

ICL Governing Board Meeting
March 14, 2008

President Bob Allen called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

Present: Bob Allen, Bob Masterson, Betty Morley, Joe Maladra, Sue Harty, Don Carlson, Tom Dooley, Cathy Jensen, Marge Olszewski, Margo Temple, Marilyn Lind, Debby Miller, Lois Nissen, Dorothy Murphy, John Wiese, David Sullivan, Mary Fioretti. **Guest:** Jack McKee.

Not present: Terri Collins, Norine Tempelman, Karl Gabbey, Peter Marron, Mike Thompson.

General Comments from the Chair: Bob Allen opened the meeting with a short report on his encounter with the Life Long Learning organization at the University of San Diego, San Marcos. While he found the three Study Groups to be very interesting and well presented, he noted differences with ICL: members pay for each event attended; members had little control of the organization; and there was little camaraderie among members. It is led by 2 part-time, paid administrators and meets at 11 locations.

Bob also offered birthday congratulations to Debby Miller and deferred to Margo Temple who announced that a birthday cake would be served during the break period.

Thanks and appreciation were offered to Vice-President Bob Masterson who presided in the absence of Bob.

Bob then welcomed guest, Jack McKee, an ICL member, who presented an idea for the Board to consider. Jack distributed a flyer explaining his proposal for an ICL trip to Wrigley Field on August 21, Cubs vs. Cincinnati. Jack has purchased tickets. Details on transportation, publicity and "sign up" procedures will be developed by an ad hoc committee to report to the board for approval at the April Governing Board Meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Debby Miller and seconded by Bob Masterson that ICL approve reimbursement to Jack McKee of \$885.00 to cover his purchase of Cub tickets for this ICL event. Motion was approved by the board.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Marilyn Lind and seconded by Debby Miller to approve the minutes of the February meeting, as presented. The Board voted to approve and minutes are accepted.

Master ICL Calendar Update: Changes were approved for the ICL Master Calendar:

April 12: New Deal Service Day

May 4: Field Trip to RU Chicago. The play is "Wild Party."

May 26: Mailing to include notice of Annual Meeting; Summer Study Groups; Make-up Lecture; Humanities Seminar and other notices.

June 4: Make-up Lecture, replacing lecture cancelled on March 14, 2008

July 7: Summer Study groups start through to August 8

Committee reports requiring board action: Most committees submitted reports prior to the meeting.

Lecture Series: Chair Debby Miller reported a lecture on June 4 by Katharine Harris which is a “make-up” event due to the cancellation in February. Discussion focused on a problem for ICL in the future: location of lectures and other large events. Within the next one to two years, ICL will likely no longer be able to count on the Penthouse being available for large events due to RU increased enrollment and need for the space. A subcommittee will be formed to investigate other sites for large events including places outside the RU campus. The committee will present a report to the board.

Marketing/ Partnerships: Chair Tom Dooley distributed a detailed report of the many activities of his committee. The only item requiring board action was to add to the ICL Calendar a Paul Green lecture to be held in conjunction with Friendship Village (and at their site) on Thursday, September 18 at 3 PM. Board approved.

Field Trips: Chair Marilyn Lind encouraged ICL members to sign up for the planned trips to Fair Oaks Farm, April 11, and the RU play “Wild Party” on May 4. Future trips being considered are: Farnsworth House and Sandwich IL: Tour of Daily Herald facilities. Bob Allen offered congratulations to Marilyn Lind on the forward planning by her committee enabling ICL members to know what trips are planned in the future.

Service: No new report – deadline for next mailing is May 21st.

Member Services: No new report.

Program Development: In addition to a report submitted prior to the meeting, Chair Sue Harty reported that the Winter Study Groups, new this year, was a success with many positive comments from members. Mary Fioretti distributed a chart showing spring Study Groups, number registered, and room assignments. Space for ICL study groups presents a growing challenge. It was suggested that ICL use the RU schedule of classes for advance planning. A subcommittee will be established to study the class space issue.

Finance: Chair Don Carlson reported a total ICL balance of \$33,619.52. Bob Allen stated the need for an ad hoc committee to decide how ICL funds should be spent. This committee will use the ICL Strategic Plan to plan spending decisions. Don announced that all committee chairs need to fill out a form listing expense estimates to enable the finance committee to develop a budget for fiscal year 9/1/08 – 8/31/09. These forms need to be submitted before the next Board Meeting.

Special Events: Chair Margo Temple reported her committee is working on the ICL Annual Meeting and the Humanities Seminar in September. She distributed a flyer announcing a special guest, Dr. Sheldon Cohen, who will appear on May 16 in the penthouse at 1 PM. ICL members will need to register for this event. She also announced a Health Awareness Seminar 411 to take place on June 17 and 19, 2008. Request for funds for this event will be presented to the Board in the April meeting.

Website: No new report.

Strategic Planning: The board has received the revised ICL Strategic Plan. The next step is to decide how it will be accomplished. The committee will meet to discuss who/what/how the plan will be put into place. The committee will report to the Board.

Life-Long Learning Relationships: Chair John Wiese is continuing to respond to inquiries from other LLR groups looking for information and guidance from ICL. John raised the question of his office at RU and how it can be used to help ICL committees. This question ties into the Strategic Plan. Bob Allen will coordinate this issue.

New Initiatives: A complete report was given to the board prior to the meeting. It was emphasized that this committee is the place where new ideas, which are not being addressed elsewhere in ICL, are generated and considered. These ideas, like the Dinners with ICLers, are forwarded to the Board for consideration. If there is agreement to move forward, the idea(s) are referred to the appropriate Committee or to an Ad Hoc Committee.

The committee is open to new ideas and welcomes them.

Humanities Seminar: A report was submitted prior to the meeting to which there is nothing to add.

New Deal Service Day, Saturday April 12. ICL has participated in the past and it was agreed that we again participate. Bob Allen and Bob Masterson will work with chair Karl Gabbey to formulate a plan for this year's event including announcements at next Wednesday's Lecture and the first week announcements for the Study Groups.

April ICL Governing Board Meeting: April 14, 1 PM

New Business:

Emergency Alert System. ICL is considering participation in the RU Emergency Alert System by which automated text messages about possible emergencies will be sent via cell phones. Persons wishing to participate will need to signed up.

Health Fairs: John Weise informed the board that Northwest Community Hospital sponsors health fairs and we may want to consider having a presence at that event.

Spring Valley Nature Center: John Weise mentioned this as a site worthy of consideration for an ICL outing.

Nominating Committee: Bob Allen announced that in accord to the By-Laws, he has named a chairman of the ICL Nominating Committee: Lois Nissen. Lois reported the following ICL members have agreed to serve on the committee: Harry Trumfio, Gloria Kinney, Earl Arnold, Tom Dooley, Betty Morley, Marge Olszewski.

Bob Allen adjourned the meeting at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morley, ICL Secretary