

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Lifetime Learning Institute
March 14, 2008
SUB 108 and then Lobby**

Opening

President Lyn Mayo opened the meeting in the lobby and thanked everyone for being so flexible. Then she reviewed the agenda for the audience.

President's Report

Lyn Mayo shared the history of developing the Lifetime Learning Institute based on her experience with others and her instinct to start a Lifetime Learning Institute in New Paltz – why not? She indicated that LLI had over 200 members, more course offerings than we have places for them, donations from the community to launch our catalog and program, a Regional Education (Continuing Education) office and support in finding classrooms with rooms. She also thanked Kathy Krause and Helise Winters, the former and current Deans of Continuing Education/ Regional Education at SUNY New Paltz for their support of LLI throughout the last year. Lyn also mentioned the number of people who have volunteered, the excitement of the organization, the structure of the bylaws.

She also indicated that there would be some challenges in the future due to the impending closure of the Main Building for renovation that puts a premium on classrooms on campus. However, we may move off campus for a while or off and on but we will be back, and she encouraged individuals to stay with LLI during this period of transition.

President Mayo complimented Sal Anastasio, Treasurer; Judy Reichler, Vice President and Membership Chair; Fred Mayo, Secretary; Sally Rhoads, Volunteer Chair; Ellen Brady and Ann Finn, co-chairs of the Curriculum Committee; Ann Burdett, Special Events Chair, Mary Ann Osgood, Publicity Chair; and Mary Cotton-Miller, Registrar; and members at large – Marty Korfman and June Finer

In thanking all the people who helped get LLI launched, she indicated that anyone who wanted to start an organization would be lucky to find any two of them, and how lucky we all are to have all of them. It has enabled the organization to grow as it has.

She also thanked all the persons who have served on the various committees that have made LLI what it is so far.

Treasurer

Sal Anastasio publicly thanked Regional Education staff members for their support in handling the finances. He indicated that the organization had 189 paid members with some unpaid members since faculty members are automatically given a free membership for the year in which they are teaching. We have over \$ 14,000 in the bank – but we have not paid spring semester bills, including this Annual Meeting, and there will be no new income until the fall. Some of the \$ 14,000 is already committed. Due to the space crunch, we may have to find rooms off campus and that will increase our expenses, even if the organizations have been generous in providing us with discounts. Therefore the

present balance is not excessive at all. He indicated that the organization's current balance in the account has what most LLI's now is a minimal cushion.

He thanked the members present for their financial support and announced that the annual membership dues will be the same next year as this year – \$ 115.

Bylaws Committee

Fred Mayo introduced the bylaws, asked for questions, and reviewed the history of the bylaws in terms of the initial approval by the Council last August, the changes discussed in December and January, and the reasons for the various changes or improvements.

Fred also indicated that the Bylaws Committee wanted to suggest a further change, one that they discovered needed to be done after the bylaws were posted. He called on Sally Rhoads who suggested an amendment to Article IV, Section 4 so that it will now read "A quorum of one more than the half of the currently seated voting Council members shall be present to conduct business." Dolly seconded the amendment.

Then on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Fred moved the original motion to amend the bylaws as presented on the website, incorporating this change. Nanette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report

Anne Finn – speaking for the Nominating Committee of Carol Roper, Ann Burdett, and Anne Finn – presented the following slate of potential officers:

- President – Judy Reichler
- Vice President – Gail Gallerie
- Secretary – Carol Roper
- Treasurer – Fred Mayo
- Members at Large – June Finer, Marty Korfman, and Martha Afzal

Sally moved and Tom seconded the motion to elect the slate. The slate was elected unanimously, and the group applauded.

New President's Report

Judy thanked Lyn Mayo and presented her with a certificate of recognition and a lifetime membership in LLI. Sally also presented Lyn with a beautiful orchid as a way of thanking her for her leadership and the many gifts she shared with everyone and her ability to create the organization.

Judy described several new activities – using new spaces, starting some forums – like a large lecture or a concert – in addition to the regular classes, and continuing special interest groups (which Lyn started to do); coordinating some new trips with other organizations such as AAUW and the New Paltz/Gardiner Seniors Club) which Ann Burdett will organize (and Lyn suggested). She also indicated that the organization hopes to publish a newsletter – hopefully four times a year.

Judy also thanked Annie Gallin from the Language Immersion Institute for the generosity of one weekend in a foreign language and encouraged members to try the Language Immersion Institute for some great learning.

Garnette Arledge, the President of the AAUW, explained the upcoming trip to see Tosca, at Lincoln Center, in New York City and encouraged people to sign up for that trip.

President Reichler then invited the group to move to the other side of the Lecture Center to have some coffee, Danish, and conversation and visit at the tables set up there to sign up to work on various committees.

Adjournment

Judy Reichler, the new President, adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Mayo
Secretary pro tem