

**Minutes**  
**Institute for Senior Professionals**  
**March 15, 2005**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Eileen Arpke	Mack Gay	Larmon Salmon
	Doug Bacon	Audrey Hains	Sy Shwiller
	Dave Bechtold	Bill Hall	Herb Steely
	Stan Berg	Inez Hall	Van Swenson
	Robert Billingsley	David Keener	Walt Turner
	Dale Blanchard	Don Litke	John Vaughan
	Russell Christesen	Sam Mac Nulty	Dann Wallis
	Jim Durham	Bill Maxson	Roger Wallis
	Bill Edgington	Jane Meigs	Loyal Weaver
	Mike Flynt	Tom Reynolds	Al Weidenbusch
	Bob Garcia	George Russell	

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Howard Dimmig	Eddie Phillips	Barbara Wall
	George Fischer	Annette Register	Rae Williams
	Ben Grafton	John Streit	
	Doug Harvell	George Wagner	

**Others Present:** Jim Chitwood  
Bob Richburg  
Becky Tislow  
Jill White

**Call to Order**

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

**College Report**

Dr. Richburg reported that more than 240 people attended the presentation by survivors of the Holocaust presented on the Niceville Campus March 14, 2005. He said former Congressman Bob Barr of Georgia would be speaking at the college in May as a representative of the ACLU. Concerning legislative matters, Dr. Richburg said legislation is pending that would greatly impact the community college system and that former Vice President Jeff Schembera is working in Tallahassee on behalf of community college issues.

Dr. Richburg announced that the college Brain Bowl team won the state championship for the second year in a row; men's basketball came up short in conference play and baseball conference play opens today.

**Chairman's Report**

Dann noted that he presented a \$1,000 check to Ms. Allison Everitt and the Madrigal Singers who were most appreciative of ISP's donation. He also read a letter of thank you from the Honorable Bruce Arnold, Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, thanking ISP for its study of the city's sanitation system. The letter will be posted on the ISP website.

Reporting for Barbara Wall, Dann said that the Membership Committee re-wrote Page 13 of the Director's Guide to clear up issues of concern expressed at the February meeting. He said that the re-write removes 30 days from the application process and brings the guide into compliance with Article 3, Section 3 of the By-Laws. Dann noted that the Executive Committee and Advisory

Committee met to discuss ISP's mid-year performance. Areas of concern were the declining project list and the fact that ISP's history and traditions may not be known by all members.

Dann also said that he is privileged to go to Mexico for an eight-day mission trip, March 19 through March 27, and that members should contact Mack Gay if they need assistance with any ISP matters.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting were approved. Motion, John Vaughan; second, Mike Flynt.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dave Bechtold presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$8,413.33. He said \$3,000 from the Visiting Lecturer fund would be used in April to use as honoraria for the visiting poets from FSU. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Bill Hall; second, Eileen Arpke.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Program**

Speaking on behalf of Eddie Phillips, Dann said that Wayne Harris, Crestview Chamber of Commerce, would be April's guest speaker; Judge T. Patterson Maney will not be returning from Afghanistan until July; and June is being held open to do something in-house.

#### **Membership**

Russ Christesen said that the Membership Committee met and recommended Charlie Morris for membership. Motion, Dave Bechtold; second, Audrey Hains. Motion carried. The committee also recommended Fred Pryor for membership. Motion, George Russell; second Loyal Weaver. Motion carried.

#### **Social**

Bob Garcia said that the Spring Social is scheduled for May 21, 2005 at the Eglin Yacht Club, 4-7 p.m. He provided a sign-up sheet for those attending. He asked those without access to Eglin to so note on the form. Dann advised the per person cost for both members and their guests would be paid by the ISP and there would be a "cash" bar available.

#### **Senior Activities**

Walt Turner said that Prime Time registrants number 741 plus seats, a record. The Emerald Coast Senior Expo had 41 exhibitors and 200 participants.

### **Projects:**

#### **Heritage Museum**

Jane Meigs said the Heritage Museum would sponsor the annual *Saturday in the Park* on April 23, 2005 in old Valparaiso. She said she had tickets for "Steak on the Take", \$10 each to benefit the museum. In answer to a question from Dann, Jane said that there remain ways that ISP can be of benefit to the Heritage Museum.

### Children in Crisis

Mack Gay said there has been some great press coverage about the home to be build in Fort Walton Beach; Sue Straughn, WEAR-TV 3 will interview him on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He said things are going quite well from a fund-raising standpoint and that CIC representatives will meet with Building Industry Association representatives to determine any assistance that might be given on project's construction.

### Visiting Lecturer

Dr. Jill White said Dr. David Kirby and Dr. Barbara Hamby, FSU instructors, would be on campus April 14, 2004, 7 p.m. in the Sprint Theater; preceding the reading, a reception will be held in either the Holzhauser or McIlroy Gallery at 6 p.m. There will be a writing workshop for students on April 15th. Dr. White also said that a new edition of the *Blackwater Review*, featuring student literary and art work, is in production and that a limited supply of copies would be for sale in the College Store. Tom Reynolds said he would place the visit by Drs. Kirby and Hamby on the ISP webpage Calendar of Events

### Youth Village

Bill Edgington reported that Ms. Bogar has not provided any information yet concerning the group's goals and objectives, so no Business Plan has been written. He said that Dann has agreed to serve on the Youth Village Board of Directors.

### Prime Time Review

Eileen Arpke said that the committee reviewed public relations, support structure, involvement with the college; age requirements for enrollment, class offerings, and other areas. Recommendations made include expansion of publicity into areas of senior attendance; a PowerPoint presentation; a newsletter once or twice a semester; newspaper advertisements; Prime Time registration information included in flyers sent out in newspapers; off site classes; a permanent ISP representative to sit on the Prime Time Curriculum Committee; a Mission Statement with clearly defined goals; and a well-defined governing structure for the program, with rotating officers to create continuity in governance and operation.

In responding to a question, Eileen said that Prime Time is no longer a part of the Elderhostel network and that Arts Center docents and ushers are no longer a part of Prime Time.

Bob Garcia noted that the only limitations to the program are instructor availability and room space.

Eileen suggested that the committee continue to exist in an oversight capacity. Motion to approve the Prime Time Review, David Keener; second, Bill Edgington. Motion carried.

Dr. Richburg said that Walt Turner suggested the Prime Time Program to him quite a few years ago and that the key to its success is renewing its volunteer base. He said that he would take the report to the Executive Council for administrative review.

### Nursing

No report

### Website

Tom said that he would add the Director's Guide to the password-protected portion of the website.

## **Focus 2020**

### **Environmental and Natural Resources**

Loyal Weaver said the task force met with Ross Hamilton and Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance representatives on March 10, 2005. He said that a Water Quality report has not been finalized; the CBA is doing some contract work but does have some needs. Needs include active board members, fund-raising and increased membership. He suggested ISP members join the CBA by sending a check in the amount of \$25 to the group based at the college.

### **Transportation**

Bill Maxson reported that Transportation Task Force members attended several transportation planning meetings and continued to participate with the tri-county chamber steering committee drafting the RTA agreement between Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. The TTF has been asked to intensify work on the draft leading to chamber review in April. Three Walton County Commissioners will be briefed this week on the progress.

Two upcoming meetings of interest include March 15<sup>th</sup>, Niceville Community Center, 5:30 p.m., the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority's presentation of alternatives to the north approach extension; also a TPO meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>, Niceville Community Center, 3 p.m. when a resolution of support for funding the Emerald Coast Bridge Authority will be presented.

### **Public Services**

Sam Mac Nulty said task force members will personally visit Fire District representatives to share findings of the consolidation study and to keep the lines of communication open. He said the task force began to look at hurricane preparedness and discovered that numerous state organizations are studying this very issue. He will visit with Mr. Randy McDaniels, Okaloosa County Emergency Management Services, to see where ISP might be of assistance in compiling an after-hurricane network guide.

### **Around the Room**

Mike Flynt said members can find information about the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance at the association's website, [www.basinalliance.com](http://www.basinalliance.com). There will be a meeting to discuss Environmental Resource Permitting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m., Gulf Coast Community College FSU Campus in Panama City.

John Vaughan said the Indian Temple Mound Museum would hold an Archaeological Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. A free program, the day is a great family event.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Tom Powell, Executive Director, Walton County Economic Development Council, was the day's guest speaker.