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President's Message

The Academy's annual Kauffman Award luncheon is planned for April 23, 2015 at noon, on the USCA campus (Room 116 of the B&E Building). All members of the Academy will be invited. There is no additional charge (it's included in your Academy membership), but an RSVP will be required. More details will be sent to members via e-mail or postal mail. There will be a brief Academy business meeting following the luncheon to elect 2015-2016 officers and to consider proposed revisions to Academy bylaws. The proposed bylaw revisions and slate of officers were published in the March 2015 issue of *The Spiral*.

Earlier this academic year, an Academy member pointed out the relatively small number of handicapped parking spaces in Parking Lot C, near the B&E Building where many of the Academy's classes have been held this year. This observation was passed on to the university administration, with a request they consider adding more such spaces. The university seems to have taken advantage of good weather during spring break to repaint the lines in that parking lot. In the process, they increased the number of handicapped parking spaces near the west entrance of the B&E building!

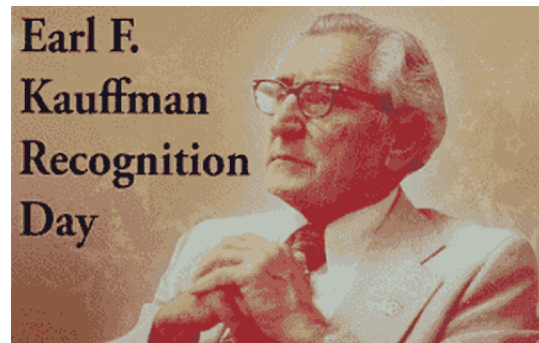
A photo of several members of the Academy's *Line Dancing* class appeared in the March 15, 2015 issue of *The Aiken Standard*. Thanks go to Public Relations Chair Nancy Meinhardt for taking and submitting this photo. Thanks also to instructor Brenda Taylor for a fine job with the class – and to the students in the class for supporting it so enthusiastically. I hadn't previously realized line dancing is also exercise.

The current list of candidates for 2015-2016 offices contains two vacant positions: President-elect and Curriculum Committee Chair-elect. Officers holding these two positions will be voting members of the Academy Board during the 2015-2106 academic year, but will not actually begin their administrative roles (as President and Curriculum Chair) until the following year (2015-2016 can be viewed as a "training year"). Nominations can be made from the floor

by any member during the business meeting (and members can nominate themselves); advance notice need not be given. If you would like more information about either of these positions -- or if you would like to serve and wish to arrange in advance to volunteer to serve -- please contact Carl Fields (803-641-0637 or pres@aikenlearning.org).

Carl Fields, Academy President

Kauffman Award Luncheon



It's that time of year again. Every Spring the Academy for Lifelong Learning holds its annual Kauffman Remembrance Day luncheon in honor of Dr. Earl F. Kauffman, a key figure in the creation of the Academy back in 1989. This year's banquet will be held on Thursday April 23, at noon.

Each year since 1992 recognition has been given at this Luncheon to a group or individual that has provided exceptional service to the Academy. Come out to the luncheon and show your appreciation and support for the Academy and this year's Kauffman honoree.

Invitations were mailed to all Academy members in late March, so watch your postal mailbox. There is no charge for the Luncheon, but an RSVP is required for planning purposes.

There will be a short Business Meeting following the Luncheon. Key items will be amending the Bylaws and election of officers for next year.

Academy on the Road



*Academy members Doug and Kathy Cook
on Sanibel Island, Florida, March 6, 2015*

To have *your* travel pictures shown in *The Spiral*, 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@aiklenlearning.org.

Courses Beginning This Month

The Spring semester is drawing to a close, with only two remaining courses beginning this month. Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can find the Spring 2015 catalog on the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT attend these classes unless you have pre-registered AND received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

CHARITABLE PLANNING

Dates: 4 Thursdays, April 2, 16, 23 & 30

Time: 4:00 - 4:50 P.M.

Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 45

NORTH AUGUSTA ARTS & HERITAGE

Date: Monday, April 20

Time: 10:00 A.M – 3:15 P.M.

Location: Arts & Heritage Center of North Augusta;

Living History Park: Rosemary Hall

Enrollment Limit: 60

FEE: \$20

SPECIAL EVENT: KAUFFMAN REMEMBRANCE LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, April 23

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Business and Education Bldg, Room 116

All members invited, RSVP required

March 20 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by President Carl Fields.

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

Absent: Curriculum Chair Jan VanSlyke,

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY BOARD – Approved

TREASURERS REPORT – Laura Anderson

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Finances are holding in good shape. Anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the semester should leave us at the end of the academic year with roughly the amount we started with in the beginning of the year, so this year's income and expenses appear to be in balance.

Instructor payments to retired faculty members through the USCA accounting system create a large amount of paperwork, both for Laura and the retired faculty member. This has gotten worse thanks to the Affordable Care Act. Paying retired faculty with a check from our checking account would bypass this USCA paperwork. Our current funding of the checking account (Board member enrollment fees go to the checking account instead of the general fund) would be inadequate to cover this use. One way to augment the checking account funds would be for the enrollment fees for both Board members and their spouses to go into the checking account. Further discussion was tabled until the fall, when next year's USCA paperwork requirements can be assessed.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – General discussion only, as Committee Chair not present.

Neither of the two courses starting in April are full.

A survey of the waitlist for the planetarium event showed insufficient interest to schedule a second session.

Due to popular demand, there will be another line dance class next fall if a suitable room can be obtained.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Nancy Meinhardt

The last article Nancy submitted to the Mature Times monthly supplement to The Aiken Standard was not placed, although the paper did print the photo of the Line Dancing class she sent them. Since the paper did ask if she wanted to place an ad, there was a discussion of whether ad purchase may help with the likelihood of placement of submitted articles. The Board voted to authorize placement of an ad in the August issue.

There has been no progress on placing an article in the

Cedar Creek magazine. Laura is to provide a copy of the magazine to Nancy. Several Academy members living in Cedar Creek are needed to be interviewed as the basis for the article. Ken Brace was suggested as a good candidate to start with; Laura will provide Nancy with Ken's contact information.

We returned to a previous discussion of a rack card for use as a publicity handout. Doug Cook will be presenting the Academy at an Aiken Newcomers meeting in May and he'd like to have these available by then. He will send Doug Wilson a list of fall courses that can be placed on the back, and Doug W will then provide Laura with a document file to have printed, either commercially or at USCA.

There was a small article in a recent Aiken Homes and Lifestyles magazine promoting the Academy. The wording appears mostly to have been taken from our website. We are pleased with this unsolicited publicity. Perhaps this magazine can be a vehicle for future articles.

OLD BUSINESS

USCA Continuing Education Department Reorganization
The new Director, Ashley Moore, has been named and just started this week. Her full title is Director of the Office of Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education and Workforce Development. She's really swamped right now, but after she's had a chance to get settled, we should consider meeting with her to inform her about the Academy and establish a relationship. Ashley's assistant, Amy Westra (Administrative Assistant & Calendar/Space Reservations Administrator for the Office of Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, whew!), is now in place full time in Laura Anderson's office. Laura's future beyond this semester is still uncertain, as she has not been offered a new contract to continue.

Officer Elections - Doug Cook has agreed to serve as President for next year. Our slate of officers for next year was published in the March issue of The Spiral, thus meeting our advanced notice requirement before the election at the April Kauffman luncheon. We still lack candidates for President Elect and Curriculum Chair Elect.

Proposed Change to Bylaws - A proposed Bylaws amendment eliminating the Membership Committee was distributed to the Board and approved via email following the February Board meeting. It was published in the March issue of The Spiral, thus meeting our 4 weeks notice requirement.

Handicap Parking Spaces in USCA Lot C - The campus parking lot lines were repainted over spring break. In the process, the number of Handicap spaces in Lot C were increased, as we had requested. The Secretary will send a note of thanks to the appropriate University department.

Unintended Consequences of Room Assignment Changes

Over the course of the semester, we were able to move the two filled courses with the largest wait lists to H&SS 103, which is a larger room, enabling us to eliminate the wait lists. This resulted in a longer walk from parking lot to classroom causing a small number of members to drop

out because of walking difficulties. The Board regrets these difficulties, however there was a definite need for a larger classroom, and this was the only one available. The number of members now able to attend these popular classes was far greater than the number adversely affected.

Scholarships - Closing the loop on discussions from the October Board:

- We met with the Advancement Department that handles scholarships on October 22.
- Two \$750 spring semester 2015 scholarships were awarded in our name, and paid for during the fall 2014 semester.
- We pledged to fund two \$1500 scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year and requested that these be awarded to non-traditional students.
- The above disbursements of funds were approved via email vote following the October 22 meeting with the Advancement Department.
- To ensure adequate scholarship planning each year, and to protect against loss of knowledge of how this is done with shifting Board membership, it was decided to invite an Advancement Department representative to a Board meeting each fall to assist in setting up that year's scholarship plan.

Kauffman Luncheon - Plans are pretty well in place. Fred Cavanaugh will give the invocation.

Dedicated IP Number for Website - The dedicated IP mentioned last month is now in place at a cost of \$4/month. Remaining email delivery issues springing from our previous shared IP have been resolved. We are currently paying for this by working off a small credit we have in our account with the web host. The Board authorized Laura to pay the balance required to extend this coverage until our next annual website renewal in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Update of the Policies and Procedures Document - Doug W emailed a proposed Policies and Procedures update to the Board following the February Board meeting, covering two main changes: 1) elimination of the Membership Committee, and 2) meeting with the USCA Advancement Department each fall to set up that year's scholarship planning. The revision was approved, contingent upon the Bylaws change which eliminates the Membership Committee being approved by the membership in April.

Acknowledging Contributions to Academy Funds - Two contributions were made to our funds recently through USCA, one to our scholarship fund and the other to one of our endowments. The Board, on behalf of the membership, greatly appreciates these contributions. A question was raised as to whether we should send the donors letters of appreciation from the Academy. Since these contributions were made through USCA, and not directly to us, we are concerned that there would be privacy violation issues were the Academy to acknowledge these contributions. As these are tax

deductible contributions, the University has already sent letters of appreciation and confirmation.

Additional Bylaws Changes - It is too late to make any additional changes to the Bylaw revision being submitted to the members in April as we could not get anything further out to the membership in time to meet the 4 weeks notice requirement. For the next revision we need to revisit the wording regarding elections and the need to have a paper ballot if there are nominations from the floor. We believe this was intended only where there is more than one candidate for an office. Also there is no need to elect a President or Curriculum Chair when these positions will be filled by automatic progression from incumbent President Elect and Curriculum Chair Elect positions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm. At this time we don't anticipate needing an April Board meeting.



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Committee Chairpersons: Curriculum Chair; Jan VanSlyke; Curriculum Chair-Elect: (vacant); Publicity Chair: Nancy Meinhardt; Membership Chair: Sherry Wilson

Ex-officio Members: Dr. Tim Lintner, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P 110] <i>Charitable Planning</i> 4:00-4:50p [P 110]	3 <i>Curric. Committee</i> 10:00a [B 102]	4
5	6	7	8	9 [No classes]	10	11
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19	20 <i>North Augusta Arts & Heritage</i> 10:00a-3:15p [North Augusta Municipal Bldg.]	21	22	23 <i>Kauffman Luncheon & Member Meeting</i> 12:00 noon [B 116] <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00-3:30p [P 110] <i>Charitable Planning</i> 4:00-4:50p [P 110]	24	25
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