

ICL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2007

President Bob Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Present: Bob Allen, Bob Masterson, Betty Morley, Sue Harty, Don Carlson, Tom Dooley, Peter Marron, Marge Olszewski, Margo Temple, Marilyn Lind, Debby Miller, Lois Nissen, Dorothy Murphy, John Wiese, Terri Collins, David Sullivan, Sylvia McCauley.

Not Present: Mike Thompson, Joe Maladra, Karl Gabbey, Cathy Jenson, Norine Tempelman.

Welcome. Welcoming comments from Bob Allen included instruction from our esteemed president regarding the origin of the phrase “passing the buck”, which according to legend involved passing a deer’s ear during a card game to determine who would deal cards.

Approval of Minutes of September board meeting. It was moved by Peter Marron and seconded by Terri Collins to approve the minutes of the September, 2007 Board meeting as submitted. Board voted to approve.

Master ICL Calendar. There were additions to the ICL Calendar to reflect ICL activities. These dates were approved:

Friday, Nov. 9 ICL Advisory Board meeting 9:30 AM

Monday, November 19, Mailing to include

ICL By-Law proposal and Holiday party information

Monday, November 26 Post Study Group Luncheon for Coordinators

Friday, December 7, Field Trip to Evanston

Monday, January 14, One PM, ICL Board Meeting

February 11, One PM, ICL Board Meeting.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Lecture Series. Debby Miller reported being close to a final list for the Lecture Series in January. The list includes the book end RU professors, Dr. Middleton to open and Dr. Paul Green to close. The others range from a journalist to a judge to a folk singer. Debby promised a full list at the next board meeting as she hears back from the proposed speakers.

There was discussion about the board decision to raise the non-member fee to \$10 per lecture. Cash payment for this is allowed.

Roosevelt Professor Series The lectures being considered do not involve lunch, so cost will be minimal. Toni Potenza has asked that this idea be put off until the Spring. It was point out that we have 2 professors scheduled for the Winter Lecture Series.

Strategic Planning. Chair Lois Nissan presented the proposed new ICL By-Laws. They were thoroughly discussed with the board with emphasis on the changes from the current

By-Laws. They will be presented to the ICL membership for approval. This will take place at the December Holiday Party. Members will be informed through a mailing.

Motion: It was moved by Bob Masterson and seconded by Peter Marron to send the proposed By-Laws to ICL members before the Holiday Party with encouragement that they attend and vote.

Board voted to approve the motion.

The next items on the agenda for this committee include job descriptions of the board members, policies and procedures relating to the By-Laws about the functioning of ICL day to day, and the current structure of ICL.

Related information: Bob Allen and Bob Masterson have a meeting scheduled on October 18th with Dr. Toni Potenza to discuss a number of issues pertinent to ICL and RU. On the agenda are: Size of ICL; space; administrative workload; office space; public relations; professor lectures; promotional procedures.

Marketing/ Partnership Chairman Tom Dooley distributed a detailed report to the board prior to the meeting. To supplement this report he distributed an outline of the proposed partnership between ICL and Friendship Village. A significant item in this complex agreement is the FV funding of \$4750.00 to ICL. This proposal is an agreement to start November 1, 2007 and run to November 1, 2008 and requires ICL board approval.

One point generated heated discussion. The proposal to allow FV residents to register for ICL field trips raised many questions, including fairness to ICL members and procedures for signing up FV residents among other issues. Bob Allen insured that ICL members will be given preference.

Motion: It was moved by Sue Harty and seconded by Terri Collins to approve the ICL/ FV Partnership proposal as presented by Tom Dooley. The board voted to approve the motion with two board members voting NO: Marilyn Lind and Marge Olszewski.

The board voiced a general congratulations to Tom Dooley and his committee for this successful partnership agreement.

There was some additional discussion related to ICL public relations and the effort of RU to require compliance with university requirements for communications.

Field Trips Marilyn Lind reported that the November 16 trip to Pullman is sold out and has a waiting list. For this trip she designed a new flyer with a tear off at the bottom to be used for application. This format seems to work and will be used in the future.

Future trips being planned:

December 7. To Evanston to the historic Dawes mansion which will be decorated for Christmas, and then after lunch to the Block Museum at Northwestern for a special exhibit . Bus will limit passengers to 24.

February. Date to be determined. Art Institute of Chicago for the Hopper and Homer shows.

May 4 RU theater performance, downtown Chicago. “Wild Party” Details to follow.

Bulletin Board. Bob Allen reminded the board that items to be placed on the ICL bulletin board need to be given directly to him or Bob Masterson. This point will be communicated to our membership via the announcements, as most ICLers seem to be not aware of this procedure.

ICL London Trip Committee.

The London Trip is a go, with some spaces remaining open.

The committee will be exploring a possible ICL trip to Washington DC. Board gave informal approval for this project exploration.

New Initiatives. Chair Dorothy Murphy presented a proposal for “Dinner for Eight”, a plan to promote sociability in the ICL membership which has experienced such recent rapid growth. Since the idea of this new committee is to develop an idea and then pass it off to an appropriate committee to follow through, it was suggested that the appropriate committee would be Special Events. Margo Temple graciously agreed to ‘test the waters’ and see what interest there may be and then to proceed.

The other Special Initiative is the “Hope You’re Better” project. At the present time, Lois Nissen is sending cards of sympathy or condolence or “hope you recover” when she learns of the need. Dorothy and her committee will work to publicize this effort and provide structure for ICL members to communicate member illness or death and to respond with sympathy.

Service. Marge Olszewski is continuing to deal with mailings.

Member Services. Peter Marron submitted a report prior to the meeting. The only new issue came from Sully who reported the corrections to the membership directory are complete enough to warrant putting out the directory. Mary Fioretti and John Wiese will update data on database so this document can be published.

Program Development Sue Harty submitted a detailed report prior to the meeting. In addition she brought up two initiatives for board approval.

1. The committee wants to add a selection of Winter Study groups on Wednesday afternoons, to probably last four weeks, and possibly to tie in with lecture series topics. The board agreed to this proposal.

2. The committee proposed adding study groups on Monday and/or Friday mornings to address the problem of too many choices in too small a time. The goal would be no more than three study group choices per time period.

Motion: It was moved by Don Carlson and seconded by Marge Olzsewski to add study groups on Monday and Friday mornings to achieve the goal of three study groups per slot. The board voted to approve.

Finance. Don Carlson presented a detailed report prior to the meeting in which he stated ICL has a \$20,000.00 surplus at the start of fiscal year 2008. He announced that he will

not serve as finance committee chair past June of 2008, but will continue working on the in-house data base.

The question of ICL member reimbursement for expenditures was discussed. Mary stated a member requesting such reimbursement needs original documents of expenses and proof of payment with amount and date shown. These are to be submitted to Mary with the member keeping copies of all such documents.

Life-Long Learning Relationships. John Wiese is still answering questions and sharing information with other life-long learning organizations. He is in contact with an LLL group from Illinois State University which meets periodically to exchange information and publishes a periodical.

Special Events. Margo Temple has plans for attendance of 65 for Monday's Oktoberfest in Alumni Hall. At this event ICL will honor RU employees who help us out so much in our activities. Twenty five RU staff and employees have been invited. Entertainment will be provided by Jerry and Fran O'Connell.

The Holiday Party is being planned and will be wonderful.

Website. This project continues to improve. Board members who want information included need to contact Mike Thompson.

New Business

John Wiese reported the possibility of generic email accounts being available through Google. He is in the process of purchasing a new COW (Computer on Wheels) as well as replacing equipment recently stolen from a COW. He is in communication with the RU security personnel to clarify the policy for locking and unlocking rooms before and after classes.

The next board meeting will be on Friday November 9 at 9:30 AM.

Bob Allen adjourned the meeting at 12:30.