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Kauffman Remembrance Day Luncheon



Dr. Earl Kauffman's vision and initiative was instrumental in the founding of our Academy for Lifelong Learning in Aiken back in 1990. You can read about the founding and early years of the Academy in this article on the Academy for Lifelong Learning website:

<http://aikenlearning.org/documents/history.pdf>

Each year the Academy honors Dr. Kauffman by giving an award in his name to recognize an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the Academy. This year's Kauffman Award recipient will be announced at a luncheon featuring USCA's Chancellor, Dr. Sandra Jordan as its keynote speaker.

Personal invitations have been mailed to all Academy members on record. If you have not received yours, please contact Mary Anne Cavanaugh, (maryanc@usca.edu, 803.641.3587).

Date: Thursday April 17

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: USCA Business & Education, Room 116

Cost: the luncheon is free for Academy members

Course Cancellation

Due to a late-arising schedule conflict with the instructor, it was regrettably necessary to cancel the *ETHNIC CLEANSING IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE* class scheduled for March 19 through April 16.

Annual Business Meeting To Be Held in Conjunction with Kauffman Remembrance Day

The Academy's annual Business Meeting will be held immediately following the program at the Kauffman Remembrance Luncheon on April 17. The key items at the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year and proposed revisions to the Academy Bylaws. The proposed Bylaws revisions are avail-

able for review on the Academy's website at www.aikenlearning.org.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates for next year:

President-elect: Jan VanSlyke

Secretary: Doug Wilson (incumbent)

Treasurer: Mary Anne Cavanaugh (incumbent)

Membership Committee Chair: Sherry Wilson (incumbent)

Publicity Committee Chair: Nancy Meinhart

The office of President will be filled via automatic progression by this year's President-elect, Carl Fields.

The Chair of the Curriculum Committee will be filled via automatic progression by this year's Curriculum Chair-elect, Jan VanSlyke.

Courses Beginning in April

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (The Spring 2014 catalog is available on the web at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). 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 ARTS AND THE ETHERREDGE CENTER

Date: 4 Tuesdays, April 1, 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106 (Note: April 29th class will be held in Business & Educ. Bldg. Rm. 140)

THE NEW MIDDLE EAST: AFTER THE ARAB SPRING

Date: 4 Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 23, 30

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 106

January Board Meeting

Somehow we managed to omit reporting the January Board meeting in February's issue of *The Spiral*.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am January 10, 2014 by President Doug Cook.

Present: President Doug Cook, Past President Jerry McDonald, Treasurer Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Carl Fields, Publicity Chair Linda Soyars, Membership Chair Sherry Wilson

TREASURERS REPORT – Mary Anne Cavanaugh

Current enrollment for the Spring semester is 155, down from 200 the Fall semester. A drop off was deemed likely due to the late distribution of the Spring Catalog.

Two Fall instructors have yet to be paid (paperwork issue).

The current projected account balance is sufficient to easily cover anticipated expenses for the second semester.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Carl Fields

The Wine Tasting event has been canceled because Riley's Whitby Bull, where it was to be held, has opted not to renew its liquor license.

The second session of the Appalachian Culture course will be shifted from March 4 to the otherwise open March 11 date to accommodate a change in the instructor's schedule.

The No Cook Pasta class time is being shifted from 12:30 to 3:30 to accommodate a scheduling change by the Cedar Creek Community Center. All registered participants have been alerted by USCA.

The following courses are full and wait lists have been established:

- The Curious Practice Of Tea Drinking
- No Cooking: No Cook Pasta Sauce And No Knead Bread
- Great Women of the Bible
- Exploring the Heavens

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Linda Soyars

Our submitted article was published in the December Mature Times supplement to the Aiken Standard. An article for January has been submitted, but at this point we have not had this submission acknowledged.

We have not heard back from the City regarding our desire to sponsor one of the Hopelands summer concerts in August. After some board discussion, it was decided that we would like to have handouts consisting of "funeral parlor" fans imprinted with Academy logo and information.

Life in Woodside magazine has not yet been contacted for possible editorial placement. Doug and Sherry Wilson agreed to help Linda on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Kauffman Award

A date of April 17 has been set for the Kauffman Recognition Luncheon. USCA Chancellor Sandra Jordan has been confirmed as the featured speaker.

Academy Merchandise

Doug Wilson was given the go-ahead to set up a store at CafePress.com or other suitable site to sell merchandise (tee shirts, hats, tote bags, etc.) to promote awareness of the Academy. It was decided to sell "at cost" to keep prices as low as possible, and to avoid the hassle of receiving occasional small commission checks that must be dealt with.

Catalogs

There was some discussion of the problems which led to the late distribution of the Spring 2014 catalogs. We prefer to have these out in early December, but this year we were several weeks late, primary due to delays at USCA in getting our room assignments. It is fervently hoped that this problem will be corrected by the time we are setting up the Fall 2014 semester.

700 printed catalogs were produced for Spring 2014, down from 750 the previous semester. We have approximately 50 left in Laura Anderson's office which is thought to be enough to see us through.

NEW BUSINESS

Social Activities

Following the success of December's Holiday Wine & Cheese, there was discussion of the possible addition of more social activities, as opposed to course offerings. The membership will be solicited for suggestions via an article in the February issue of The Spiral, with Carl Fields as contact.

Future Board Meetings

The date and time for the next Board meeting has not yet been set.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

March Board Meeting

Editor's Note: The Board Meeting scheduled for February 14 was canceled due to a major ice storm on February 12 which crippled Aiken and closed the USCA campus for several days.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on March 14 by President Doug Cook.

Present: President Doug Cook, Treasurer Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Carl Fields, Curriculum Chair-elect Jan VanSlyke, Publicity Chair Linda Soyars

Absent: Past President Jerry McDonald, Membership Chair Sherry Wilson

MINUTES OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mary Anne Cavanaugh

Treasurer's Report was distributed. In summary, finances continue in good shape.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Carl Fields

The February ice storm caused numerous class session cancellations. All sessions but one were rescheduled successfully. The one session not rescheduled was due to instructor unavailability.

Get A Move On class for the fall involves four sessions, one for each of four different activities. The board approved \$76 for gym rental for the pickle ball session.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Linda Soyars

Sponsorship of Hopelands Concert in August. Linda brought in cost information for fans as promotional handouts. The board approved ordering 500 fans from Screenprint Factory.

OLD BUSINESS

Academy Merchandise

The January Board approved setting up an online shop to sell merchandise with an Academy logo, as a means to promote the Academy in our community. Doug W. has set up the shop at Cafepress, with a web address of www.cafepress.com/a4lll (note the last 3 characters are lower case Ls). The shop was announced in the March issue of *The Spiral*, and has a page on the Academy website at www.aikenlearning.org. A motion had been made and seconded by email following the cancellation of the February Board meeting that the Academy purchase one item of Academy logo wear for each Board member, to be worn at Academy functions and elsewhere to promote the Academy. The motion was passed at this meeting. Each Board member should email his/her order (item, size, color, shipping address) to Mary Anne (maryanc@usca.edu), who will place the orders with Cafepress and charge them to the Academy.

Kauffman Luncheon

Jerry McDonald sent word that all is progressing well for the Kauffman Award Luncheon. A commemorative item has been ordered from a local trophy shop, and Jerry is assembling the appropriate biographical information for the presentation. The luncheon menu is being prepared and Mary Anne and Laura are turning their attention to creating and mailing out the invitations. Mary Anne will ask Dr Alexander, USCA Chancellor at the time of the Academy's formation, to make a presentation regarding Dr. Kauffman and his key role in creating the Academy.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Elections for Next Year

Prospective slate of officers for next year:

President – Carl Fields (automatic progression from President-elect this year)

President-elect – *

Secretary – Doug Wilson

Treasurer – Mary Ann Cavanaugh

Curriculum Chair – Jan VanSlyke (automatic progression from Chair-elect this year)

Curriculum Chair-elect – *

Publicity Chair – Nancy Meinhart

Membership Chair – Sherry Wilson

* Jan VanSlyke, while serving as Curriculum Chair next year, is willing to concurrently fill either the President-elect or Curriculum Chair-elect position as needed, leaving us with one position to fill.

We have missed the dates specified in the Bylaws for electing a slate of officers at a March general meeting. The Board voted to hold a general membership meeting following the Kauffman luncheon and to amend the Bylaws to carry this forward as the standard means of dealing with the annual officer elections. This Bylaw update will also have to be approved by the membership at that same meeting. Doug will pull together the Bylaw revision proposal.

Retirements at USCA

Both Mary Anne Cavanaugh and Laura Anderson have announced their intentions to retire from USCA following this spring semester. How this will affect the Academy is yet to be seen. How their positions will be filled by USCA is yet to be determined. USCA has employed a consultant to analyze these two positions and to make recommendations regarding how best to cover their various job responsibilities.

Future Board Meetings

Time and place of the next Board meeting to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

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Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy: Board of Directors: Curriculum Chair; Carl Fields; Curriculum Chair-Elect: Jan VanSlyke; Publicity Chair: Linda Soyars; Membership Chair: Sherry Wilson

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

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

ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Arts & Etherredge</i> 10:50a-12:05p [P 106]	2 <i>New Middle East</i> 1:00-1:50p [P 106] <i>Ethnic Cleansing</i> 3:00-3:50p [p 106]	3 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P 110]	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Arts & Etherredge</i> 10:50a-12:05p [P 106]	16 <i>New Middle East</i> 1:00-1:50p [P 106] <i>Ethnic Cleansing</i> 3:00-3:50p [p 106]	17 <i>Kauffman Luncheon</i> 12:00 noon [B 116] <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P 110]	18	19
20	21	22 <i>Arts & Etherredge</i> 10:50a-12:05p [P 106]	23 <i>New Middle East</i> 1:00-1:50p [P 106]	24 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P 110]	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Arts & Etherredge</i> 10:50a-12:05p [B 140]	30 <i>New Middle East</i> 1:00-1:50p [P 106]			

[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr @ USCA
 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Bldg