

**Minutes
Institute for Senior Professionals
April 19, 2005**

Members Present:	Eileen Arpke	Audrey Hains	Tom Reynolds
	Doug Bacon	Bill Hall	Larmon Salmon
	Dave Bechtold	Doug Harvell	John Streit
	Stan Berg	David Keener	Van Swenson
	Robert Billingsley	Don Litke	Walt Turner
	Dale Blanchard	Bill Maxson	Barbara Wall
	Russell Christesen	Jane Meigs	Dann Wallis
	Bill Edgington	Charlie Morris	Roger Wallis
	George Fischer	Eddie Phillips	Al Weidenbusch
	Mike Flynt	Fred Pryor	Rae Williams
	Bob Garcia	Annette Register	

Members Absent:	Howard Dimmig	Inez Hall	George Wagner
	Jim Durham	Sy Shwiller	Loyal Weaver
	Mack Gay	Herb Steely	
	Ben Grafton	John Vaughan	

Others Present:	Jim Chitwood
	Bob Richburg
	Becky Tislow

Call to Order

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

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Audrey Hains introduced Mary Ellen Able who recently moved to the area from Oklahoma. Her background is in Human Relations Management and Education.

Barbara Wall introduced and welcomed new members Charlie Morris and Fred Pryor.

College Report

Dr. Richburg noted that the Surgical Technician Accreditation Team is on campus today and will give him its exit report this morning. He said that 12 students are in the highly-skilled program, each of whom has a job offer upon their graduation. Dr. Richburg also reported that there would be an Ushers/Docents Luncheon later today; the Raider baseball team is tied for second place in the conference and the remaining four games would determine if they receive a State Tournament berth; and that Dr. Jill White provided him with a report on ISP's Prime Time program review. Dr. White took every recommendation suggested by the ISP task force and gave each a positive response.

Dr. Richburg said that the Florida Legislature has \$2 billion in excess funds over budget, but that they are non-recurring dollars. Most of the funds are a result of real estate transactions and sales tax for rebuilding after the season of hurricanes. He said one emerging issue is balancing state sectors to assure each has the dollars it needs.

Chairman's Report

Dann reminded members about obtaining a new OWC ID card from Student Services. The card allows check-out privileges at the college's Learning Resources Center. Dann congratulated Jim Chitwood on his election as President of the Council for Resource Development.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting were approved. Motion, Bill Hall; second, Eileen Arpke.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Bechtold presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$4,976.08. He said \$3,000 from the Visiting Lecturer fund was paid out in the form of honoraria for the visiting poets from FSU, thus depleting the fund. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Don Litke; second, Barbara Wall.

Committee Reports

Program

Eddie Phillips announced that Mr. Wayne Harris, Executive Director of the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce would be the morning's speaker. Mr. Larry Sassano, Executive Director of the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council will be at the May meeting.

Dann reminded members that an in-house meeting was temporarily scheduled for June to brief members about ISP traditions and history; however, Mack Gay recommended working over the summer on this program and presenting it during the September meeting.

Dann said Jim Chitwood has been working with Congressman Alan Boyd to possibly speak at the June meeting, however, the meeting might require adjustment to a Monday to accommodate the congressman's schedule.

Membership

Barbara Wall presented the application of Dr. Art Lester, physician and attorney as approved by the Membership Committee. Barbara moved that Dr. Lester be admitted to membership; second, Stan Berg. 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 reminded members who do not have base decals to so note on the sign-up sheet he passed around.

Nominating Committee

Pursuant to ISP By-Laws, Dann appointed Bill Edgington, Russ Christesen and Eileen Arpke to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for 2005-06 officers.

Visiting Lecturer Program

Dann noted that he attended the poetry reading sponsored in part by the ISP. He said it was very well done with a nice reception prior to the reading. He shared copies of the *Blackwater Review* a

publication highlighting student literature and art. The book will be placed in the ISP office for anyone who might be interested.

Projects:

Heritage Museum

Dann noted that the *Bay Beacon* featured an article about the Heritage Museum in its March 30, 2005 issue and that ISP was mentioned. Jane Meigs said the museum board is working hard and getting the museum in order. Saturday in the Park will be held April 23, 2005; the museum will sponsor the Niceville-Valparaiso Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours.

Children in Crisis

Don Litke said that Mack Gay is in Belize on a mission trip for Shalimar United Methodist Church. He reported that Children in Crisis has received \$2.9 million in gifts or pledges toward the \$3.4 million goal and complimented George Russell on his work to complete grant applications.

Youth Village

Bill Edgington had no report.

Prime Time Review

Eileen Arpke said the task force has completed its work and that no additional reports will be necessary.

Nursing

Dave Bechtold had no report, but said he would contact Ms. Linda Whitenton.

Website

Dann asked that Tom provide a password and ISP web address to new members.

Senior Activities

Walt Turner said the spring semester is ending and passed out Kids on Campus brochures for any interested grandparents.

Focus 2020

Environmental and Natural Resources

Mike Flynt said there would be a membership meeting for the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance on May 5, 2005, 6 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Estate in Destin. He also announced a state sponsored Growth Management Reform Seminar to be held April 21, 2005 at the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition in Pensacola.

Transportation

Bill Maxson said that the draft Regional Transportation Authority Agreement between Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties was completed and would be presented to the joint Chamber Steering Committee at the regular meeting April 21, 2005. Three Walton County Commissioners were briefed on the RTA Agreement progress and responded favorably.

Bill said that State Representative Ray Sansom proposed legislation for a NW Florida Transportation Corridor Authority to create a master Plan for US 98. This proposal should allow the tri-county RTA to concentrate on other transportation needs in our area. More should follow on this subject.

Responding to a question from Don Litke, Bill said that he doesn't know how needs would be prioritized over eight counties. He said funding would not be what is needed so tolls and pay roads might come into play.

Public Services

Sam Mac Nulty said he met with Okaloosa County Emergency Response Manager Randy McDaniel who showed him the response room used by all area agencies, except the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, in times of emergency. Mr. McDaniel asked ISP to talk with different responder groups to determine what went well and what went wrong following Hurricane Ivan, and upon being told of ISP's policy, said that a written request would be forthcoming.

Dann said that a copy of the *Florida Directory of Planning Officials* is now in the ISP office.

Around the Room

David Keener said that David Morris, Okaloosa County Health Department, asked that ISP assist with preparing a script to be used for a telephone survey required to fulfill criteria for a grant. George Fischer and Mike Flynt directed Mr. Morris to information needed to write the script and the survey has been conducted.

Doug Bacon announced an organ recital by Dan Miller at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Niceville, May 8, 2005 at 6 p.m. An organ workshop will be held May 7, 2005 at 10 a.m.

George Russell thanked OWC for its assistance with a bicycle/safe cycling workshop to be held at the college. He said his new email address is russ2kayak@freeportfl.net.

Stan Berg said the League of Women Voters would sponsor a State of the County Report on May 14; a speaker from the University of West Florida would be at the group's annual meeting on April 23rd, 11:30 a.m. at the Leaf and Ladle in Valparaiso.

Don Litke complimented the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra on the recent *Mighty Beethoven* concert.

On that same note, Bob Garcia reminded members that NFSO season tickets are now on sale.

Mary Ellen Able thanked members for inviting her to attend the meeting and said she was impressed with ISP projects.

Bill Maxson said the Regional Transportation Organization would meet Thursday, April 21, 3 p.m. in the Niceville Community Center.

Rae Williams announced that the Democratic Executive Committee elected Mr. Pete Sugden as the Okaloosa County Chairman.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Wayne Harris, Ex. Dir., Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce, was the day's guest speaker.