

**Minutes
Institute for Senior Professionals
May 18, 2004**

Members Present:	Eileen Arpke	Bob Garcia	Tom Reynolds
	Doug Bacon	Mack Gay	George Russell
	Stan Berg	Ben Grafton	Larmon Salmon
	Dale Blanchard	Doug Harvell	Herb Steely
	Russell Christesen	David Keener	Van Swenson
	Howard Dimmig	Jack Kent	George Wagner
	Bill Edgington	Don Litke	Dann Wallis
	George Fischer	Sam Mac Nulty	Roger Wallis
	Mike Flynt	Eddie Phillips	Loyal Weaver
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Others Present: David Goetsch
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.

College President's Report

In Dr. Richburg's absence, Dr. David Goetsch, Provost, Fort Walton Beach Campus, presented the college report. He reported that the Florida Legislature approved the name change to Okaloosa-Walton College, effective July 1, 2004, and provided funding for the BAS degrees. Dr. Goetsch noted that the largest class in the college's history graduated May 6th and said that there soon would be six degrees that can be obtained entirely at the Fort Walton Beach Campus.

Chairman's Report

Bill reported that he received correspondence from Mr. David Morris, Okaloosa County Health Department, asking for assistance with a survey to identify environmental health issues. Mike Flynt said there are aids to help organizations conduct their own surveys and offered to assist the task force, which Loyal Weaver will chair.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the April 20, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected. Motion, Howard Dimmig; second, Eileen Arpke.

Treasurer's Report

David Keener presented the Treasurer's Report, reflecting a balance of \$8,539.59.

Nominating Committee Report

Doug Harvell presented the report of the Nominating Committee, made up of past ISP chairmen. Slate of officers: Chairman, Dann Wallis; Vice Chair, Mack Gay; Secretary, David Keener; and Treasurer, Dave Bechtold. Eileen Arpke moved to close the nominations; second, George Wagner. There being no other nominations, the above-listed officers were elected.

Committee Reports

Membership

Roger Wallis had no report.

Program

Don Litke said that Elaine Tucker, Chairman of the Okaloosa County Commission, would be today's speaker. State Representative Ray Sansom will be unable to present the program in June, so Dr. Paul Hsu, CEO of Manufacturing Technology, Inc. will speak on Small Business issues. Because of a previous engagement, Dr. Hsu will make his presentation promptly at 9:30 a.m., so members were asked to arrive and be seated in time for his beginning remarks.

Social

Dave Bechtold was absent because of jury duty, so Bill thanked everyone who assisted in planning the successful Spring Social. He asked anyone who had not paid their \$6 per person fee to pay Becky.

Senior Activities

Walt Turner was absent; no report.

Special Committees:

Visiting Lecturer

Jim Durham was absent; no report.

Website

Tom Reynolds showed members the current ISP website that is quite old and difficult to reach from the college's home page. He will re-send an email requesting members for their thoughts concerning the website and for suggestions for improvement. Tom said that ISP needs to find a way to make the website more available and usable.

Strategic Partnership Initiative

Mack Gay had no report.

Town of Cinco Bayou and Town of Shalimar

John Streit was absent; no report.

Heritage Museum

Ben Grafton said the museum planning committee is getting ready to reduce the Strategic Plan. Rae Williams reported that a new Executive Director has been hired and will report on June 1, 2004.

Children in Crisis

Roger Wallis had no report. Bill said he would assist the group in the marketing department.

City of Valparaiso Public Works Study

Howard Dimmig said the committee has prepared an interim report. A final report should be completed in the fall.

Focus 2020

Environmental and Natural Resources

Loyal Weaver said John Vaughan has been reviewing the water quality report written by Baskerville Donavan.

Ben Grafton called attention to two issues: 1.) FWB residents are now required to tie on to the sewer system; and 2.) the hesitation in Walton County to continued development of the Greenway Project.

The Choctawhatchee Bay is one of 16 priority areas of concern in the state of Florida.

Transportation

In Bill Maxson's absence, Van Swenson presented the report. The task force met to consider various transportation alternatives for the three-county area. The following alternatives were chosen and sent to the WFRPC for evaluation: East & West I-65 interconnects (Navarre through Milton and Niceville through Mossy Head); toll causeway from Navarre to Santa Rosa Beach, possibly elevated; toll causeway over the Choctawhatchee Bay (Destin Bridge to Mid-Bay Bridge) and limited access lanes along U. S. 98. The WFRPC was also asked about the relationship between the Emerald Coast Bridge Authority and the Transportation Planning Organization.

Public Services

Sam Mac Nulty said the task force determined that there are four districts that have an interest in combining – Ocean City/Wright, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island and Mary Esther. The task force will invite representatives from these groups come together and will offer to facilitate a meeting sometime in August.

Around the Room

Dale Blanchard provided members with a flier announcing the Memorial Day Pops Concert, 3 p.m. at the Mullet Festival site. The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

Stan Berg said the League of Women Voters would hold its annual State of the County forum, May 22nd, 10 a.m.

George Russell said the University of Florida developed a "Safe Ways to School" program to teach adults how to train children to ride bicycles safely. A Bike Rodeo was recently held at OWCC with two teachers and 19 law enforcement officers receiving training.

Doug Bacon said the Visogny discussion group continues to meet once per month. The next meeting will be held May 20, 2004 at the Boathouse Restaurant.

Dann Wallis said that Inez and Bill Hall are in the process of selling the home each had prior to their marriage and buying one together.

Bill Edgington said he asked Walt Turner to look into offering some Prime Time classes that were more vocational than technical, such as welding.

Guest Speaker

Elaine Tucker, Chairman of the Okaloosa County Commission, was guest speaker.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.