

Council Meeting August 18, 2025

Attendees: Robert Beaury, Carmela Gersbeck, Jill Lundquist, Chuck Mishaan, Mary McClellan, Cathy Reinis, Lyn Walker, Eleanor Wieder, Michael Weinstock

Guests: Robin Gelburd and Alan Katz

Absent: Kayla Bell, Karen Kane, Susan Simon

Call to order

- Minutes from July Meeting approved
- No mail received for Secretary
- No notes from Treasurer as Karen Kane is recovering from shoulder surgery
- Training – no updates

Parking on Campus – Malia DuMont (Chief of Staff to Pres. Botstein) emailed LLI about parking. Jill Lundquist followed up after Robert spoke to the head of Security, and Malia agreed to let us continue using Olin and the Main Lot. A Mailchimp will be sent out encouraging people to carpool, making sure they hang their parking passes and only using Olin and Main Lot. A detailed map of the parking lots will be attached. Will add information about parking at Fisher and taking the shuttle bus.

Membership Number: Discussion ensued regarding lowering membership number through attrition, since parking and classroom space is an issue. Jill and Cathy Reinis both suggested a conversation with Jonathan Becker might be helpful before we make any decisions. This issue was part of long-range planning. Will continue discussion as we see how the fall semester goes.

Combine Annual Meeting with Summer Picnic: Last few annual meetings have not been well attended. Suggestion is to combine Annual Meeting with our Summer Picnic. Some suggestions were to have the meeting on Zoom, have the picnic separate; some people felt combining was good idea. Vote was 6 in favor of combining events, 3 against.

Presenter Recognition Luncheon in June: Presenter event was held in the past at Blithewood with only producers, presenters and Council members. When that stopped, we added on the summer picnic and holiday party to acknowledge all volunteers. Robert B. proposed doing a June luncheon to honor presenters, to include all presenters for the year. Chuck and Michael thought it was a good idea. Motion to have presenter recognition luncheon was voted: Nine people voted yes

Presenter Speaker Agreement: If presenter wants to be recorded, they must sign Presenter Speaker agreement and give us license to record them. Presenter has copyright to the work being presented in the classroom and is giving LLI license to record. **This only applies to the Special Speaker Series. The presenter is responsible for getting copyright clearance.** Motion to approve Presenter Speaker Agreement is approved unanimously.

LLI Mentor/Mentee Program: Robin Gelburd mentored people over the past years in her roles and misses working with younger people and guiding them on their future. Robin has been impressed with the depth and breadth of LLI members' backgrounds and thinks it would be good to mentor Bard students.

Jill Lundquist agrees it's a great idea, and mentioned that the Office of Career Counseling at Bard should coordinate with us. Mary concurs and thinks an initial conversation with them is important. Eleanor mentioned that her gardener is a Bard Conservatory student and he receives very little guidance, and she's been giving him some mentoring. Robert suggested that we set up a meeting with the director of the Office of Career Counseling to get this kick-started.

Jill will reach out to a group of Bard administrators to see who we can meet with.

Policies for Review:

ORG 4/23. LLI has no paid staff or presenters and depends entirely on the efforts and commitment of our volunteers. The Council at LLI strongly believes in creating and maintaining safe spaces for our members and visitors to participate in our courses and other activities. Accordingly, rude or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Members who believe they were treated rudely or disrespectfully are encouraged to contact the president or a member of Council, in writing, and an appropriate inquiry will be made. If the member who is alleged to have been rude or disrespectful is unwilling to remedy the situation or engages in another instance of rude or disrespectful behavior, Council reserves the right to terminate that member's membership or not renew that member's membership, whichever is appropriate given the circumstances. **Reviewed in July '24 No Change

ORG 06/24 *(This policy is updated and replaced ORG 02/24)*

LLI's policy regarding COVID-19 is aligned with Bard's. In accordance with CDC recommendations and the evolving public health situation, LLI is strongly encouraging our members and guests to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations. However, LLI will no longer require new members and guests to submit COVID-19 vaccination data in order to become a member, register for a class, or attend an LLI event.

Our plan is to continue with the "mask-friendly" policy that Bard follows as well. Masks are not required, but anyone who wants to wear a mask on campus is welcome to do so. Individual presenters may ask class members to wear a mask in their own classrooms. It is important for members to remember to carry a mask with you in case you need one.

Moreover, out of consideration for others, we ask that no one attend class or any other LLI event if you are feeling unwell, including dealing with a persistent cough or the sniffles.

Members are reminded to wear their lanyard at all times while on Bard's campus or at LLI events off campus. **Adopted in June '24 **No Change**

PROG 05/19. Video and/or audio recording must be approved by the Council and the Presenter. Requests must include the reasons for recording, and any copyrighted material must be used in accordance with the copyright policy of Bard College. Any approved photography, video, or audio recording must be done as unobtrusively as possible. **Reviewed in December '24 **This needs to be revised.**