

Senior College at Belfast Board of Trustees March 21, 2018, Approved Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The president called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Absent: Bettler, Bradbury, Kaiserian, Topping

Guest: Martha Laitin

Approval of minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's report: We have a strong surplus and should have a future discussion of the need for planning for another annual fundraiser. Report accepted.

Other Reports

President: President Larson reported on the video conference of Maine senior colleges (11 of 17 colleges were present): general discussion of operating procedures; financial pressures are leading all to forego purchasing books for classes; attendees request more such video hookups, especially if focused on a single topic (e.g. curriculum); Larson has requested our consortium coordinator to survey all members on existence of procedures for having clubs, and for handling disciplinary issues with members. We are planning a general ad (no course listing) to be placed in the Waldo County Adult Education brochure.

Curriculum Committee: Two one day courses are already scheduled for the summer and at this early date numerous course proposals for the fall are underway.

Special Events Committee: Laitin reported on two upcoming trips; one to Colby College Art Museum and one to Cushing's Lainglais Sculpture Garden.

Finance Committee: No report, but the budgetary process will begin soon.

Community Service Committee: Inactive

Archives Committee: No report.

Publicity Committee: No report.

Festival of Arts: No report.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Nominating Committee: Seven of the eight positions to be filled have nominees.

Registrar: 319 registrations for our spring term have generated \$12425 of income.

Unfinished Business

By-law changes: Karin Look reviewed the proposed by-law changes (separate emailed PDF) and the board voted approval of all. These will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting for their vote of yay or nay.

Annual meeting format: The Hutchison Center has approved our request to hold our 2018 annual meeting during a brown bag luncheon in room 138 ABC next September. Nominating Committee chair Jim Taber questioned whether our current provision for nominations from the floor during the annual meeting could or should be accommodated. A motion to change the wording in the by-laws to permit nominations for the board of directors from the membership to occur up to ninety days before the annual meeting. Motion approved. [Our current rules provide an online form for members to make such nominations, including self-nominations, throughout the year].

Clubs and groups: Further discussion postponed, but one club, photography, has been organized.

New Business

Disciplinary procedures: Further discussion postponed, hopefully following receipt of consortium survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. **The next meeting will be April 11, 2018.**

David Boyer, Secretary