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President's Message

Academy members —

Fall has finally come in, riding in on the coattails of Hurricane Michael. The relief from the lo-o-o-ng hot summer we'd had is most welcome, but Michael brought us much more than just the fall weather. Damages and flooding were also in his wake. We hope you and your families were spared as much as possible — our thoughts and prayers go out to those who were not so lucky. The campus was closed October 11 due to this weather — two of our classes were canceled and rescheduling has now been completed. Remember, when USCA campus classes and events are canceled, our Academy classes are also canceled. For information on campus closures, go to the USCA website www.usca.edu or to our Academy website www.aikenlearning.org.

The Curriculum Committee is the lifeblood of our organization. Its mission is to plan, develop and implement the courses you enjoy each semester. Our members brainstorm interesting topics and then seek out individuals in the community who can share their expertise on that subject. Our next meeting will be November 5 at 2:00 in B&E 102 — come sit in on a meeting and help us become even more successful! WE NEED YOU AND YOUR NEW IDEAS! Call or email the committee chair, or talk to one of the committee members for more information.

Our annual Holiday Wine and Cheese Drop-in Reception will be held on December 11 in the Business & Education Building, Room 116. Stop by between the hours of 2:00-3:30 p.m. to join Academy friends and to wish them Happy Holidays! Hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages will be served. There is no charge for Academy Members; however, you must let us know if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by November 22 to the Office of Continuing Education (or leave a voice mail) at 803-641-3523

Harriet Haynes, Academy President
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Be sure to get your RSVP in for the Holiday Drop-in Reception

The Academy's annual Holiday Reception will be held this year on Tuesday December 11 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in Business & Education Room 116.

There is no charge for Academy members with registrations for this semester but you must RSVP by November 22 to confirm your intention to attend so we know how much food to order.

You can bring a non-Academy guest for \$15.

To RSVP and/or add a guest, contact USCA Continuing Education at info@aikenlearning.org or 803.641.3563.

Hurricanes Strike Again

For the second month in a row, a hurricane moving inland over South Carolina resulted in a USCA campus closure and Academy class cancellations. Hurricane Florence closed campus for two days in September and Hurricane Michael shut things down for one day in October.



Of the four courses affected, three have made up their missed sessions. The instructor for the *Conversational Spanish* course has elected to not make up the missed session as to prevent extending the course into Thanksgiving week.

Alexia Helsley Interviewed on South Carolina ETV



By the River is a current series produced by South Carolina ETV and USC Beaufort which features interviews with Lowcountry authors. The October 4 episode was devoted to USCA historian and popular Academy instructor Alexia Jones Helsley, author of *Wicked Beaufort*.

During the course of the program she shares insights on such diverse topics as growing up in Beaufort, historical archiving in the electronic age, and going to school with author Pat Conroy. Alexia also divulges she is working on a book about Aiken. If you watch closely, you'll even get a glimpse of the fanciful costume she wore for the opening session of her Fall 2014 Academy course *The Vikings And Their World*.

You may view this program online at video.sctv.org/video/s1-ep4-alexia-jones-helsley-bjku5i/

October was Horse Racing Month at the Academy



Several courses and events last month centered on horse racing.

October's "horsey" offerings began with a session of the *Aiken Backstretch Experience*, a program run by Aiken Parks and Tourism to explore Aiken's horse racing heritage and to provide insight into what takes place at the Aiken Training Track.



The group learns about initial stall training of young thoroughbreds at Legacy Stable. In this phase of their training the horses get acclimated to wearing bridle and saddle, accepting weight on their backs, and taking direction from their trainers.



At the Aiken Training Track, Lisa Hall, tour leader and Director of the [Aiken Thoroughbred Hall of Fame and Museum](#), discussed the fine Montmorenci sand found in the area that makes Aiken such an ideal spot for horse training.



Trainers take a couple of yearlings for their morning run.



The group gathers to observe the grave of Blue Peter, a champion thoroughbred that trained in Aiken. He was sired by War Admiral and was grandson of Man 'o War. Of his ten races he had eight first place and two third place finishes, including a win at the 1948 Belmont Futurity. Blue Peter was named American Champion Two Year Old Colt by Turf and Sport Digest that same year. He was favored to win the Kentucky Derby but had to withdraw due to an intestinal illness which eventually claimed his life in 1950.



Blue Peter is buried in a full horse-sized casket beneath the iconic live oak which now bears his name in the infield of the Aiken Training Track. He is one of 40 Aiken-trained champion horses currently honored at the [Aiken Thoroughbred Hall of Fame](#).

Local author Sasser Hill's *Publishing, Mysteries and Horses* course followed, started in mid-October. While the course centers on her publishing experience, Ms Sasser cites her novels which have been mysteries involving the horse racing industry.

The Academy had its usual railside spot for the 27th running of the *Aiken Fall Steeplechase*, the last Saturday of the month.



The Academy's railside site.



The group chows down at the potluck buffet table.



Horses thunder past the Academy site in the fifth race.

One more offering relating to horse racing was the much-anticipated *World of Thoroughbred Racing* course to be given by racing legend and local icon Cot Campbell. Unfortunately this was postponed for two weeks then eventually canceled. The Academy is greatly saddened by Mr. Campbell's death at his home at age 91 on October 27, the same day as the Steeplechase.

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 aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php).

To enroll, register online at campscui.active.com/orgs/

UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1#/selectSessions/2481806, 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.

SELECTED TOPICS FROM AIKEN HISTORY (1500 TO 1865)

Dates: Two Tuesdays, November 6, 13

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

Location: Penland 106

Enrollment limit: 154

LINE DANCING ADVANCED CLASS

Dates: 6 Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28;
December 12, 19

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Building, 2nd Floor Gym

~~CAPTURE OF CHARLES TOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA~~

~~Date: 2 Mondays, November 12, 19~~

~~Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.~~

~~Location: Penland 106~~

COURSE CANCELED

AGAPE CHOCOLATE COMPANY WORKSHOP

Date: Tuesday, November 13

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 50 Canal St. Suite #8 Graniteville, SC

STATE OF THE HEART – SOUTH CAROLINA WRITERS ON THE PLACES THEY LOVE

Date: Thursday, November 15

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

Location: Penland 106

September 17 Board Meeting

[The minutes of the September 17 Board meeting were approved by the Board at their October 18 meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Harriet Haynes.

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan Van Slyke, Treasurer Joel Aitchison, Curriculum Chair Kathy Rachick, Publicity Chair Jeanmarie Bronson

Guests: Continuing Education Department Head Karen Edgington, Director of Operations Justin Glessner

Absent: Secretary Doug Wilson

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held August 13, 2018, were approved.

Since Doug Wilson is out of town, an audio recording of this meeting will be provided to him as a record of this meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT – Joel Aitchison

Joel is arranging for payments for those classes and events for which we are billed. Our account balance is sufficient to cover any anticipated expenses this semester.

We have now received the updated spendable balance figures for this year on our various endowment accounts.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Kathy Rachick

The Committee feels the registration process went much better this semester with no major glitches. We had 256 registrations as of last week's Curriculum meeting. There was a training session on the audio-visual equipment, and the committee felt they needed to have a handout guide in the event support personnel are not available to help with problems. The new amplifier and microphone worked very well when we had our first classes last week.

Kathy plans to represent the Academy at the Aiken Senior Extravaganza to be held September 19.

Revised copies of the Liaison Guidelines, Instructor Guidelines, and Office Contact info have been distributed to the Committee. The revised forms will be used with any new instructors this semester, and will go into general use next semester.

For Spring 2019, the Committee is working on approximately 28 courses at this point.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Jeanmarie Bronson

Jeanmarie is looking for ideas for a Mature Times submission for October. She is planning a November article covering our Steeplechase event and requests someone provide her with some photos.

OLD BUSINESS

Catalog Mailings

(Carry-over from last month) Kathy requested a cross-reference of catalog mailings vs enrollees. Karen feels that the mailing list is fairly clean. The topic was again tabled pending Doug Wilson's return, as it was felt he had more knowledge of how the list was trimmed last year.

Microphones and Speakers

The new system has been used in several classes and has been effective. The Board voted to purchase a second system for use as a backup, and for when we have consecutive classes in separate locations on campus.

NEW BUSINESS

Concern about the load on Doug Wilson

Harriet brought up the load being carried by Doug Wilson, who fills the positions of Board Secretary, editor of The Spiral, and Webmaster. The group thought that if Doug wished to part with some of these duties, that the Secretary position would most likely be the easiest to fill.

This morphed into a discussion of using the email capabilities of the Active Network software to send one or more broadcasts soliciting for people to join the Curriculum Committee or to express interest in serving on the Board.

Holiday Reception

Last year, Doug Cook and Abby worked out the details for the reception (what foods and beverages to order from Aramark and their quantities). It is thought Abby left a checklist behind for future planning purposes. Kathy thought the decision made by email to charge \$15 per non-Academy guest was too high.

Last year's purchase list will be obtained from Aramark to help in our planning.

Rescheduling classes canceled by Hurricane Florence

The hurricane closed campus September 11 and 14. We are fortunate in that only two individual class sessions were affected. The original classrooms are available to extend each of these classes an additional week. Liaisons will need to check with the instructors to see if this will work for them.

Scholarships

In recent years we have funded two \$2000 scholarships for non-traditional students at USCA. Our Procedures call for us to meet with the USCA Advancement group each fall to plan our scholarship contributions for that school year. This is our way of giving back to the University.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 2 pm, in B&E 102.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Conv. Spanish</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>Publish Myst/Horses</i> 12-1p [B 124]	2 <i>Supreme Court</i> 11a-12p [P 106] <i>Fibred Racing</i> 2-3p [P106] Course canceled	3
4	5 <i>Tai Chi</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym] <i>Literary Archetypes</i> 12-1p [P 106]	6 <i>Pat Conroy</i> 10-11a [B 122] <i>Aiken History</i> 1-2:15p [P 106]	7 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12p [B Gym] <i>Italian History</i> 12:30-1:45p [B 122]	8 <i>Conv. Spanish</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>Publish Myst/Horses</i> 12-1p [B 124]	9 <i>Supreme Court</i> 11a-12p [P 106]	10
11	12 <i>Tai Chi</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym] <i>Cap. Charles Town</i> 12-1:15p [P 106] Course canceled	13 <i>Agape Chocolate</i> 10a-12p [Graniteville] <i>Aiken History</i> 1-2:15p [P 106]	14 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12p [B Gym] <i>Italian History</i> 12:30-1:45p [B 122]	15 <i>Conv. Spanish</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>State of the Heart</i> 1-2p [P 106]	16 <i>Supreme Court</i> 11a-12p [P 106]	17
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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						