



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members attending our March 18th General Membership Meeting unanimously approved the first amendment of our organization's Constitution since October 2009, as well as the amendment of our Bylaws. Two days later, Dr. Mark Safferstone, representing the University of Mary Washington, and I, on your behalf, co-signed an update to the Memorandum of Understanding between our organizations. Many thanks especially to John Thompson and to Anne McGrath, his Admin Committee's subcommittee chair, for all they've done this past year to update our Governing Documents. These are posted with all Policies & Procedures on the website under the "Governance" tab.

At that same meeting our Nominating Committee counted ballots and announced election of Jack Allison, Chuck Johnson, and Rose Wesson to serve three-year Board terms commencing September 1st. Thanks to all the candidates for your willingness to serve and ongoing involvement.

I write this article dreading a final severe March freeze tonight, but look forward to the coming flowers and the Curriculum Committee's continuing Spring line-up of outstanding lectures. They also have a play discussion, five tours, and even a wine tasting that will allow us to socialize while continuing our education outside the classroom. I also look forward to seeing you at our potluck luncheon on Thursday, May 14, at the First Christian Church, with entertainment by Fall Line Bluegrass Band. May 4th is the reservation deadline. There's more information posted on the website under the "Membership" tab and in this newsletter. The behind-the-scenes hard work by our three committees developing next year's program and budget is underway. The academic year ends with the Board of Directors meeting on June 3rd, which of course is open to the entire membership.

Best regards,

Chuck Watkins, President

Highlights of the minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on March 18, 2015:

The Administration Committee has issued the **Call for the Budget** for 2015-2016 due to the committee by the end of April 2015.

Witt Jones and Anne McGrath have resigned from the Administration Committee after many years of service.

Chuck Johnson is the new Administrative Chair for the Curriculum Committee and Joseph Alfred is the Curriculum Committee Scheduler replacing Bill Wemmerus who had served as the chair for the past few years and the scheduler for many years.

Mid year operations report shows that income the first 6 months are sufficient to cover the budget.

The Membership approved the revisions to the Policy & Procedures Manual, Section A. Revisions to all other sections of the Policy & Procedures Manual will be reviewed.

The Book Group will be meeting in May to select titles for the coming year.

Election results produced new Board members Jack Allison, Chuck Johnson, and Rose Wesson who will each serve for 3 years. They are pictured below.



Administration Committee Mid-Year Report

The most recent Committee Meeting was held on February 24. Preliminary mid-year financial reports were reviewed and approved with appropriate updates for presentation by the treasurer to the Board; these Reports were approved by the Board and the Mid-Year Operations report is included in this Newsletter. The status of Board approved revisions to the Governing documents chapter of the Policy & Procedures document was reviewed; at the March 18 General Membership Meeting, the membership approved changes to the Constitution and the By-Laws. Discussions between the University Representative and the Board President have resulted in an update to the Memorandum Of Understanding between the University and ElderStudy. The **Budget Call for 2015-2016** has been issued; responses are due to Admin Chairman by the end of April. **Call for Review of the Policy & Procedures Document** (excluding section A) has been issued; responses should be submitted to the Admin Chair by mid-May.

Two key members of the Administration committee, Whit Jones and Anne McGrath, announced their retirements from the Committee. Both had key roles in the Committee functions and will be greatly missed. Dottie Meyers has volunteered, with Board approval, to replace Whit as the independent monthly auditor for the checking account. Mike Redding and Judith Crissman have volunteered to join the committee.

The next Administration Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 26. Key actions at this meeting will be: (a) the development of a budget recommendation including membership fees for the 2015-2016 year which begins on September 1, (b) the development of a recommendation regarding grants for University departments whose faculty participated in the 2014-2015 Curriculum Program, and (c) the identification of a committee member to be recommended to the Board for Committee Chairperson for the 2015-2016 year.

Comments and questions may be addressed to John Thompson, Admin Committee Chairman

Curriculum Committee Report

The curriculum committee (CC) has been working hard to put together the classes and activities for next semester. A reminder to all Fall 2015 CC sponsors that you need to ensure that Joe Alfred our “Session Scheduler” has all the required data needed to put together a final schedule as soon as possible. He may be contacting you in the future with requests for speakers’ contact information, AV requirements, honorarium requirements, etc. and the sooner you respond to his request, the easier you make his job.

During our CC meetings, we continue to get ElderStudy (ES) members that come by to see how we function, and/or who also propose great topics for future sessions. In fact, the CC views its committee membership as approximately 250 members, that is, encourage every ES member to think about topics for future sessions. We are all retirees and many have had exciting careers, the details of which could easily be the topic of a two hour ES session. In addition, everyone has hobbies or special areas of interest and whatever the current membership of the organization. We always welcome and knowledge, or may have traveled extensively, and these are all areas that could be of interest to all our members. Also consider that many of us have friends, acquaintances, or neighbors who would be willing to join us and talk about their areas of expertise. Finally, if someone sees an article in the newspaper or some other medium about a special person in the area, I would encourage you to contact the person and see if they would be willing to come and talk to us about his or her experiences. I continually find it fascinating how readily people love to talk about their areas of interest.

Chuck Johnson
Chairperson, Curriculum Committee

Membership Committee Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2015

The Membership Committee remains quite active welcoming new members and planning upcoming events. Donna Lewis is serving as the secretary, and Peggy Gratz is managing the UMW Faculty Retirement Membership letters. New members are encouraged to pick up their lanyards and badges now located in the small conference room (#211) in the rear of the CLL.

There will be a flyer in the April newsletter detailing our End-of-Year Luncheon to be held Thursday, May 14, from 11:30 am-2 pm, at the First Christian Church (1501 Washington Avenue) in Fredericksburg. We are looking for volunteers to help set up for the luncheon on Wednesday, May 13, from 1-3 pm. The deadline for making your reservations for the luncheon is Monday, May 5.

The Membership Committee has scheduled its next meeting for April 21, at 11 am. (This will replace the May meeting.) Prior to this meeting, members should review the current Membership Committee budget as well as sections of the Policies and Procedures manual that pertain to this committee.

Pat Parkinson, Membership Chair

History of Mary Washington ElderStudy

Mary Washington ElderStudy was organized under a Memorandum of Understanding between Mary Washington College and the Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN) dated October 21, 1992. ElderStudy was accepted as an affiliate member of the EIN in the fall of 1993. ElderStudy is one of many Lifelong Learning Institutes (LLIs). Training conferences are offered by the Network. The Network distributes an electronic newsletter that provides information from other LLIs and is available by subscribing at www.road scholar.org/ein/intro.asp. (Note: In 2010, Elderhostel, Inc. renamed its programs Road Scholar. EIN and LLI continue as originally named, affiliated entities; information on them is available on the above website.)

This Newsletter is prepared by me, Dot Meyers, with the help of many members of ElderStudy. If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please feel free to let me know. You can leave a message on the phone. 540-654-1769. or call me at 540-760-1533.

Join Us for the Annual ElderStudy End-of-Year Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, May 14 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church
1501 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg (down the hill from Kenmore)

11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Entertainment will be provided by Fall Line Bluegrass Band

Deadline for mailing reservations is Monday, May 4

If your last name begins with a letter in the interval:

A - H Bring a meat or vegetable casserole

I - P Bring a vegetable or fruit salad

Q - Z Bring a dessert

Beverages will be provided by the Membership Committee

If you have any questions, call 786-8987 Eugenia Jones
or 786-4648 Carolyn Sulima

To make your reservations:

Phone or email Carolyn Sulima (cmsulima@yahoo.com) by Monday, May 4

If you email, use the subject "ElderStudy Luncheon." Reservations made by email or left on the phone answering machine will be confirmed.

| Mary Washington ElderStudy | | | Rept Date: | 3/2/15 |
|---|-----|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 2014-2015 Mid-Year Operations Report | | | Approved: | 3/4/15 |
| Accounting Category/Subcategory | | 2014-2015 Approved Budget (6/4/2014) | YTD: 9/1/2014 to 2/28/2015 | % of Plan |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Carry-over from Prior Year | | TBD | Yes | |
| Membership Fees [Est=229/Act=246] | | \$13,118.00 | \$13,525.00 | 103.1% |
| Interest from Checking Account | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Interest from Certificates of Deposit | | \$46.00 | \$3.79 | |
| Miscellaneous (excludes replacement NameTags) | ### | \$0.00 | \$130.00 | |
| Total ES Income/Revenue | | \$13,164.00 | \$13,658.79 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Board of Directors | | | | |
| Awards | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| BLS Scholarships | | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | 100.0% |
| Election Expenses (copying, printing) | | \$200.00 | \$131.04 | |
| Grants (from excess 2014-15 Funds) | | TBD | \$0.00 | |
| Classroom Contingency (in carry-over)) | | TBD | \$0.00 | |
| Subtotal BOD | | \$1,200.00 | \$1,131.04 | |
| Curriculum Committee | | | | |
| Speakers/Programs (Sept-Jan) | ## | \$7,000.00 | \$3,775.00 | 53.9% |
| Postage/Mailing/Copying | | \$125.00 | \$32.34 | 25.9% |
| Off-site Location | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Gifts/Gratuities | | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% |
| Stationery/Supplies | | \$100.00 | \$27.80 | 27.8% |
| Telephone Service [6 mos.] | | \$150.00 | \$66.00 | 44.0% |
| Special Activities (net) | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Subtotal Curriculum Committee | | \$7,400.00 | \$3,901.14 | 52.7% |
| Administration Committee/BOD | | | | |
| General Operating Funds | | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% |
| Stationery/Supplies/Publications | | \$125.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% |
| Postage/Mailing/Copying | | \$75.00 | \$6.30 | 8.4% |
| Subtotal Administration Committee | | \$350.00 | \$6.30 | 1.8% |
| Membership Committee | | | | |
| Brochures | | \$150.00 | \$44.23 | 29.5% |
| Stationery/Supplies | # | \$467.00 | \$418.26 | 89.6% |
| Gifts/Remembrances | | \$200.00 | \$16.88 | 8.4% |
| Name Tags (net) | | \$275.00 | \$191.15 | 69.5% |
| Newsletter (prep & distribution)[3 of 5] | # | \$1,233.00 | \$353.70 | 28.7% |
| Postage/Mailing/Copying | | \$200.00 | \$109.48 | 54.7% |
| Web Site | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Telephone Services [6 mos.] | | \$150.00 | \$66.00 | 44.0% |
| Membership Meetings/Spec Events (net) | ### | \$1,130.00 | \$601.01 | 53.2% |
| Subtotal Membership Committee | | \$3,805.00 | \$1,800.71 | 47.3% |
| Total Expenses (without Classroom Reserve) | | \$12,755.00 | \$6,839.19 | 53.6% |

ote #: At request of Membership Chair, Board electronically authorized reallocation of assigned funds on 10/3/14.

ote ##: At request of Curriculum Chair, Board approved budget increase of \$200 on 12/3/2014.

ote ###: On 12/3/2014, Board accepted a member donation for this line-item.

