

**Minutes  
Institute for Senior Professionals  
September 20, 2005**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Eileen Arpke	Audrey Hains	George Russell
	Doug Bacon	Bill Hall	Larmon Salmon
	Dave Bechtold	Inez Hall	Sy Shwiller
	Stan Berg	David Keener	John Streit
	Robert Billingsley	Art Lester	Van Swenson
	Dale Blanchard	Don Litke	John Vaughan
	Jim Durham	Sam Mac Nulty	George Wagner
	George Fischer	Jane Meigs	Barbara Wall
	Mike Flynt	Eddie Phillips	Dann Wallis
	Bob Garcia	Fred Pryor	Loyal Weaver
	Mack Gay	Annette Register	Al Weidenbusch
	Ben Grafton	Tom Reynolds	Rae Williams

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Russell Christesen	Bill Maxson	Walt Turner
	Howard Dimmig	Charlie Morris	Roger Wallis
	Doug Harvell		

<b>Others Present:</b>	Anthony Boyer
	Jim Chitwood
	Jennifer Clay
	James R. Richburg
	Becky Tislow

**Call to Order**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

Dr. Richburg introduced Gary McMillian, who retired from General Motors after 38 years and lives part of the year in Destin.

Mack introduced Jennifer Clay who invited members to participate in the Collegiate High School's Senior Capstone Project. Senior students study something of significant interest to them, and are judged on their project at the end of the year. Dr. Clay asked ISP members to serve as mentors or project judges.

**College Report**

Dr. Richburg said there are 37 students who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina that are now enrolled in OWC classes, mostly distance learning courses. He noted that the athletes are assisting children at the shelters, CNC is operating the shelter in DeFuniak Springs, and the FACC and Auxiliary Services are joining together to feed evacuees at Central Baptist Church in Crestview.

Dr. Richburg reported that enrollment is at the same level as last year and that the only drop occurred in Adult Basic Education classes; the District Board of Trustees is working with the Okaloosa County Commission to plan an emergency services center that would be housed in a planned basketball arena, but would be used as a hurricane evacuation center as needed.

## **Chairman's Report**

Mack noted that Herb Steely submitted his letter of resignation upon a move to a Central Florida retirement community.

Mack said that recommendations and ideas from the Strategic Planning Meeting, facilitated by Dr. David L. Goetsch, were being reviewed and that the Strategic Plan would be discussed at the October meeting. To that end, he asked project leaders and Task Force Chairmen to discuss with their committee members near-term goals to provide to the Executive Committee for review prior to the October meeting.

Mack asked for a volunteer to chair the approved project with the Ocean City-Wright Fire District in developing their Strategic Plan. Mack said that the Fire District has done a lot of work, but that the pieces have not been brought together. Mack will attend an October 1, 2005 meeting with Fire District personnel and asked that a chairman come forward in time to accompany him to the meeting.

Dr. Richburg said that the Fire District came to the college's District Board of Trustees several years ago with a five-year plan to construct a fire house on Martin Luther King Boulevard near the college's Fort Walton Beach Campus. He noted that the building has not been constructed because of consolidation issues and not enough money for a capital outlay. Dr. Richburg said the Fire District study ultimately would help the college.

Mack thanked the following committee chair persons: Jane Meigs, Program; Barbara Wall, Membership; Bill and Inez Hall, Oktoberfest; Dave Bechtold, Christmas Social; and Bob Garcia, Spring Fling.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting were approved as presented. Motion, Bob Garcia; second, Stan Berg.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Audrey Hains presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$4,212.24. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Eileen Arpke; second, Barbara Wall.

## **Committee Reports**

### Program

Jane Meigs said the morning's speaker would be Lt. Gen. (Retired) Gordon Fornell who will speak on the BRAC Report.

### Membership

Barbara Wall asked members to review Page #13 of the Directors' Guide on procedures for bringing guests to meetings. She said that she has the new "What Is ISP" brochures available.

### Social

Bill Hall provided a sign-up sheet for the Oktoberfest; ISP will provide meat and paper goods with members bringing appetizers, vegetable dishes and desserts. The Oktoberfest will 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 with proper identification.

Dave Bechtold said the Christmas Social would be held December 13 at the new Summerhouse 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.

### Web Page

Tom Reynolds said he would be placing some photographs on the site.

### Special Committee

George Russell said he met with Walton County Administrator, Ronnie Bell, about potential projects involving ISP. George told Mr. Bell that ISP members were available to help structure Walton County's request.

Ben Grafton said that he has been in contact with Mickey Morris, Mayor of Freeport, who is interested in ISP assisting the city in predicting Freeport's future growth problems.

### **Projects:**

#### Heritage Museum

Jane Meigs said the museum is publishing a history of Niceville and Valparaiso for sale at the Mullet Festival.

#### Children in Crisis

Don Litke said CIC hired an Executive Director and that the office on Sunset Lane in Shalimar is now open. He asked for donations of office equipment/furniture.

Don also reported that the land donated to CIC was designated for educational use and that residential contractors are unable to build without using combustibles. CIC has contracted with Lord and Sons, a general contractor; a ground breaking ceremony should be held in January 2006. Don said the capital campaign has been completed, but the committee is re-visiting an extension of the campaign because of higher-than-anticipated costs.

#### Youth Village

Mack asked for a chair for this project since Bill Edgington has moved. He challenged members to consider increased participation so that all members will be working on ISP approved projects. He said having more members involved in projects is one of his goals for the year.

#### Senior Activities

Dann reported that 394 class seats for the upcoming term have been taken and that many classes are full.

### **Focus 2020**

#### Environmental and Natural Resources

Loyal Weaver said he attended a program at which Ms. Linda Young spoke about clean water.

George Russell said that he is working with Mr. M. C. Davis to speak at the November meeting about the Northwest Florida Greenway and conservation work in Northwest Florida.

### Transportation

No report.

### Public Safety

Stan Berg said his committee divided into four teams to interview Emergency Management contacts; good progress is being made.

Don Litke said that a new basketball arena to be used as a hurricane shelter is really needed. Dr. Richburg said it is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people living along the Northwest Florida coast.

Robert Billingsley said the West Florida Regional Planning Council presented a report to FEMA prioritizing area emergency management needs.

Art Lester said he traveled to Waveland, MS in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and that the area was devastated. In comparison, Florida can handle emergencies very well.

### **Around the Room**

Stan Berg said the League of Women Voters will discuss water issues at its October meeting. Linda Young will be the speaker.

Art Lester said that a non-governmental organization should be created to deal with emergencies until FEMA can get in.

Barbara Wall said that Okaloosa County has a Citizens Emergency Resource Team for assistance in emergencies.

Dann Wallis said the novel he has been working on for six years is being published next month. His interest was sparked through Prime Time classes taught by Bob Fleet and Dr. Vickie Hunt.

Robert Bilingsley said that the City of Valparaiso is taking into consideration ISP suggestions concerning back-yard garbage pick-up and has engaged an engineer to study the issue.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Lt. Gen. (Retired) Gordon Fornell, was the speaker.