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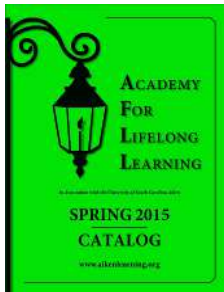
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Spiral

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Register NOW for the Spring 2015 Semester

The Spring 2015 Catalog was released in November. If you did not receive a copy, you can download it from our website at www.aikenlearning.org.



Enrollment is well underway. Most courses have enrollment limits due to classroom capacity and they are filling fast, so for best choice sign up as soon as you can.

Note that Laura Anderson at USCA will only be in her office this month on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays through

December 15. Registrations received after this date will not be processed until after the first of the year.

Important Notice Regarding Your Registration Confirmation Letter from USCA

For the spring semester the Academy was unable to obtain larger sized classrooms for most of our classes. As a result, we will have a greater-than-normal number of classes whose registrations are filled, resulting in applicants being placed on wait lists for those classes.

You can attend ONLY those classes for which you have confirmed reservations. Your registration confirmation will correctly list all of the classes for which you have confirmed registrations.

The registration confirmation letter also lists classes for which you are wait listed. **Do NOT attend classes for which you are wait listed unless you have been contacted by Laura Anderson at USCA and informed that your registration has cleared for that class.**

A previously-undiscovered software glitch in the program that prepares the registration confirmation letters only includes your first three wait lists in the letter. If a course you requested is in neither your confirmed registration list nor your wait lists, then you are wait listed for that course.

No Courses Beginning in December

There are no Fall term courses remaining to start in December, with only the Holiday Reception event adding anything new for this month. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

Holiday Wine and Cheese Drop-in Reception

Date: Friday, Dec. 5th

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 P.M.

Location: Pickens-Salley House on USCA Campus

No charge, but ***RSVP REQUIRED BY NOV. 26***

Academy On The Road

With this issue we are introducing a new feature for *The Spiral*: "Academy On The Road". Take your Academy Logo apparel or accessories with you when you travel. Then take a photo in some interesting locale featuring you with a visible and recognizable Academy logo. Attach the photo to an email and send it to spiral@aikenlearning.org.

To get us started, here's one from your faithful Editor:



Sherry and Doug Wilson at Red Rock Crossing, Sedona, AZ, November 2014

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October 17 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by President Carl Fields.

Present: President Carl Fields, Past President Doug Cook, Treasurer Laura Anderson, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Jan VanSlyke, Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt, Membership Chair Sherry Wilson

MINUTES

The minutes of the September board meeting, as published in the September issue of *The Spiral*, incorporated everyone's suggestions and changes, and were approved as published.

TREASURERS REPORT – Laura Anderson

The Treasurers Report was distributed. Our finances continue to hold in good shape.

There was considerable discussion surrounding the scholarships funded by the Academy for USCA students. The Advancement Department informed us that \$500 of our \$1000 was awarded last year. We found this confusing as we thought we had authorized two \$1000 scholarships, and that we had voted to increase these scholarships to \$1500 each for this year. This was always handled by the Director of Continuing Education, and when Mary Anne retired we lost our knowledge of the details: when the money must be transferred from our account to the Financial Aid account, when the scholarships are actually awarded, how we go about specifying our desired selection criteria, etc. It was decided that we need a meeting with Judy Waters of the Advancement Department to discuss these issues and procedures. Carl, Laura, and Doug W. will attend.

A motion carried that Laura is authorized to transfer this academic year's \$3000 scholarship money once the procedures for doing so are understood.

In a related note, one Academy member recently contacted USCA and contributed \$400 to be added to the Academy scholarship fund.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan VanSlyke

Jan is reviewing the Spring 2015 catalog sent to her by Laura, with the major hangup being whether Cedar Creek will be available to us for the two classes that have been requested there. Any changes must be submitted to Laura by October 22. This date has been moved up because we want to get the catalog out in early November, earlier than usual, so that there will be time to handle the bulk of Spring semester registrations before December 15. This is needed because classes start the first full week of January and the school has informed Laura she cannot work the last 2½ weeks of the year. For future years, we may wish to be sure the first Spring classes start later in January to allow for more registration time.

There was discussion regarding the catalogs we put out for distribution in the Aiken library and other public areas in town. All of the registration forms in catalogs placed in the library were marked. Doug Cook indicated he went through all the registration forms submitted for the Fall semester, and none of them came from catalog copies distributed via the library, throwing the value of such distributions into question.

Laura indicated that some people are confused by the "person one / person two" ability to register two enrollees at once via our current registration form. It was suggested that, instead, we could include two separate single-person enrollment forms in the catalog. It is too late to make this change for Spring 2015, but will be incorporated for the Fall catalog.

Doug Wilson passed around a mockup he had created of a two-sided handout to be printed on card stock that would be cheaper to use as a publicity distribution piece than full catalogs. It has general Academy information on the front, and list of Spring

2015 offerings on the back. Several suggestions were received for improvements that he will incorporate.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Nancy Meinhardt

The article Nancy submitted for the September issue of the *Mature Times* supplement to the *Aiken Standard* was not published due to personnel changes at the paper. That article is slated to run in the October issue. Nancy plans to submit an article for November regarding the upcoming Spring semester. In addition, the paper ran pictures Nancy submitted of instructor Alexia Helsley in viking garb for the *Vikings and Their World* course and of the croquet session from the *Get a Move On* class.

Nancy has submitted an article for the December issue of *Life in Woodside* magazine, highlighting several Woodside residents and their involvement with the Academy. A similar article is possible in the Cedar Creek version of the magazine but Nancy would need help lining up Cedar Creek Academy members for inclusion and interviews.

Laura passed around a thank you note we received from the City of Aiken for sponsoring our Hopelands concert this past summer.

OLD BUSINESS

USCA Support Staff

Laura is only assured of employment through June, since the Continuing Education Department reorganization is still up in the air. This means we MUST have the Fall catalog ready for publication while we still have Laura's assured services. As yet we don't know what our USCA staffing situation will look like next year.

Officer Vacancies

We still have vacancies in the President-Elect and Curriculum-Chair-Elect positions. Several possibilities of people we might approach were suggested.

Social Events

We're set for the Fall Steeplechase – 18 people will attend and we have two railside spots. Laura will order the food and setup for the Holiday Reception at Pickens-Salley House on December 5 after the event RSVP cut-off date of November 26. We would like to have name tags at this event.

Kauffman Recognition Day

Kauffman Recognition Day is held annually in April. A date of April 23 was selected based on room availability and avoiding Masters conflicts. Faculty Liaison Tim Lentner was suggested as a possible keynote speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

Classroom Issues

The wireless microphone and receiver has been removed from Penland 106, and is currently being kept by Laura. The recent renovation of 106 which mounted the speakers on the wall left us with questions of how to connect the receiver to the system.

Laura has been able to reserve Room 124 in the Business and Education Building for us for many of our courses, at a very favorable rate of only \$75/day. This gives us the room for full days in which we can schedule classes, outside of the hassle of dealing with the University classroom scheduling system. Laura has used this and Penland 110 for scheduling many of our classes for the Spring term.

Doug Cook has been contacted through a third party re the possibility of using classroom space in a business downtown for some of our classes. He is in the process of setting up a meeting to get further information. If we can work something out here, this might work best for classes taught by non-faculty instructors who would not have to commute downtown from campus.

Future Board Meetings

No Board meetings are anticipated for November or December. The next meeting is planned for January 16 at 12:30 pm. Laura will reserve rooms for the 3rd Friday of each month for the Spring Semester.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.


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ACADEMY CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 WRITING THE MEMOIR 12:00-1:00p [P 110]	4	5 UNDERSTANDING JUDAISM 11:00a-12:15p [Adath Yeshurun Synagogue] HOLIDAY WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION 4:00-6:00P [Pickens Salley House, USCA]	6
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[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 Building