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President's Message

It has been a very productive year for the Academy. Looking back, the Academy offered over 40 diverse classes and special events in the Fall and Spring semesters of 2012/2013. These classes would not have been possible without the diligent work of our Curriculum Committee and its co-chairs, John and Nancy Meinhardt. I thank all who contributed to making this effort a success. From time to time it is necessary for us to cancel a class that has been scheduled, we always regret a cancellation but most of the time it is due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness.

This year the Academy Board was able to award scholarships to two deserving students at USCA, Claudia Fulmer and Wade Mascowitz. Hopefully the Academy will be able to continue this practice next year. As we begin to close out the Fiscal Year of the Academy, I am pleased to report that the financial condition of the Academy is very sound.

One of the highlights of the past year was the Kauffman Recognition Day luncheon. This year the format of this program was changed somewhat and attendance was double what it was last year. I hope that even more of our membership will plan on attending this special luncheon next year. Dr. Sandra Jordan was our guest speaker and she gave a very complete and interesting overview of USCA and its plans for the future. Longtime supporter of the Academy Dr. Deidre Martin was awarded the Kauffman Award.

My term as President will expire July 1st and I want to take this opportunity to thank those on the Board for their help and guidance. I also want to welcome Doug Cook who will serve as President next year and Carl Fields who will serve as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Finally, a big thank you to Dick Baxter Past President who will be stepping down from the Board. Dick has been so instrumental in the success of the Academy for many years.

Thank you all. It's been fun!

Gerald McDonald, Academy President

USCA's Dr. Deidre Martin awarded 2013 Earl Kauffman Award

Every year since 1992, the Academy for Lifelong Learning has given an award in the name of Earl F. Kauffman, one of the key founders of the Academy in 1989. The award is given to a group or individual that has provided outstanding service to the Academy or to the Senior community in general. This year's recipient, announced at an Academy luncheon on April 18, is University of South Carolina Aiken Vice Chancellor of University Advancement, Dr. Deidre Martin.

From her beginnings as a farm girl in Omega, GA, Dr. Martin went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a double major in communications/public relations and home economics from Berry College in Rome, GA,. She proceeded on to Georgia State University where she again graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Masters in Education, and received her Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from University of South Carolina with an impressive 4.0 GPA.



Dr. Martin has held office, and been an active representative for the University, in many community groups and activities, including Kiwanis, the American Association of University Women, Aiken United Way, and the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce. Her impressive list of accomplishments and awards is literally too large to mention here.

Over the years, Dr. Martin has been a strong advocate of the Academy for Lifelong Learning and has helped garner support from the University's leadership.

The Academy is proud to present Dr. Deidre Martin with our twenty-second annual Earl F. Kauffman Award.



Past Academy President Dick Baxter presents Dr. Deidre Martin with the Earl F. Kauffman Award for 2013

Kauffman Recognition Day Luncheon

Sixty-two Academy members and guests attended this year's Kauffman Recognition Day Luncheon on April 18.

Academy President Jerry McDonald led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, then introduced Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh, who gave the opening invocation.



Following lunch, President McDonald then shared some remarks



about the unique synergy between The Academy, USC Aiken, and the Aiken community. Recognition was given to the Academy's Curriculum committee who are really the heart of our organiza-

tion, and to the current officers and other volunteers who help keep our wheels turning. Jerry also recognized the contributions of the USCA Continuing Education Department, under whose auspices we operate, as well as those USCA faculty members and others from the community that have shared of their time and expertise to help lead our courses.

Following Jerry's remarks about Dr. Earl F. Kauffman and his role as one of the founders of the Academy for Lifelong Learning, USCA Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Deidre Martin shared some remembrances of Dr. Kauffman and her involvement with him.

Past President Dick Baxter then announced the recipient of this year's Kauffman award, Deidre Martin, and brought her back to the podium to receive her award (see separate article in this issue of *The Spiral*).

The event concluded with our keynote speaker Dr. Sandra Jordan, recently installed as USCA's new Chancellor. Dr. Jordan entertained us with her thoughts on Aiken, pine pollen, and coming to a quality small school like USCA from larger universities. Dr. Jordan brought us up to date on USCA's focus on its students and plans to help develop them as leaders of tomorrow, emphasizing skills and knowledge that will be particularly useful in our surrounding community in the future.



Spring Semester Wraps to a Close

There are no new classes beginning this month, and only the final two weeks of the *Great Decisions* discussion group yet to be held in May. We hope to see you all back for the Fall 2013 term.

Changes to the Academy Board of Directors

Linda Soyars has agreed to fill our vacant Publicity Chair position for the 2013-2014 year.

In addition, long time Academy Member Wesley Sloan has informed the Board that he will not be able to continue as Academy Secretary. Doug Wilson, currently editor of the Academy's newsletter, *The Spiral*, and webmaster of the Academy's website, agreed finish out this term and continue through the upcoming academic year.

That still leaves two unfilled positions for next year, those of President-Elect and Curriculum Chair-Elect. Both of these positions involve acting in an assistant capacity for a year in order to "learn the ropes", then moving into the President and Curriculum Chair positions, respectively, the following year.

If you enjoy the Academy and all it provides, won't you please consider giving some of your time to help assure it can continue to serve our Senior community by filling one of these positions? To volunteer, please contact Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Director, USCA Office of Conferences and Continuing Education (maryanc@usca.edu, 803.641.3587).

The Spiral Going On Vacation

This is the last issue of *The Spiral* for the 2012/2013 academic year. We will resume publication with the September issue next fall.

Academy Board Meeting April 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry McDonald at 10:00 am.

Board Members Attending: Jerry McDonald, Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Dick Baxter

Board Members Absent: Wesley Sloan, Dick and Nancy Meinhardt

Also in Attendance: Doug Cook, Carl Fields, Doug Wilson

Board Membership Update

Linda Soyars has agreed to fill our vacant Publicity Chair position for the 2013-2014 year.

Wesley Sloan's wife has informed Mary Anne Cavanaugh that Wesley will no longer be able to carry out his duties as Academy Secretary. Doug Wilson agreed to take over as Secretary, in addition to his duties as Editor of *The Spiral*, for the balance of this year and through next year. The Board expressed its appreciation for Wesley's dedication and service to the Academy over many years and wished him well in his current situation.

Treasurer's Report

Report details were distributed to the Board. We should end the year with a healthy balance in the Academy account on the USCA books. This is a significant recovery from the difficult period of several years ago.

Two motions were moved, seconded and passed:

To pay USCA the Continuing Education fee for administering the Academy program.

To accept the Treasurer's Report

Curriculum Committee

Carl Fields (current Curriculum Committee member and elected Chair for next year) reported that tentatively we have 21 courses planned for the upcoming Fall semester, plus the Fall Steeplechase and Holiday events. This year's Holiday event will be a Reception at the Pickens-Salley House on campus, with wine and cheese on December 6, 4-6 pm.

The large number of no-shows of those signing up for classes continues to be an ongoing problem.

Old Business

Kauffman Recognition Day

Everything is in place for Kauffman Day on April 18. A total of 320 Academy Members and guests were invited. Of these, 62 returned their RSVPs indicating they will attend. President Jerry McDonald will explain Earl Kauffman's significance to the Academy and why this annual award is given in Dr. Kauffman's memory. Past President Dick Baxter will present the award to this year's honoree. USCA Chancellor Dr. Sandra Jordan will be the keynote speaker.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. No May meeting is anticipated, so Mary Anne will distribute a final Treasurer's report when all expenses are in and accounted for. The next meeting will be called by incoming President Doug Cook in August, 2013.

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Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:

Board of Directors: John and Nancy Meinhardt, Curriculum Co-Chairs; (Vacant), Curriculum Chair-Elect; (Vacant), Publicity Chair; (Vacant), Membership Chair.

Non-Members: Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – May 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	10	11
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 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building