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President's Message

Spring drew on...and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that Hope traversed them at night, and left each morning brighter traces of her steps. — Charlotte Brontë

And we can all use a fresh dash of hope after the events of the past year!

We trust your Easter was as inspiring as it was beautiful. Did you lose many plants in the ill-fated freeze the first part of the month — that was a heart breaker, wasn't it!

April begins the winding down of our Spring 2021 classes. We hope you have gained some new knowledge, have had fun doing so and maybe met a few new acquaintances, if you were taking the on-campus classes.

Although we had several well-attended classes pertaining to health and wellness (as was expected given the current epidemic), our most popular classes were the ones dealing with local history. Lots of students took a virtual stroll around Mr. Irvin's Map. Many also queued up to meet (though not personally!) famous winter colony visitors. Tales of old Edgefield lured another large group to learn about the infamous political figures from old Edgefield.

There were 26 classes total, and we hope you found all of them interesting and informative. The fall semester will bring about the same number of classes, and the line-up is superb, so make plans to join us for the fall semester, and we'll explore it a bit more in next month's newsletter.

And continue to revel in the beauty of SPRING!

Harriet Haynes, Academy President
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Academy and McGrath Working to Combine

If you have been keeping up with the postings of the Academy's Board meetings here in *The Spiral* you know that the Academy for Lifelong learning and the

McGrath Computing Learning Center have been looking into combining the two organizations into one. After a Covid-caused hiatus, the work resumed this semester and has been progressing well, thanks to the formation of several committees made up of dedicated people from both organizations, each tasked with addressing a specific need or issue. Unless some last minute hurdles arise, the new organization is expected to be in place under the name *Center for Lifelong Learning* for the Fall 2021 semester.

Courses Beginning This Month

The final set of new Academy course for this semester begins in April, and all courses wrap up before May. 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/UniversityofSouthCarolinaAiken?season=2922134 or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (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 UofSC Aiken.

👤 = In Person 💻 = Online

Introduction to Ikebana: The Art of Japanese Flower Arrangements

Friday, April 2

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Business & Education Bldg., Room 124; 👤 💻

Tales of Old Edgefield

4 Mondays, April 5,12,19,26

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Online Only 💻

An American Family's Experience: One Year in the Desert of Saudi Arabia

Wednesday, April 14


3:00-4:00 p.m.

Online Only 

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

Monday, April 19

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Online Only 

March 1 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the April 5 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes, Past President Jan VanSlyke (virtual), Curriculum Chair David Tavernier, Curriculum Chair-elect Steve Gordy, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes, Webmaster Doug Wilson, Continuing Education Director Karen Edgington, McGrath Board Members Wayne Rickman and Raleigh Daniel, Secretary Ellen Wood (virtual).

Absent: Treasurer (to be appointed)

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

The minutes of the 2/1/21 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen provided monthly handouts.

Curriculum Committee: David Tavernier

1. At present there are twenty-four classes and one field trip in place for the fall semester.
2. David confirmed the change in leadership of the "Great Decisions" classes.

Publicity: Nancy Hughes

Wayne noted that McGrath had had a good response to ads places on WAAW Shout 94.7 FM. There were many phone calls requesting information. It was noted that ads can be tailored to run for a three to four week period.

Webmaster: Doug Wilson - no report

Old Business:

1. A new treasurer, Ruth Poland, has been appointed to replace Kim.
2. David and Steve presented expanded reports on their respective ideas for fund raising events. Each had submitted details via email in advance of today's meeting.
 - David suggested tabling plans for a gala reception in early fall due to cost considerations. Board voted to table plans but to retain the idea for the future.
 - Steve suggested that an "Indie Author Day" be held November 13 at USCA in the B&E building. Benefits would include projected net revenues ranging from \$170 to 1200; a raised profile for the Academy; and the opportunity to

gain new members. The question of authors selling their books on campus needs further examination. Steve will meet with Karen about this. Board voted to table until this issue can be resolved.

3. Academy/McGrath Merger: Committee Reports

- **Name Change** – Nancy reported that Aubrey has made some tweaks to the proposed logo. There was continued discussion about a new name. The committee will meet again and report recommendations at the April 5 board meeting.
- **Fee Structure** – Harriet handed out a comprehensive schedule which recommended a base \$35 registration fee, with additional charges determined by the number of sessions in a course. There was discussion about lowering the \$75 instructor rate. This will be voted on at the April board meeting.

- **Governing/Board Members** – Doug, David and Raleigh Doug reported that there are two documents being developed at this point.

First is the Bylaws which defines the Organization as a whole. The committee has had several virtual meetings and the latest (third pass) version of the Bylaws was passed out. The intent is for this to be a fairly stable document that would seldom need revision. It establishes that there will be standing committees but does not define the specific committees, in order to give the organization maximum flexibility to deal with changing times and needs.

Second is a Policies and Procedures document for the Board which will be more easily maintained and will define how the Board operates. It is expected this document may be fairly "fluid" as the new organization gets up and running. The specific Standing Committees and their responsibilities are defined here, with the current Curriculum Committee being split into two - one for General Interest, and one for Technology. Doug passed out a "first pass" at adopting the LLL Board's current Policies and Procedures document for the combined organization to bring it into agreement with the proposed Bylaws as they exist at this point.

Each of the Standing Committees will create and maintain their own Policies and Procedures to document their operation and to serve as a reference as committee membership changes.

- **Webpage/Spiral Magazine** – Doug covered this at the February meeting.

The goal is for the new organization to be in place, with officers, by July 1, 2021.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 3:55.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>Ikebana</i> 10-11:30a [B 124]	3
4	5 <i>Old Edgefield</i> 11a-12n [Online only]	6 <i>Age and the Brain</i> 3-4p [Online only]	7 <i>Geology</i> 9-10a [B 124]	8	9	
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18	19 <i>Old Edgefield</i> 11a-12n [Online only] <i>Nursing Presentations</i> 2-5p [Online only]	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Old Edgefield</i> 11a-12n [Online only]	27	28	29	30	
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