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President's Message

First—a couple of important updates/changes.

- Abby Grizzle, our USCA Administrative Assistant, now has a new office—with a window and more space (Yes!). Her new office is B&E 109, which is directly across the hall from her “old” office.
- The latest on car registration requirement affects our off-campus instructors at USCA. Abby now has hang tags for those instructors who are on campus for only the few hours they teach a course for us. These temporary hang tags are required for short term instructors; however, permanent registration requirements that apply to us do not apply to our temporary, off-campus instructors. Liaisons—please pick up a hand tag for instructor from Abby if applicable. This is for short-term use only and the tag should be returned to Abby when the class is over.

Our spring semester is off to a busy start, and we have had great response and large registration for our courses. As you know, this was our first semester of computer registration. We had over 80 members register using the new software system. The system has also enabled Abby's office to contact you via email regarding room changes, school closures, waiting list changes, etc. Please continue to check your email and the calendar on our website www.aikenlearning.org to ensure you have the most current information. Both online and hand-written registrations continue to be accepted.

I represented the Academy at the 01/24 meeting of the USCA Partnership Board, which is composed of community groups involved with the University. USCA is currently surveying various groups on and off campus regarding their thoughts on a strategic plan forward (SWOT) for the University. The 10-question survey discussion involved feedback on items relating to students, recruiting, financing, maintaining staff, and other topics relevant to the continued success of USCA. We were the first group to respond to the survey, and I'll give you feedback when all surveys are complete and responses are compiled.

Enjoy your classes and events/trips.

Jan Van Slyke, Academy President

Spring Semester Registrations

The following registration data was presented at the January Board, reflecting registrations as of January 16:

Walk-ins during Open Registration	71
Walk-ins following Open Registration	19
Mail-ins	47
Online	82
Total Registrations	219

There is still plenty of time to register for classes, as most have not yet begun.

Another Course Withdrawn

The **LISTENING TO SONIC ART SINCE 1945** course, scheduled to start March 20 will not take place due to instructor health issues. This is the second class canceled for this reason this semester. Let's hope the rest of our instructors have had their flu shots and are taking their vitamins.

Classroom Changes

Three courses have been moved to larger rooms in the Business and Education Building to reduce or eliminate wait lists:

Islam Exposed moves to Room 116

Irish-American History moves to Room 122

How a Dog Changed History moves to Room 122

Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>).

To enroll, register online at <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1#/selectSessions/2263702>, or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

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

EXPLORING BALLET STEREOTYPES

Dates: 4 Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 116

LIVE FROM THE MET

Dates: 6 Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: Penland 106

THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

Dates: 4 Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

CHINA'S ONE CHILD POLICY

Date: Thursday, February 8

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

PRUNING WOODY PLANTS

Date: Thursday, February 15

Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

CHINESE HOLIDAYS AND FOOD CUSTOMS

Date: Thursday, February 15

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

A WOMAN'S WORD IS NEVER DONE!

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, February 20, 27; March 6, 13

Time: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

ISLAM EXPOSED: FACTS AND MYTHS

Dates: 6 Thursdays, February 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room ~~124~~ 116

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

BEGINNING DRAWING

~~Dates: 6 Thursdays, February 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29~~

~~Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.~~

~~Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124~~

CLASS WITHDRAWN

INTRODUCTION TO PRACTICAL BREWING SCIENCE

Date: Friday, February 23

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Aiken Brewing Company, 140 Laurens St., Aiken

DIABETES/PRE-DIABETES PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, February 27; March 6, 13, 20

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg. Room 124

November 15 Board Meeting

[Approved at the January 17, 2018 Board Meeting. There was no Board meeting in December, 2017]

The meeting was called to order at 8:57 am by President Jan Van Slyke.

Present: President Jan Van Slyke, Past President Doug Cook, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Harriet Haynes, Curriculum Chair-elect Kathy Rachick, Publicity Chair Rachel Pirkle

Absent: Treasurer Abby Grizzle

Guest: Joel Aitcheson, Continuing Education Intern

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held October 25, 2017, were approved without change.

TREASURERS REPORT – Joel Aitcheson for Abby Grizzle

The Academy account balance with USCA is sufficient to cover all known outstanding expenses:

Instructor pay	\$3421.14
Sign for off campus classes/events	20.00
Steeplechase tickets	810.00
Copying of class handouts	25.05

Doug W presented receipts for Steeplechase incidentals (table covers, tableware, etc.) totaling \$44.52. The Board approved paying this via the Academy checking account.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Harriet Haynes

Spring course/event information has been handed in to Abby for catalog creation. The registration form and parking decal application have been added to the catalog. The number of catalogs to be printed was discussed but no conclusion was reached; Doug C will work this out with Abby.

Joel reported that Karen Edgington's experience at Coastal Carolina was that the first year of online registration about 40% registered online and they are now up to about 80%.

At this point, about 13 classes and events are on the list for next fall, both items that could not be pulled together in time for the Spring term and new offerings.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Rachel Pirkle

Rachel's latest submission to the *Mature Times* monthly supplement to the *Aiken Standard* just issued today. She has assembled a tentative list of articles to be submitted to *Mature Times* through May.

OLD BUSINESS

Academy Presence on USCA Website

We discussed that the Academy page on the USCA site is redundant and really serves no purpose. We requested that, unless USCA has some need to have its own page for the Academy, the current USCA page for the Academy be taken down and that Academy links on the ContEd page go to our Academy home page. We noted that this is the way McGrath is set up. As Joel now is maintaining the ContEd content on the USCA site, he said he could take care of this.

Kauffman Award

Doug C reminded the group to submit their suggestions for Kauffman Award recipients and keynote speaker.

Online Registration

We're still on target to begin online registration for the upcoming Spring semester. Our course information has been loaded into the Active Network software and Joel is working on getting it ready for our use. He provided a demonstration of two possible ways to have it set up. We opted for what we deemed was the one that would be easier for our users to navigate and use, entailing a course/event list with check boxes to check for item selections. Item names, dates, times, and location are shown for each item, with an additional link one can click for the full item description.

Abby and one of the interns are working on a document giving step-by-step instructions for using the system. Doug W will make this available on the Academy website and provide a link in *The Spiral* as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Reception

A request was received to bring a spouse to the Holiday Reception, with an offer to pay for the spouse's share of the food and drink. Via email discussion it was decided that if this was granted it would need to be offered to everyone and that there was insufficient time for this year to learn how many more would come, to determine what to charge, and to change arrangements with the caterer.

At this meeting it was decided that, for the future, we would open attendance up to spouses, with an appropriate fee that needs to be determined. It was also decided that, to combat the problem of running out of food as we have in the past, future events would be held in the early afternoon rather than at 4pm so that people would not consider our hors d'oeuvres to be their dinner.

Doug C reported that Vicki Gibboney has again agreed to provide dulcimer music for this year's event.

Open Enrollment Days

USCA would like to have open house days to coincide with the opening date for registration in which Continuing Education staff would be available in the B&E Computer Lab (Room 130) to assist people with the new online enrollment system. Our original target date of December 11 would not work because this is the first day of USCA finals and the department interns would not be available. It was decided to schedule our registration and Open Enrollment to begin on December 18, the first Monday after finals week.

Thank You Notes

Our supply of Academy thank you notes, used by the class liaisons to thank our instructors for their efforts, is running low. The Board authorized Abby to purchase an additional supply.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 13 at 9am, but since this is before registration begins it may not be needed.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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