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### President's Message

Oh, Springtime, you are so welcome with your bursts of color everywhere, and new greenery instead of the brown drabness of winter! We even forgive all the pollen that comes along with your arrival! Let us enjoy your warmth and beauty for awhile, before you give way to the blasting heat of summer yet again!

Spring brings lots of events to enjoy in this area---Aiken's Triple Crown and the Augusta Masters golf event, to name just a couple. And here at the Academy, you can take a walk in Hitchcock Woods on May 21 with Bennett Tucker as your guide; or spend some time inside the classrooms at all the classes that are ongoing thru May. A stroll around our lovely USCA campus is a real joy on a warm spring day---great for relieving all your spring fever symptoms!

Still coming up is our annual Kauffmann luncheon honoring one of our Academy founders, Dr. Earl F. Kaufmann. Be sure you have responded to your invitation! It will be a chance to learn what is ongoing and new on campus from our delightful speakers, and you will enjoy a savory lunch. Academy members, please remain for a very short business meeting after the program is over. It is at this time that we present the slate of nominees for the Academy board of directors. Electing the nominees to office requires the votes of the Academy members to become official, so stay with us for a few minutes.

**Harriet Haynes, Academy President**  
[pres@aikenlearning.org](mailto:pres@aikenlearning.org)

### RSVP Closing Date for Kauffman Luncheon Is Approaching

[Correction just received from USCA: RSVP closing date is April 4 not March 28, as was printed in the invitations.]

The Earl F. Kauffman Remembrance Day Luncheon will be held April 25. Invitations were sent to Academy members in February.

This event is held annually in remembrance of Earl F. Kauffman, one of the founders of the Academy for Lifelong Learning, back in 1989. An endowment from the

Kauffman family helps to finance the event.

The agenda includes the presentation of the annual Earl F. Kauffman award to an individual that has made significant contributions to the advancement of the Academy and its goals.

The keynote speaker will be Robert Murphy, USCA Director of Veteran's Affairs, who will bring us up to date on the University's efforts to support veterans at USCA, the "#1 Best University for Vets in South Carolina".



*Dr. Kauffman*

**Academy members can attend at no charge, but must reserve their spots no later than ~~March 28~~ April 4** to permit appropriate arrangements to be made with the caterer. Contact Katie Cromer, [KatieC@usca.edu](mailto:KatieC@usca.edu) / 803.641.3756.

Academy members are requested to remain for a short business meeting following the luncheon.

### Proposed Amendment to the Academy Bylaws

The following proposed amendment to the Academy Bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at a short Business Meeting following the Kauffman Luncheon on April 25. If approved, the amendment will add the position of Webmaster as a voting member of the Academy Board of Directors.

VI.6. The Webmaster shall:

- VI.6.1. Serve a one-year term but may be re-elected for additional terms.
- VI.6.2. Interact as necessary with personnel at the host server to keep the Academy website operational.
- VI.6.3. Update the Academy website on a frequent basis to keep it timely and informative.

### Slate of Officers for Next Year's Board

Officers for next year will be elected at the Business Meeting following the Kauffman Luncheon on April 25. The slate of potential officers is:

Harriet Haynes, President (incumbent)  
 Lucy Sutter, Secretary  
 Treasurer, Joel Aitchison (incumbent)  
 Curriculum Chair, Kathy Rachick (incumbent)  
 Publicity Chair, Jeanmarie Bronson (incumbent)  
 Webmaster, Doug Wilson (new board position)

In addition, Jan Van Slyke and Doug Wilson will continue in the non-elective positions of Past President and Newsletter Editor, respectively.

This leaves two important positions without candidates:

President-elect – Assists the President while “learning the ropes” and assumes the President role in the following year.

Curriculum Chair-Elect – Assists the Curriculum Chair while “learning the ropes” and assumes the Curriculum Chair role in the following year.

These two positions assure smooth continuity of Academy activities from one year to the next. If you value the Academy and its activities, won't you please consider filling one of these positions? Contact President Harriet Haynes, [pres@aikenlearning.org](mailto:pres@aikenlearning.org).

### 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](http://aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php)).

To enroll, register online at [campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1#/selectSessions/2481806](http://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 (803-641-3756 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto: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.

#### EATING OUT AND EATING IN: HOW TO STAY THE (BIOLOGICALLY-APPROPRIATE) COURSE

**Dates:** 4 Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Business & Education Building, Room 124

#### WILLIAM GILMORE SIMMS: THE MOST IMPORTANT AUTHOR YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

**Dates:** 6 Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7

**Time:** 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Penland 106

#### CHANGING DIRECTIONS IN US FOREIGN POLICY UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

**Dates:** 4 Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

**Location:** Penland 106

#### THE SAVANNAH RIVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM FILM SERIES

**Dates:** 4 Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Location:** Penland 106

#### FICTIONAL FEMALES WHO KILL THEIR PARTNERS

**Dates:** 3 Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**Location:** Penland 106

#### WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SCHOOL?

**Dates:** 3 Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

**Location:** Business & Education Building, Room 122

#### EARL F. KAUFFMAN RECOGNITION DAY LUNCHEON (Followed by a short Academy Business Meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, April 25

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Business & Education Building, Rooms 122 & 116

#### USCA NURSING SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT PROMOTING QUALITY HEALTH FOR THE ELDERLY

**Date:** April 29, 2019

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

**Location:** Business and Education Building, Room 124

### February 25 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the March 25 Board Meeting.]

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

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan Van Slyke, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Kathy Rachick, Publicity Chair Jeanmarie Bronson, USCA Administrative Assistant Katie Cromer

Guests: Continuing Education Director Karen Edgington, Intern Chamarra Wooten, Administrative Assistant Katie Cromer

Absent: Treasurer Joel Aitchison

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held January 14, were

approved.

#### TREASURERS REPORT – Katie Cromer for Joel Aitchison

The report shows our finances are in good shape and we should have no problem with any remaining expenses this semester. Judy Waters, who handles reporting on our various endowments for the Aiken Partnership has changed jobs and is now located in Columbia. A replacement has not yet been named.

#### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Kathy Rachick

Current Spring semester enrollment is 224.

No additional email “blast” to encourage registration is planned for this semester. Committee recruitment efforts continue with several Academy members showing interest as a result of our email encouragements. We have one individual expressing interest in filling a Board position.

Fall class planning is getting a really good start, with over 30 classes and 4 events being worked on.

Karen attended the last Committee meeting to inform the liaisons of the proper procedures to follow should an incident (injury or medical emergency) occur in their class.

One of our active liaisons is having to withdraw due to health reasons. Her duties are being reassigned.

#### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Jeanmarie Bronson

Media options for promotion of the Academy continue to be discussed:

*Chamber of Commerce Newcomer's Guide* – Ruth Patrick Science Center and McGrath were mentioned in the current issue. Jeanmarie is checking with Leslie Hull-Ryde, USCA News and Information, to see if we can piggy back through USCA, which is a Chamber member, to get us included too.

*Aiken Standard* – Placement of articles in the monthly *Mature Times* supplement costs us nothing. Jeanmarie estimates this is worth about \$1000/year to us. Quarter page ads, which are being considered to announce each new semester, will cost about \$950, plus any graphics expenses for drafting the ads.

*Broadcast Media* – Jeanmarie sees no reason to broadcast to the entire CSRA. The only commercial broadcaster with a somewhat focused local presence is WKSX. A forty insertion package would likely run around \$675 and ideally would be purchased at the beginning of each semester.

*Cable Television* – Our area is serviced by Atlantic Broadband. For several years we have had free ads inserted in their Community Interest slide show at the beginning of each semester. Local ad insertions are also possible in television programs. Doing this via local cable would be focused on our area and be less expensive than having them inserted by the broadcast stations, plus gives us a wider choice of cable-based programming into which to place our ads. Cost would probably be in the neighborhood of \$1000

including production costs for a targeted campaign.

Since the Board typically does not meet in the summer, we will need to decide what we want to do by the end of the semester to have anything put in place for Fall 2019.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### *USCA Senior Expo*

The university is moving forward on this. We would plan on having a booth there.

##### *Rack cards*

The first batch of redesigned cards have been printed on card stock, as in the past. Kathy would like to see them on stiffer paper, which is not stocked by the USCA print shop, so we would have to pre-purchase it ourselves. Katie will get us a price. Chamarra will use her design skills to work up a proposed revision for presentation at the next Board meeting.

##### *PA Microphones*

The Board authorized the acquisition of a second wireless microphone set back in September but it has not yet been purchased. USCA has changed their purchase processes, which caused the delay. Continuing Education has finally been issued a new “P Card” (i.e. a department credit card) in the new system and will get this ordered for us.

##### *Instructor Pay Information Packets for Liaisons*

The packet reviewed last month has been totally revised and has not been distributed yet. The Curriculum Committee has requested that Katie's email address be added to the bottom of the first sheet. When Kathy receives this revision she will distribute to the liaisons. Doug will also make it available on the website.

##### *Kauffman Luncheon*

Robert Murphy, the Director of the USCA Veteran's Affairs Office, has agreed to be our speaker, and Mayor Osbon will again give the blessing. Abby wrote up what was done for last year's luncheon, and this document is available on the K drive accessible by Continuing Education. Jan and Harriet will meet with Karen and Katie to review preparations on February 26.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### *Board Positions for Next Year*

We need a slate of candidates for next year, to be elected at the business meeting following the Kauffman Luncheon in April.

Secretary – One Academy member has expressed interest in filling the Secretary role currently held by Doug Wilson. Doug and Harriet have met with her to discuss the position, and we are awaiting her decision.

Treasurer – Joel Aitchison is currently holding this position. Karen will discuss with Joel and Katie as to which of them

will act as Treasurer going forward.

Candidates for President, President-elect, Curriculum Chair, Curriculum Chair-elect are still needed.

One member expressed interest in helping with the website, but she did not have the required knowledge of web programming.

#### *Questions re Class Expenses for Next Semester*

Cooking Class – Prior cooking classes have used the kitchen at First Presbyterian Church for \$25/session. We have the option of using the kitchen at the culinary school at Hope Center School in Graniteville for \$20/hour, which comes to \$40 for a 2-hour session. This is a larger, better equipped kitchen which our instructor would prefer, and it should allow us to expand class enrollment, which has been limited to 12 people in the past due to kitchen limitations, to a slightly greater number.

After some discussion, it was decided that the instructor for this course should receive our standard \$75/hour instructor honorarium and that the fee charged for the class should be set at an appropriate level to pay for the kitchen rental and the purchased foodstuffs.

Appalachian Class – Question was raised whether the Academy should pay for the dulcimer players the instructor brings in for this class. The Board decided that the instructor elected to make live musicians a part of the class, and so it should be up to the instructor to pay the musicians.

#### *Emergency Response in the Classroom*

Following Karen's talk with the Curriculum Committee regarding USCA procedures for emergencies that arise during class, it was suggested that appropriate emergency response phone numbers should be placed on the class signup sheets so that they will always be available. Kathy will discuss this with Karen and report to the Curriculum Committee.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 2 pm.

#### March Photos



*Academy Member Tiajuana Cochnauer, a member of the Choctaw Nation, in uniform as a World War I Choctaw code talker as part of her Choctaw Indians Yesterday and Today course.*



*Sam Stevens and friends at his popular Field Day at the Dairy Goat Farm event.*

Photos courtesy of Carl Fields



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**Committee Chairpersons:** Curriculum Chair; Kathy Rachick; Curriculum Chair-Elect: (vacant); Publicity Chair: Jeanmarie Bronson  
**Ex-officio Members:** Dr. Tim Lintner, Faculty Liaison; Karen Edgington, Director Office of External Programs

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Eating Out &amp; In</i> 11a-12p [B 124]	2 <i>Live from the MET</i> 11a-12p [B 124]  <i>W. G. Simms</i> 1:45-3p [P 106]	3 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12p [B Gym]  <i>For. Pol. - Trump</i> 1-1:50p [P 106]	4 <i>Sav Riv Archeology</i> 10-11:15a [P 106]  <i>Fictional. Females</i> 12-12:50p [p 106]	5 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2-3:30p [P 110]	6
7	8 <i>Eating Out &amp; In</i> 11a-12p [B 124]	9 <i>W. G. Simms</i> 1:45-3p [P 106]	10 <i>My School</i> 10-10:50a [B 122]  <i>For. Pol. - Trump</i> 1-1:50p [P 106]	11 <i>Sav Riv Archeology</i> 10-11:15a [P 106]  <i>Fictional. Females</i> 12-12:50p [p 106]	12 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2-3:30p [P 110]	13
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28	29 <i>Elderly Health</i> 2-4:50p [B 124]	30 <i>W. G. Simms</i> 1:45-3p [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						