



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In trying to decide on content for this kick-off edition of our 2015 Fall Semester I looked back at what my predecessors Carole Hanus, Phil Hall and Bill Toomey said in their August columns since 2010. The recurring theme was 3-fold: thanks to those who've ably served, encouragement to all to get involved, and projection of heartfelt excitement for what's to come, all easy for me to do.

Phil Hall finally leaves the Board after several years of service. He was drafted by the Board to serve as President, and deftly lamazed us through the heart-rending process of moving from our beloved Chandler Hall classroom to new digs at the Stafford campus--absolutely the perfect person for the job. Barbara Barrett may not be a lawyer, but she's got a streak of parliamentarian in her, and was of such great counsel during contentious proceedings, with perfectly timed words of calm and encouragement. You both will be greatly missed.

Incoming board members Jack Allison, Chuck Johnson and Rose Wesson will keep up our momentum, but with their own ideas on our future direction. Pat Parkinson continues a second year in her role as Membership Committee chair. Chuck Johnson is now dual-hatted as both a Board Member and Curriculum Committee Chair, ably assisted by Joseph Alfred as scheduler. John Thompson continues just one more year as both our Treasurer and Administration Committee Chair, but we're looking for his successor. Mel Wright assumes the Vice Presidency, Randy Fennemore continues her invaluable support as Board Secretary, Dottie Meyers continues as both our newsletter editor and will maintain good order and discipline of our Book Group as our commissar, while John Parkinson continues as Webmaster. Alan Zirkle continues to provide our tech support and also serves as our corporate memory of what's been tried before, both successfully and unsuccessfully.

I encourage you to get involved in one of our three committees. Your service and ideas are much needed to ensure ElderStudy remains vibrant and responsive to the needs of all with a never-ending desire for learning.

Best regards,

Chuck Watkins, President

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Administration Committee, with Board of Directors approval, develops policies and plans for operating the ElderStudy organization, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget, recommends annual fees, and periodically reviews ElderStudy governing documents. Quarterly Committee Meetings are held 8 days in advance of the Board of Directors Meetings.

At its May 26, 2015 Meeting, the Committee reviewed Preliminary Third Quarter financial reports and approved them, with necessary updates, for presentation to the Board of Directors on June 3rd. The Committee developed recommendations for the 2015-2016 budget, for the 2015-2016 membership fee schedule, for the awarding of grants to University departments, for the revision of the Policies & Procedures document (excluding Section A on Governing Documents), and for the 2015-2016 Committee chair. All recommendations were presented to the Board of Directors on June 3rd for approval.

If there are ElderStudy members who would like to serve on the Administration Committee, please contact John Thompson. The Committee will also be searching for an individual to replace John as Chair beginning September 1, 2016.

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 at 1 PM in the Center for Lifetime Learning classroom.

[Submitted by: John Thompson, 371-4827 or email: johnsafet@cox.net]

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2014-2015 Third Quarter (September 1 thru May 31) Operations Report and Balance Sheet Report were approved by the Board of Directors at their June 3rd meeting. A copy of the Operations Report is included with this newsletter; both reports are posted on the ElderStudy website [<http://www.elderstudy.com>]. Costs and expenses for the year-to-date are within budget. Year-end Reports (September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015) will be presented for approval at the Board Meeting scheduled for September 2nd. [Submitted by: John Thompson, Treasurer]

ANNUAL AUDIT VOLUNTEER

When the Year-End Financial Reports are completed and approved by the Board of Directors at its September 2, 2015 meeting, the ElderStudy Governing Documents require that an independent audit of the 2014-2015 Financial Records be conducted and reported prior to the December Board of Directors Meeting (December 2nd). The Treasurer will make all of the 2014-2015 financial records available by September 17th; the Audit Report must be completed by November 20th and submitted to the ElderStudy President (Chuck Watkins) with a copy to the Administration Committee Chairperson (John Thompson) about 10 days prior to the December 3rd Board Meeting. This Audit has traditionally been performed by an ElderStudy Member; report submittal may be hard copy or electronic.

If you would be interested in volunteering to conduct this Annual Audit, please contact Barbara Barrett (current Vice President; barrettorr@verizon.net) or Mel Wright (next year's Vice President; fredpeds@cox.net) and/or John Thompson (Treasurer; 371-4827 or johnsafet@cox.net) before September 1st; Board approval of the Auditor will occur at its September 2nd meeting.

2015-2016 ELDERSTUDY BUDGET

The ElderStudy Operating Budget for 2015-2016 (September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016) was approved by the Board of Directors at its June 3rd Meeting and is included below. An electronic copy is also available on the ElderStudy website [<http://www.elderstudy.com>].

APPROVED ELDERSTUDY BUDGET FOR 2015-2016

September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016

	<u>Approved Budget</u>
Projected Income	
Membership Fees	TBD
Other	TBD
Approved Expenses	
<u>Board of Directors</u>	\$1,200
Awards	\$0
BLS Scholarship	\$1,000
Election Expenses	\$200
Grants	TBD
<u>Curriculum Committee</u>	\$7,400
Speaker/Programs	\$7,000
Postage & Copying	\$125
Gifts & Gratuities	\$25
Stationery & Supplies	\$100
Telephone	\$150
<u>Administration Committee</u>	\$625
General Operating Funds	\$200
Supplies & Publications	\$325
Postage & Copying	\$100
<u>Membership Committee</u>	\$3,420
Brochures	\$100
Stationery & Supplies	\$200
Gifts & Remembrances	\$100
Name Tags (Net)	\$300
Newsletters (5)	\$1,000
Postage & Copying	\$200
Website	\$180
Telephone	\$150
Memb Mtgs & Spec Events (Net)	\$1,190
Total Approved 15-16 Budget	\$12,645

Mary Washington ElderStudy
2014-2015 Operations Report #9 [3rd Quarter]

Rept Date: 6/2/15

Approved: 6/3/15

Accounting Category/Subcategory	2014-2015 Budget Approved 6/4/14, Amended 12/3/14	YTD: 9/1/2014 to 5/31/2015	% of Plan
INCOME			
Carry-over from Prior Year	TBD	Yes	
Membership Fees [Est=229/Act=252]	\$13,118.00	\$13,587.50	103.6%
Interest from Certificates of Deposit	\$46.00	\$3.79	
Miscellaneous (excludes replacement NameTags) ###	\$0.00	\$130.00	
Early 2015-2016 Membership Fees [5]		\$350.00	
Total ES Income/Revenue	\$13,164.00	\$14,071.29	
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-Mar) ##	\$7,000.00	\$5,975.00	85.4%
Postage/Mailing/Copying	\$125.00	\$66.64	53.3%
Gifts/Gratuities	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Stationery/Supplies	\$100.00	\$32.80	32.8%
Telephone Service [9 mos.]	\$150.00	\$99.00	66.0%
Subtotal Curriculum Committee	\$7,400.00	\$6,173.44	83.4%
Administration Committee/BOD			
General Operating Funds	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Stationery/Supplies/Publications	\$125.00	\$15.78	12.6%
Postage/Mailing/Copying	\$75.00	\$92.62	123.5%
Subtotal Administration Committee	\$350.00	\$108.40	31.0%
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	\$210.60	76.6%
Newsletter (prep & distribution)[4 of 5] #	\$1,233.00	\$487.12	39.5%
Postage/Mailing/Copying	\$200.00	\$135.33	67.7%
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Telephone Services [9 mos.]	\$150.00	\$99.00	66.0%
Membership Meetings/Spec Events (net) ###	\$1,130.00	\$992.31	87.8%
Subtotal Membership Committee	\$3,805.00	\$2,403.73	63.2%
Total ES Expenses (Net)	\$12,755.00	\$9,816.61	77.0%

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

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

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Attached to this newsletter is our Fall 2015 schedule that has been developed by the Curriculum Committee over the past few months. We currently have approximately 40 lectures/tours plus our normal number of book club meetings and genealogy sessions. As always the committee has strived to put together a diverse set of programs, and I believe the committee has been successful in this regard.

Just a reminder that it is strongly recommended that prior to heading out for a session regardless of where it is being held, all ElderStudy members should check to ensure there has not been a last minute cancellation. Occasionally such factors as weather, family emergencies, etc., will force us to cancel a session, and every effort will be made to get this information out to the membership via the web site, via an email alert or via our telephone answering system. For those who do not have email or do not normally use it, to determine if a session has been cancelled, just call our ElderStudy phone number (540 654-1769 – Option 2), and any cancellation should be noted.

Finally, I would like to encourage ElderStudy members to join our committee and help with developing our Spring 2016 program. We will have our initial planning session on August 20, 2015, from 1:00 to 3:00 at the UMW Stafford campus. Additional planning sessions are scheduled for September 17, 2015 from 10:00 to 12:00 and for October 15 from 1:00 to 3:00. The committee is always looking for topics and looking for members who are willing to sponsor a program and or personally give a program.

Following is some important information relating to our tour to Richmond.

Trip to Richmond

Elder Study Curriculum Committee will be offering a trip to Richmond on Thursday, October 29, to tour the Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol building. We will depart the Stafford campus of UMW promptly at 8:30 am. We are permitted 50 participants for this trip. The group will be split in two for the tours. We will be walking across Capitol Square from one building to the other and meeting back together prior to lunch. (Lunch options are currently being explored. Details to follow.) We will depart Richmond by 1:45 pm.

The cost of the trip will be \$20 per person. (This does not include the cost of lunch.) Checks should be made payable to Mary Washington Elder Study and sent to Donna Lewis, 1409 Washington Drive, Stafford, VA 22554 no later than Wednesday, September 23. (This early date will allow for cancellation of the bus without penalty if we do not meet the minimum number of attendees.) Please feel free to contact Donna at 571-259-6097 for additional information or to add your name to the list of those attending prior to mailing your check.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Can you believe it? Mary Washington ElderStudy Lifelong Learning Organization is ready to kick-off the 2015 – 2016 year. Registration forms are available on the “ElderStudy.com” website, under the column Membership. There are two different forms: new member registration, and the renewal registration. If you plan to receive the registration discount “hurry” and make your payments dated by September 12, 2015.

The May 14, 2015 “End of Year Potluck” was a success. We owe warm THANKS to Eugenia Jones and Carolyn Sulima who reserved First Christian Church, enlisted entertainment, and tallied reservations. All participating members provided tasty food, set-up and cleanup. Ending the nine months of interesting and charismatic classes, the Fall Line Blue Grass Band jazzed the members and guests.

Volunteer Sherrill Bartholomew, our expert “Welcome Packets” processor is transferring function to Susanne Lazanov who kindly volunteered. After four years calling new members and making sure the ElderStudy “Welcome Packet” was emailed, or mailed to the correct addresses, she built a legacy in volunteering her time to membership committee.

Come visit our Membership committee, Interest groups, and Curriculum Committee and see what committees have in store for all; proposing ideas, share ideas, asking questions, discussions, tours, events, reading group, genealogy, and efforts.

Temporary and new nametags are posted on the Bulletin Board. Guest nametags” are available. Plus the “Guest nametags” make it easier for others to “meet and greet”. Members are asked to verbally introduce their guests at classes.

The membership volunteers consist of Susanne Lazanov, Peggy Gratz, Eugenia Jones, Dottie Meyers, Alan Zirkle, Chuck Watkins, John Parkinson, Suzanne Willis, Donna Lewis, Nancy Neil, Carolyn Sulima, and Jack Sulima. All members are welcome to attend our Fall Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2014 from 11 – 12 noon.

Membership Chair,
Patricia Parkinson

REGISTRATION FORMS for Renewing Members and New Members

Enclosed with this newsletter is the 2015-2016 “Renew Membership” form. Mail your fee before September 12, 2015 and save 20%. Additional forms are available to download and print from either website <http://www.elderstudy.com> or www.facebook.com/MaryWashingtonElderStudy at anytime.

New Membership Fee Structure

You'll see in the Membership form included with this newsletter, that we've dropped the "Couple" membership option for both early renewals and for new members. The new fee structure is based on individual memberships, though you still have the option to enroll two members of the same household using a single enrollment form.

The 2015-2016 full year membership fees are as follow:

- Individual renewing no later than September 12th, \$60, no change
- Couple renewing no later than September 12th, \$120, a \$20 increase
- Individual renewing after September 12th, \$65, a \$10 decrease
- Couple renewing after September 12th, \$130, a \$5 increase
- New member, \$72, a \$3 decrease
- New couple, \$144, a \$19 increase

The fee structure was adopted by the Board of Directors at our June 3rd meeting based on research and analysis by the Administration Committee. This included review of fees by our sister Lifelong Learning Institutions at NOVA Community College, George Mason University, James Madison University, and Christopher Newport University, which all have fees based on individual memberships. Of note, the membership fees imposed by these organizations were all significantly higher than those used by ElderStudy, and these organizations also require members to prioritize their program selections in advance to avoid oversubscribed programs.

The Committee and the Board believe this new fee structure will provide sufficient income to cover the expenses identified in our new budget, while treating all members equally. Questions and comments on this matter should be addressed to Chuck Watkins (Board President) or to John Thompson (Administration Committee Chair).