

**Minutes**  
**Institute for Senior Professionals**  
**October 18, 2005**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Doug Bacon	Doug Harvell	Larmon Salmon
	Dave Bechtold	David Keener	Van Swenson
	Stan Berg	Art Lester	John Vaughan
	Dale Blanchard	Don Litke	Dann Wallis
	Russell Christesen	Sam Mac Nulty	Roger Wallis
	Jim Durham	Bill Maxson	George Wagner
	Mack Gay	Charlie Morris	Loyal Weaver
	Audrey Hains	Tom Reynolds	Al Weidenbusch
	Bill Hall	George Russell	

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Eileen Arpke	Ben Grafton	Sy Shwiller
	Robert Billingsley	Inez Hall	John Streit
	Howard Dimmig	Jane Meigs	Barbara Wall
	George Fischer	Eddie Phillips	Rae Williams
	Mike Flynt	Fred Pryor	
	Bob Garcia	Annette Register	

**Others Present:** Ed Hillbert  
George Mead  
James R. Richburg  
Becky Tislow

**Call to Order**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

Dr. Richburg introduced Mr. Ed Hillbert, retired CEO and President of Raycall Communications of Maryland. Larmon Salmon introduced his guest George Mead, retired CFO of Prestige Kitchens.

John Vaughan asked that members celebrate with him his parents' 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**College Report**

Dr. Richburg highlighted several upcoming events in The Arts Center. He said the fall semester is going very well and that enrollment is holding steady. The legislative delegation will hold a public testimony soon and that one of the items to be discussed is the consolidation of Okaloosa County's emergency management services. Raider Night, an opportunity to meet all college athletes, will be held October 25<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a question from Don Litke about UWF's planned expansion, Dr. Richburg said that the expansion is not competitive with OWC, rather it is coordinated with OWC.

**Chairman's Report**

Mack noted that 2006 Directories are printed and available for pick up. He said that members would find the day's agenda slightly different and that reports are divided into logical categories. He highlighted the section "Potential Opportunities" and explained that this category is for members who have learned of a project in which ISP might be interested.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the September 20, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected. Motion, David Keener; second, Dann Wallis.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Audrey Hains presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$6,328.14. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Dave Bechtold; second, Jim Durham.

## **Committee Reports**

### Program

George Russell noted that Mr. M. C. Davis, noted conservationist, would be the speaker at the November meeting.

### Membership

Russ Christesen said the Membership Committee recommends Gary McMillin for membership. Russ moved that Mr. McMillin be invited to membership; second, Al Weidenbusch. Motion carried.

### Social

Bill Hall reminded members of the Oktoberfest to be held October 27, 4-7 p.m. at the Eglin Yacht Club. A list of ISP members has been sent to Eglin AFB and members are cleared to enter through the West Gate or Hospital Gate with proper identification.

Dave Bechtold said the Christmas Social would be held December 13 at the new Summerhouse restaurant on Okaloosa Island. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. The Madrigal Singers will perform at 7:45 p.m. Entrée choices are pork tenderloin; chicken breast; and basil salmon. Cost is \$45 for spouses and guests. Dave provided a sign up sheet for members and guests and asked Becky to email those members who are absent at today's meeting.

### Project Opportunities

Dann Wallis said he attended a Workforce Housing Task Force meeting sponsored by the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council. He said representatives from four chambers of commerce, the Okaloosa County Commission and private industry were in attendance at the meeting that noted the imbalance in housing is making it difficult for area industry to recruit employees. Dann announced that a full day symposium is planned for the first of the year to discuss planning, solutions and provide success stories

Dann said that he volunteered to mentor a student in the Collegiate High School's Capstone Project and suggested that other ISP members avail themselves of this opportunity.

Mack said he received a letter from Ms. Lenore Wilson, Bridgeway Center, asking ISP to help develop a program to educate employers about workers in the 55+ age group who are available. Dr. Richburg said that since Bridgeway Center received a grant from Jobs Plus for this project, we might want to look at the request with caution.

## **Projects:**

### After Ivan Task Force

Stan Berg said ten committee members have completed the interview phase and would write a comprehensive report to present to Okaloosa County Commissioners.

Dr Richburg said that ISP has the opportunity to make positive recommendations to the county for hurricane preparedness. He suggested the committee interview Dr. Chapman at the Health Department and Mr. Wayne Campbell, Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for their input.

### Youth Village

Dann Wallis, a Youth Village Board of Directors member, said that ISP's reputation as a responsive body is suffering because no member has stepped forward to assist with the Business Plan that was promised more than a year ago.

### Ocean City Wright Fire Department

Don Litke said the committee met with Fire Chief Randy Brown and other fire department employees recently. The committee was amazed at the motivation and desire of the employees to do their jobs better. He said the Fire Department is sending out a questionnaire to 3,000 residents to determine how best to meet their needs.

## **Focus 2020**

### Environmental and Natural Resources

George Russell listed main environmental issues and narrowed them down to specific areas. Individual members will research items in which they are interested and prepare White Papers to brief the group. There are ten major issues and six specific areas of concern: CBA study of Choctawhatchee Bay Water Quality; rapid growth, especially in the Freeport area; Eglin AFB Greenway Project; environmental resource permitting; recreations use of such areas as Morrison Springs and Basin Bayou; and the Yellow River Dam.

### Transportation

Bill Maxson reported the Transportation Task Force is focused on the activity of the newly legislated Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority. He noted that several team members attended last Friday's meeting of the Corridor Authority. It was clear the gubernatorial appointees to the authority wish to proceed with all speed in developing the Master Plan due by July 2007. They want to operate independent from the Florida DOT; however, the funds will come through DOT. They intend to hire an Executive Director and attorney as soon as possible. The next meeting of the Corridor Authority is scheduled for November 16, 2005, 10 a.m. on the joint OWC-UWF FWB Campus. He said there may be an opportunity for ISP to participate and moved that ISP assist the Corridor Authority if asked; second, Al Weidenbusch. Motion carried.

### Public Safety

No report.

## **Sustaining Support**

### Website

Tom Reynolds said he would soon have member photos and bios on the website.

### Senior Activities

Dann Wallis said Prime Time is experiencing a very successful year and that 100 additional seats have been filled since the last report.

### Children in Crisis

Don Litke said the Executive Director is on board and hard at work; drawings for the group home have been completed and are in the hands of the general contractor; fundraising continues.

## **Around the Room**

Audrey Hains reminded members that dues are now payable.

George Russell and Tom Reynolds corrected their email addresses in the 2006 directory. Correct addresses are listed below.

Al Weidenbusch said that if ISP members participate in the Mid Bay Bridge Run Walk on November 12, 2005, they should register as CIC team members.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting took a short recess at 11:05 a.m. and continued with the planning session during a working lunch.

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