

Minutes
Institute for Senior Professionals
October 16, 2007, 7:30 a.m.
Gallery, Building K

Members present:

Dave Bechtold	Stan Berg	Robert Billingsley
Dale Blanchard	Steve Cherny	Russ Christensen
George Dean	James Durham	Mike Flynt
Bob Garcia	Mack Gay	Ben Grafton
Audrey Hains	Inez Hall	Bill Hall
Philip Hoge	Darrell James	David Keener
Sam MacNulty	Bill Maxson	Gary McMillin
Jane Meigs	Charlie Morris	Fred Pryor
Tom Reynolds	Larmon Salmon	Van Swenson
George Wagner	Dann Wallis	Loyal Weaver
Al Weidenbusch	Rae Williams	

Members Absent:

Eileen Arpke	Howard Dimmig	George Fischer
Doug Harvell	Don Litke	Robert Milligan
Annette Register	George Russell	Sy Shwiller
John Streit	Walt Turner	John Vaughan
Barbara Wall	Roger Wallis	Bob Richburg
Jim Chitwood		

Others present:

Jill White
Carolyne Laux

Guest Speaker:

Mike Coupe, Okaloosa County Sherriff's Office

Call to Order

Audrey Hains called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

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Mike Coupe, Okaloosa County Sherriff's Department.

College Report:

Dr. Jill White, Interim President, noted that the college is very involved in revising its Safety and Critical Incident Plan. There have already been improvements made by the college such as the installation of a communications system through the fire alarm system which would notify all sites of a critical incident – still in process, but close to being completed. The college is working toward a support system for students by implementing training to identify students in with specific needs that needs professional attention.

Chairperson's Remarks:

Dr. Hains announced the death of Terry Tislow, husband of Becky Tislow, and announced the visitation and funeral arrangements. A card has been sent to Becky and Dr. Hains proposed that a \$50.00 gift be made to the Building Fund at the First United Methodist Church in Niceville in memory of Terry. She gave Becky's address for cards to be sent.

Dr. Hains provided a list of opportunities for the ISP members to become more involved with the college activities (i.e., health fair; high school academic tournament on November 10th, etc.)

Dr. Hains also asked that the following goals be considered for the upcoming year:

- 10-15 quality new members
- OWC volunteer opportunities
- Focus on one endeavor across focus group

Dr. Hains read a letter from Okaloosa County thanking ISP for their study on internal courier operations.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Russ Christensen and seconded by Inez Hall, the members unanimously approved the Minutes of September 18, 2007.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Cherny provided the treasurer's report. He cited 12 people were outstanding in payment of dues; the Christmas party is \$35.00 and \$5.00 for a guest – December 13th. The current balance on hand is \$5635.71.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee Report:

Mr. Hall asked for suggestions for guest speakers. The following are lined up at this time:

- November, 2007 Judge Pat Maney
- January, 2008 Ray Sansom
- February, 2008 Bob Milligan
- March, 2008 Cabe Woods

Membership Committee:

Mr. Van Swenson said that the committee is working on some issues at this point with no report to give. **Dr. Hains asked that the committee work on a strategy plan for recruiting new members.**

Social Committee:

Mr. Weaver talked about the social on Saturday at the Yacht Club with the party beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is \$5.00.

Tom Reynolds will provide the map for the Christmas party and shared what the menu was to be for the Christmas social.

Field Trip:

Mr. Garcia commented on the EOD trip on December 11th which will include lunch with the troops.

Bylaws Recommendations:

Mr. Morris provided recommendations for changes in the ISP Bylaws.

- Change the identification of ISP members to semi-retired rather than retired.
- Clarifications on members.
- Design of emeritus status
- Place secretary on Executive Committee
- Acknowledge Becky Tislow's role with the ISP

On a motion by Al Weidenbusch and a second by Mack Gay, the recommendations are accepted to be incorporated into the Bylaws.

Discussion – Terry Tislow's death

The ISP expressed its deepest sympathy to Becky in the death of her husband, Terry. Becky is a valued member of the ISP group.

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES: Open Discussion

Dr. Hains advised that she understands that the Armament Museum wants to enlist ISP's assistance, but she has not formally received any information as to the project.

Freeport Study: Bill Maxson said that the input by the ISP is now completed and that some embellishment was done by the NWF Regional Planning Council and the document is ready for its second reading by the City Council on October 25. The ISP Committee activity is completed.

Walton County Mitigation Strategy Plan: Bill Maxson advised that the plan is in draft and is being placed on the County web site for review. The Committee anticipated being finished by the end of the month and submitting the report to the County. Any rewriting will be done during November and December, if there is a need.

Heritage Museum: Inez Hall commented that the ISP has a committee doing a feasibility study with the Heritage Museum on possible new sites for the museum. The committee has not met since June. A memo has been sent to the director with some pertinent questions: (1) new site feasible? (2) other sites considered; and (3) would renovation of present facility be cost-effective? Inez will be attending the Board meeting of the Museum on October 18th along with museum board members Jane Meigs and Rae Williams.

Walton County Violence Committee: Rae Williams and Ben Grafton met with the Okaloosa-Walton Domestic Violence Committee and there is a great need, along with other needs, for a shelter in Walton County.

FOCUS GROUPS

Transportation: The US 98 Corridor Authority will meet in Panama City on October 18th if anyone is interested in attending. This is a top priority of the TPO. Mack Gay has been invited to the TOP meeting The bicycle/pedestrian committee is hosting a conference on bicycle/pedestrian issues on November 5 and 6 in Freeport.

Workforce Housing: no report.

Citizens Involvement:

Mr. Morris commented that nine ISP members are involved in the OCA and more are needed. There are a total of 50 members in the OCA with Cabe Woods as president. , the members met with Ray Sansom to talk about school financing and gained a better understanding of the processes. On November 15th the members are meeting with the Okaloosa School Officials this week to have a better understanding of budgeting and financing.

Environmental/Natural Resources Report

Loyal Weaver and Tom Reynolds provided a presentation on the St. Lucie County Solid Waste Plant Disposal. Mr. Weaver visited the site and was very impressed with the operations.

Web Site

Tom Reynolds asked that if anyone had things to add to or change on the web site to let him know.

Primetime Report

David Keener commented that the Primetime program is going very well with 502 class seats. Registration for next semester is January 11. The next semester will feature some new classes (i.e., lunch/learn program – the Great Depression; and Digital Camera Photography).

CBA

Mike Flynt announced that Friday is the ribbon cutting for the Cessna Park project. The CBA annual meeting is December 5th at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.