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*The Spiral*

NOVEMBER, 2020

### **President's Message**

November brings an end to our 2020 fall semester classes. A couple classes are still ongoing, but all will be completed very soon. It has been a very, very different semester, and we do appreciate your continued support through this difficult time.

The online classes have proven very successful, however. True, there were a few glitches in the beginning, but our saving grace has been a very knowledgeable Nick Bolick, who was there thru thick and thin, thru challenges and triumphs — without his guidance, we would have faltered so many times. Thank you, Nick! Christopher Teelon was superb, as well --- the rooms were always set up and ready to go, the signs were up without fail, and Christopher was right there when we had a problem, working with Nick to get things right. A big thank you to Christopher for his excellent help! Truly, all of the Continuing Education staff have gone above and beyond what was required — we have been truly blessed with their support, and appreciate it deeply.

We still don't have an intellectual property release approved, so the recordings of these fall semester classes will be available only to the instructors who did the classes. We hope to be able to change that in the future, and to be able to make a library of classes as we continue, that will be available to others. But until we get the intellectual property release approval, that library and how we can use it will be on hold!

We have a great lineup of 27 spring classes, and they will be hybrid (online and in class), the same as they were this semester. The tentative mail date for the catalogs to go out is December 4, if all goes well. The Academy catalog will be on the website on the same date the mail-out starts. If you failed to get a catalog for fall, check with the office (803-641-3741) to make sure you are on the mailing list. Registration will begin January 8, and we plan to hold an on-campus registration again this time, in addition to the mail in and online registration options.

Again, thanks for your support. Hope to see you next semester, either in class or on-line.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Christmas season!

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

### **The Spiral Changes Publication Date**

This year the Academy Board meetings are being held on the first Friday of the month. With *The Spiral's* first-of-the-month target distribution date, this has meant the previous month's Board minutes were not approved by the time *The Spiral* was issued, delaying reporting of the proceedings by an additional month.

In order to report Board activity in a more timely fashion, the publication date for *The Spiral* is being pushed back to the week following the Board meeting.

### **Curriculum Chair-Elect Position Filled**



*Steve Gordy*

Steve Gordy, Academy member, local author, and creator/presenter of this semester's *Mission Impossible* course, has volunteered to fill the vacant Academy Curriculum Chair-Elect position. The Board approved his installation to the office at the November Board meeting. Steve will serve on the Board under current Curriculum Chair David Tavernier and will assume the Chair position when David's term ends after next Spring's semester. The Academy cannot function without volunteers to make it go, and the Board would like to express its appreciation to Steve for being willing to help.

This still leaves one unfilled position, that of Chairman-Elect. The holder would serve on the Board under current Chair Harriet Haynes and move into the Chair position following the Spring semester. If you're considering this position, please contact Harriet Haynes at [pres@aikenlearning.org](mailto:pres@aikenlearning.org) for more information.

## Courses Beginning This Month

There are just a three courses beginning this month, plus several continuing ones left to complete. Everything for this term wraps up by Thanksgiving.

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?season=2877713](http://campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken1?season=2877713), or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (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 UofSC Aiken.

👤 = In Person    💻 = Online

### Planning For The Future

Tuesday, November 3

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

### Victorians In The CSRA

Tuesday, November 10

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

### UofSC Aiken Nursing School Students Present Promoting Quality Health For The Elderly

Monday, November 23

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Online Only 💻

## October 2 Board Meeting

[Note: The minutes were approved at the November 4 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan VanSlyke, Curriculum Chair David Tavernier, Webmaster Doug Wilson, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes, Secretary Ellen Wood.

Absent: Treasurer (appointment pending)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Harriet Haynes. The minutes of the prior Board meeting were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

An Academy Treasurer has not yet been named. A treasurer's report through September 30 was circulated. There were no questions.

### Curriculum Committee: David Tavernier

- There are currently 146 participants; this is approximately 66% of last year's numbers. Of these, 94 are on-line only.
- David introduced the idea of inserting the Spring catalogue in the Sunday *Aiken Standard*. The numbers of people reached would be "vast" and would help the Academy to grow; the cost would be \$500 for 10,000. It was noted that the printing costs would be higher since we would have to print more catalogues than we do now. Karen is checking into those costs. The Board's reaction was positive.
- There are currently 21 courses planned for spring semester.
- Evaluation comments following early classes are being reviewed. This is the first time this has been done.
- Problems have arisen with online attendees who fail to mute themselves. David will ask Nick if he can mute them. It was also suggested that the liaison remind all participants of this at the beginning of classes.
- The Board agreed that if an instructor asks for a copy of his/her video presentation Nick can release it.
- The Intellectual Property Release agreement has been approved by the USCA legal department and is awaiting Dr. Jordan's review and signature.

There was discussion about how to set up a 'Lifelong Learning Course Library' of our recorded classes and how to use them in the future. David has suggested some guidelines (see handout). Board agreed to set up a separate meeting to discuss this, and to invite Karen.

### Publicity Report: Nancy Hughes

- An article has run in "Prime Life" and another is pending.
- An ad was placed in the *Aiken Standard* on September 30 reminding that it is still possible to register for classes.
- Nancy is planning an article about hybrid classes and how the Academy and McGrath are doing. Suggestion to include tips about online etiquette in this virtual age. Nancy will send a draft article around.

### Webmaster: Doug Wilson

- A link to the "Spiral" will go out this afternoon.
- The website rebuilding is still pending.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Wood, Secretary

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 <i>French, Section I</i> 9-10a [B 124]  <i>French, Section II</i> 10:15-11:15a [B 124]  <i>Planning for Future</i> 1-2 [B 124]	4 <i>Veterinary Medicine</i> 11a-12p [B 124]	5	6 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:30-4p [B 144]	7
8	9	10 <i>French, Section I</i> 9-10a [B 124]  <i>French, Section II</i> 10:15-11:15a [B 124]  <i>Victorians in CSRA</i> 1:30-2:45p [B 124]	11	12	13 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:30-4p [B 144]	14
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22	23 <i>Nursing Presentations</i> 2-5p [Online only]	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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