

**Minutes
Institute for Senior Professionals
November 16, 2004**

Members Present:	Eileen Arpke	Audrey Hains	Larmon Salmon
	Doug Bacon	Bill Hall	Sy Shwiller
	Dave Bechtold	Inez Hall	Herb Steely
	Stan Berg	Doug Harvell	Van Swenson
	Robert Billingsley	David Keener	Walt Turner
	Russell Christesen	Don Litke	John Vaughan
	Bill Edgington	Sam Mac Nulty	Dann Wallis
	George Fischer	Eddie Phillips	Roger Wallis
	Bob Garcia	Annette Register	Al Weidenbusch
	Mack Gay	George Russell	Rae Williams
	Howard Dimmig	John Streit	

Members Absent:	Dale Blanchard	Mike Flynt	Jane Meigs
	Jeffrey Brown	Ben Grafton	George Wagner
	Jim Durham	Bill Maxson	Loyal Weaver

Others Present:	Carla Reinlie
	Becky Tislow
	Jill White

Call to Order

Dann Wallis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Larmon Salmon to deliver the invocation. Dann then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman's Report

Dann said that he and Dr. Richburg received letters of resignation from Doug Bacon and Don Roberts who are both moving out of state. Dann expressed concern at both the declining membership rolls and the shrinking list of active projects. He urged members to consider professional acquaintances that might be potential candidates for membership and invite them to future meetings as guests; and to become pro-active in their search for project service opportunities.

Dann reported that he received a request from the Prime Time Program Director, Amanda Barker asking ISP to assist in evaluating the program. Motion to accept, David Keener; second, Inez Hall. Motion carried. Eileen Arpke will chair this committee.

Dann said that another request is expected any time from Ms. Linda Whinton, OWC Director of Nursing, to evaluate the college's Nursing Program. In anticipation of receipt of the letter from Ms. Whinton, the group voted to accept the request. Motion, Howard Dimmig; second, Barbara Wall. David Bechtold will chair the committee.

Dann noted that the next ISP meeting would be held January 18, 2005.

He said ISP Directories are being printed and assembled and should be in Becky's office by the end of the week.

Dann expressed gratitude for the work done by the Children in Crisis committee. He said the product does ISP proud and met or exceeded all expectations. He especially cited the project leadership of Mack Gay.

College Report

Dr. Jill White said that Dr. Richburg was attending a meeting of the Florida Department of Education to present a report on the college's baccalaureate programs. She said the Collegiate High School was again an A+ school and received the second highest number of points in the state. She said numerous grants are being written with the possibility of \$1 million in grant funding being awarded to the college. She said that Hurricane Ivan had minimal impact on the college, but that lost days are being extended into the programmed five-day final exam period. Dr. White answered numerous questions from members about the Collegiate High School.

Guest Speaker

The scheduled guest speaker, Mr. Larry Sassano, Okaloosa County Economic Development Council, was unable to attend, so Dr. White presented the morning's program and spoke about the college's baccalaureate programs.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the October 19, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected. Motion, Howard Dimmig; second, Dave Bechtold.

Treasurer's Report

Dave presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$11,961.00. He reminded members to pay for their spouse/guest social cost and asked any members who have not yet done so to pay their dues. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Herb Steely; second, John Streit.

Committee Reports

Program

Eddie Phillips said that Tom Conner, Northwest Florida Daily News, would speak in January; and Walt Richardson, a local small business owner, would speak in February.

Membership

Barbara Wall had no report, but said she and Becky have membership applications available.

Social

Roger Wallis reminded members that the Christmas Social would be held at the Grille at Silver Shells on December 8th. A final count must be provided to the restaurant by November 20th. A cash bar will begin at 5:45 p.m., with dinner to follow at 6:45 p.m. The Madrigal Singers will perform at 7:45 p.m.

Spring Fling

Bob Garcia announced that the Spring Fling would be held May 21, 2005 at the Eglin Yacht Club.

Senior Activities

Walt Turner said that Prime Time registrations are down slightly, but that registration for spring classes begins January 13th with 56 programs being offered.

Speaker Gifts

Mack reported that speaker gifts have been re-ordered. The minimum order was 100 pieces so there will be some available for purchase.

Special Committees:

Website

Tom Reynolds said that he is planning to test placing a copy of the directory on the website for member information. He will review various options for inclusion in the website and present these at the January meeting for membership selection. David Keener asked about members being given college email addresses for forwarding email website inquiries. Tom will check on the possibility and report back to the group.

Heritage Museum

Rae Williams said that the museum currently is being remodeled.

City of Valparaiso Public Works Study

Howard Dimmig said a draft report is being considered by the task force.

Youth Village

Bill Edgington said the committee met with Ms. Nellie Bogar and suggested she acquire a Board of Directors consisting of community members with business experience. Once the Board has been established ISP would assist in writing the Youth Village Business Plan. The task force will hold one additional meeting with Ms. Bogar prior to the ISP January meeting.

Focus 2020

Environmental and Natural Resources

David Keener had no report.

Transportation

In Bill Maxson's absence, Van Swenson read the following report: The Transportation Planning Organization meeting scheduled for November 18th is of interest. The FDOT Tentative Five-Year Program will be presented for endorsement. The program has a number of projects impacting our area; these will be included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be finalized in June 2005. We have identified the point of contact for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee (with assist from Eddie Phillips) and will arrange a meeting as soon as schedules permit to discuss the Regional Transportation Authority.

Public Services

Sam Mac Nulty said the committee is wrapping up the evaluation of pros and cons of Fire Department consolidation. The committee will next look at the area's hurricane assistance programs. He said Mack spoke with Okaloosa County Emergency Response Manager, Randy McDaniel to determine what lessons were learned from Hurricane Ivan and what were the major problems experienced. He said that Mr. McDaniel expressed great interest in ISP studying this issue.

Around the Room

Doug Bacon said that he had enjoyed his association with the ISP, but that he and his wife were moving to a more moderate climate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.25 a.m.

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