

**Minutes
Institute for Senior Professionals
June 15, 2004**

Members Present:	Eileen Arpke	Mack Gay	Larmon Salmon
	Doug Bacon	Ben Grafton	Sy Shwiller
	Dave Bechtold	Audrey Hains	John Streit
	Stan Berg	David Keener	Van Swenson
	Robert Billingsley	Jack Kent	John Vaughan
	Dale Blanchard	Don Litke	George Wagner
	Russell Christesen	Bill Maxson	Barbara Wall
	Howard Dimmig	Jane Meigs	Dann Wallis
	Bill Edgington	Eddie Phillips	Loyal Weaver
	George Fischer	George Russell	Al Weidenbusch
	Mike Flynt		

Others Present: Jeff Schembera
Becky Tislow

Call to Order

Bill Edgington called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker

Don Litke introduced Dr. Paul Hsu, Founder and CEO of Manufacturing Technology, Inc. who presented the morning's program.

College Report

Jeff Schembera, Senior Vice President, reported that Dr. Richburg is in Sarasota meeting with the President's Council. Jeff noted the following in his college report: the college name change to Okaloosa-Walton College will become effective July 1, 2004; summer term enrollment is up 4 percent; the Health Technology building is completed; site work has begun on the new Science and Technology building – a contract should be issued in August, with construction to begin in September; and 116 students have been accepted for the BAS in Project and Acquisitions Management.

In response to a question from George Russell, Jeff said that giving dollars have not decreased and the college has received no donor requests for funds to be returned because of the Kelly property dispute. He said that issues concerning standing should be resolved by the end of July, but additional motions may be filed. Jeff noted that the matching funds the foundation would have received for the Kelly sale had it taken place by February 1, 2004, was lost for this year; however, the foundation would be in line for matching dollars in future years should the property eventually be sold.

Chairman's Report

Bill expressed his appreciation to members for their support during the past year.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the May 18, 2004 meeting were approved as presented. Motion, Howard Dimmig; second, Eileen Arpke.

Treasurer's Report

David Keener presented the Treasurer's Report, reflecting a balance of \$8,224.06. He said there are 45 dues-paying members as of this date. He also reminded members that dues are payable in September; checks in the amount of \$150 should be made payable to ISP.

Committee Reports

Membership

Roger Wallis was absent; no report.

Program

Dann Wallis announced that Eddie Phillips would serve as Program Chairman for the upcoming year and said that Supervisor of Elections Pat Hollarn would be the speaker in September.

Social

Dave Bechtold recommended that the Eglin Yacht Club remain as the Octoberfest and Spring Social location. Dann announced that the Christmas Social would be held at Silver Shells for the third year; the restaurant has been reserved for December 8th.

Senior Activities

Dann reported that new Prime Time programs are being added for the fall and that registration would be held in early September.

Special Committees:

Visiting Lecturer

Don Litke said that he provided information to Jim Durham regarding a possible lecturer that he, his wife, Kay, and Jane Meigs heard while on a recent cruise. Bill reminded members that ISP tentatively agreed to work with the college for the lecture series next spring and that ISP monetary support was limited to \$2,000 per year for two years.

Website

In Tom Reynolds' absence, David Keener said that Tom re-sent the website use survey. There were still several members who did not receive the emailed survey, so David will see that it is sent once more.

Strategic Partnership Initiative

Mack Gay had no report.

Town of Cinco Bayou and Town of Shalimar

John Streit said that the state's requirement for updating the Comprehensive Plan was delayed until 2006, so progress has bogged down. He recommended, however, that the item be kept open on the agenda until the September meeting.

Heritage Museum

Ben Grafton said the museum planning committee did not meet during the past month. The group has met with the new director and decided to increase the number of meetings to improve participation. He has completed a draft document to aid the committee in developing goals and objectives for the Strategic Plan.

Children in Crisis

Mack Gay said that Children in Crisis has reviewed its priorities. He noted that this is an active time and said he believes the business model will come together over the next few weeks.

City of Valparaiso Public Works Study

Howard Dimmig said the committee prepared an interim report and should have the final report in the fall.

American Cancer Society Transportation

Dave Bechtold said the project has been re-activated and has asked for ISP assistance. He will ask the ACS to send a written request to ISP.

Focus 2020

Environmental and Natural Resources

George Fischer said the Okaloosa County Health Department requested ISP assistance with a Health and Safety issues telephone survey. The task force made suggestions to be used by those conducting the survey. George said that Mike Flynt had given Health Department officials a book, "Conducting a Survey," that was quite helpful.

George Russell said the same study is going on in Walton County and offered to determine if Walton County officials are interested in ISP providing the same assistance as was provided to the Okaloosa County Health Department.

David Keener said the initial request from Okaloosa County has been satisfied. Motion to approve the study already completed, Audrey Hains; second, Stan Berg. Motion carried.

John Vaughan said the water quality report from the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance is not yet completed.

Transportation

Bill Maxson said the three alternate transportation scenarios presented to the WFRPC could not be evaluated because their model is not regional in nature; elevated highways are not modeled separately from at-grade facilities and HOV lanes and toll lanes would require contractor support. The task force will meet in Pensacola on June 16th to determine whether or not the model can be of any assistance in advancing the RTA concept.

Public Services

Stan Berg said the task force planned to facilitate a meeting of a small number of people from the Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island, Mary Esther and Ocean City/Wright areas to see whether there is enough interest in consolidation for ISP to pursue. However, prior to the task force decision Mack Gay spoke with FWB Major Glenda Glover who said that Okaloosa Island and Ocean City Wright have absolutely no interest in pursuing consolidation and that the only

possible interest would be in Fort Walton Beach and Mary Esther. In light of this information, the task force is looking for guidance.

Around the Room

Dann Wallis said that Barbara Wall has agreed to serve as Membership Chair; Bill and Inez Hall will chair the Octoberfest Social Committee; Roger Wallis, Christmas Social; and Bob Garcia, Spring Social. He reported that all current Focus 2020 chairs will continue for the upcoming year.

Bill Edgington reminded members of the new officers effective immediately: Chairman, Dann Wallis; Vice Chairman, Mack Gay; Secretary, David Keener; and Treasurer, Dave Bechtold.

Dann presented Bill with a gift of thanks for his year as Chairman.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.