

SENIOR COLLEGE AT BELFAST  
Board Minutes - December 9, 2015  
Approved January 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the president at 9:00 AM.

**Absent:** None

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the November 4th meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no formal treasurer's report. A draft budget for the January-June 2016 timeframe was discussed at length with change recommendations made but no formal vote taken. The treasurer will forward a revised copy to the Board.

**Speakers Committee:** The work of the committee having been done, the committee is dissolved. On a related topic, discussion centered on the Golden Rule Fund. Sara reported that we were told by Golden Rule to spend "old" balances as quickly as possible. "New" moneys granted have a zero balance. Sara will submit the appropriate reports to the Golden Rule organization.

**Special Events Committee:** reported that one more trip is pending—to Bucksport Historic Film and the Penobscot Marine Museum.

A **bequest from the Betty Breslin estate** will be added to the endowment fund.

## Old Business

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: submitted minutes from their meeting and made the following recommendations:

- an effort to increase membership;
- Instructors should be given a budgeted amount for course materials;
- food expenditures need to be evaluated;
- instructors should have to pay for membership but waived fees for one course for each course taught.
- consider reinstating Resource and/or Membership committees; and
- the membership page should offer the opportunity of making a tax-deductible contribution to Senior College.

The committee was tasked with making specific dollar recommendations.

Proposed **policy on communications:** discussion postponed due to time constraints.

## **New Business**

**Registrar position: the decision was made to form an ad hoc committee** to review details and prepare a report for the full board—Arlin, Elizabeth and Barbara volunteered to be on the committee.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee **proposal to modify the Handbook in re nominations was unanimously approved.** Specifically, the following will be incorporated into the existing policy which is in need of revision:

“The Nominating Committee will solicit (by means of a form found on the website or in the Senior College office, and advertised in the E-news) nominees for Board vacancies from Senior College members, including the Board and the Nominating Committee. All nominations must be submitted on the Nominating Form.”

The proposed form was part of the Nominating Committee report.

**Festival of Art: It was unanimously voted to allocate up to \$1000 to the Festival of Art Committee for 2016.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.