



Council Minutes
April 21, 2025
9:30am - 10:32am
Via Zoom

Council & Committee Members Present:

Robert Beaury, Kayla Bell, Carmela Gersbeck, Carol Goss, Robert Inglish, Karen Kane, Mary McClellan, Cathy Reinis, Susan Simon, Michael Weinstock, Eleanor Wieder

Guests: Collin Lovas, Jill Lundquist, Grace McKay, Chuck Mishaan

Council & Committee Members Absent: Lynda Christensen

Call to Order

President Robert Beaury called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes, Council Meeting March 17, 2025 by Michael seconded by Carol, All in favor

Secretary Correspondence

Susan reported:

- No postal mail received, all emails received will continue to be forwarded to appropriate Council Members

Treasurer's Report

- Will be discussed during preliminary budget discussion

Tech Training

Carmela reported:

- None to report

Business

Robert:

- Annual Meeting, May 15th
 - 9am @ Olin Hall - Starts w/Light brunch & Joan Tower/musicians
 - Council Members-send Robert a short note about what you are proud of accomplishing during your '24-'25 term

Karen:

- '25-'26 Preliminary Budget (Discuss and Adopt for presentation to members in May for vote)
 - Reserve funds drawdown, systematic or as needed - Will be a separate agenda item in the future
 - Hospitality costs - discussed the amount of food going to waste. Robert will inform hospitality that we will just have coffee & tea served in the Atrium for the SummerFest, participants will be informed of this in the May Newsletter and as part of their welcome letter. Class participants also need to be more mindful of classroom cleanliness

Motion to approve '25-'26 Preliminary Budget to be presented for member vote at Annual Meeting by Robert I, seconded by Carmela, All in favor *(Karen will prep the budget sheet for the meeting)*

Robert:

- Revised Bylaws sent to members on April 7, 2025
 - Survey Monkey ballot to be sent to members on May 8th, voting closes on May 15th

Eleanor:

- P&E 25th Anniversary Celebration (update)
 - Still concerned about the number of guests - can accommodate 200 (150 members + 50 presenters & Bard staff)
 - A "save the date" notice and survey will be sent out to all members this week to get a count on the number of members planning to attend, separate survey to presenters & Bard staff
 - The results will enable us to work out the numbers at our June meeting
 - Susan will contact music trio for their invoice for performance payment

Mary:

- SummerFest (update)
 - All set - catalogue is being finalized
 - Pre-reg on May 27th 9am-7pm, Registration starts at 9am, May 28th

Robert:

- Membership Cap for 2025-26
 - Council decided to leave the cap at 350

Carmela:

- Membership renewals and applications June 1-21
 - In the process of updating the application and letter

Eleanor:

- Recording Classes on Zoom
 - Discussed at recent Curriculum Committee meeting - based on the content of some classes, it would be great to have a library for people to access
 - But...are we creating an issue about something that doesn't need to be done? We were advised by law students and their advisors at George Mason Law School about 5 years ago about the legality of recordings
 - Recording has been voted against since 2019
 - Bard does not allow class recordings (although they do record webinar events) and we are guests on their campus.
 - law students and their advisors at George Mason Law School
 - Determine the actual benefit in comparison to the expense & work to support this
 - Will be a future agenda item for further discussion

Existing Policies For Review

- **ORG 12/12**
No Changes
- **ORG 03/19-A**
No Changes

Reports on File:

Vice Presidents' reports
Curriculum Committee
Governance - Finance
Membership Development
Program Support
CCE Liaison Report
DEI/Social Justice Team
Communications Team
P&E Committee

Mary McClellan, VP1 and Carol Goss, VP2
Mary McClellan
Karen Kane
Robert Inglish
Carmela Gersbeck

Eleanor Weider

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mary, seconded by Carmela - all in favor
Robert adjourned the meeting at 10:32am

Next LLI Council Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025 @ 9:30am/Zoom

Submitted by,
Susan Simon, Secretary