chair could be recruited.

The Academy web site is up and running at www.aiken-learning.com with Doug Wilson as webmaster. The catalog is available on the website. All but 10 print copies of the Fall catalog have been given out to date.

Membership – Registration stands at 44 individuals signed up for two semesters and 90 individuals registered for the Fall semester only, for a total of 134 members. Income is down by over \$3,000 from last year. We hope to have a vigorous spring.

As many members have e-mail accounts, but prefer a printed catalog, there needs to be a discussion with Gerry McDonald about having additional printed catalogs vis-à-vis electronic catalogs.

There have been no contributions to the Academy for Lifelong Learning Scholarship Fund as listed in the Fall catalog.

Old Business

The Academy members really need to recruit a Curriculum Chair Elect.

The schedule for Board Meetings for the Fall semester are set to begin at 10:00, October 14, and November 11. Before the end of the semester the Board needs to decide if a 9:30 start time would be more convenient.

At the annual Senior Extravaganza, 21 people asked to be put on the catalog mailing list.

President Dick Baxter and President-Elect Gerry McDonald met with USCA Chancellor Tom Hallman. There has not been a single classroom added in the last ten years even with increased USCA enrollment. The Chancellor will look into getting a designated computer for Penland 110.

New Business

The Steeplechase request for \$410 was rejected by USC-Columbia. They only approved \$375 based upon individual attendance. This is \$35 short of the cost of those requesting Steeplechase tickets plus the cost for rail space. Kathy Schulz has resubmitted a revised request. There was a motion made and unanimously accepted that if the revised request is rejected, the Academy take the \$35 difference from our checking account. .

Because of lagging attendance there will be no General Membership Meetings during the Fall semester. There

will only be the two General Membership Meetings in the Spring required by our bylaws (election of officers and Kauffman Award).

Doug Wilson will put in *The Spiral* that Academy members on a course wait list should not attend unless they have been notified that a spot has opened.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

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Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:
Board of Directors: Marcia McDonald, Curriculum Chair; (Vacant), Curriculum Chair-Elect; (Vacant), Publicity Chair; Kathy Schulz, Membership Chair.

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

Academy on the Web: <http://www.aikenlearning.org>

ACADEMY CALENDAR – October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 <i>Spy Stories</i> 11:00a [p 110]	4 <i>Birds Here and There</i> 1:40p [P 106]	5 <i>Prohibition</i> 2:00p [CC]	6 <i>Classical Composers</i> 1:40p [P 106]	7 <i>Curric. Committee</i> 10:00a [B conf]	8
9	10 <i>New Middle East</i> 3:00p [P 110]	11 <i>Birds Here and There</i> 1:40p [P 106]	12 <i>Prohibition</i> 2:00p [CC]	13 <i>Classical Composers</i> 1:40p [P 106]	14 <i>Board Meeting</i> 10:00a [B102] <i>Amer. Realism in Lit.</i> 11:00a [P 106]	15
16	17 <i>New Middle East</i> 3:00p [P 110]	18 <i>Tie One On</i> 3:00p [CC]	19 <i>Poetry of P. Levine</i> 11:00a [P 110]	20	21	22
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30	31 <i>New Middle East</i> 3:00p [P 110]					

[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