

**Minutes  
Institute for Senior Professionals  
May 17, 2005**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Eileen Arpke	Bob Garcia	Van Swenson
	Doug Bacon	Mack Gay	John Vaughan
	Stan Berg	Don Litke	Barbara Wall
	Dale Blanchard	Eddie Phillips	Dann Wallis
	Russ Christesen	Fred Pryor	Roger Wallis
	Jim Durham	Annette Register	Loyal Weaver
	Bill Edgington	Tom Reynolds	Rae Williams
	Mike Flynt		

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Dave Bechtold	Doug Harvell	Sy Shwiler
	Robert Billingsley	David Keener	Herb Steely
	Howard Dimmig	Sam Mac Nulty	John Streit
	George Fischer	Bill Maxson	Walt Turner
	Ben Grafton	Jane Meigs	George Wagner
	Audrey Hains	George Russell	Al Weidenbusch
	Inez Hall	Larmon Salmon	
	Bill Hall		

**Others Present:** James R. Richburg  
Becky Tislow

**Call to Order**

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

**College Report**

Dr. Richburg reported that summer enrollment is down by 9 percent, but said there are several summer terms and we expect to make up some of the decline as the semester continues. He reported that there were more than 280 students in the BAS Program, the only growth program this past year.

Dr. Richburg said that he has asked Jim Chitwood and David Goetsch to begin working with Fort Bragg and Pensacola personnel to make the transition to Eglin go as smoothly as possible. He said a team would go to NC in September after congress makes the BRAC official.

Dr. Richburg said the legislative session was good for OWC. The legislature did not punish the college for its FTE decline; funds were provided to renovate the old science building when the new one is completed as well as provided funding for the radiology technician program. He reminded members of the college production of "Annie Get Your Gun" in July.

Dr. Richburg introduced Ms. Bonnie Hutton who made a PowerPoint presentation about the Trauma Intervention Program, "Citizens Helping Citizens in Crisis."

**Chairman's Report**

Dann read a letter from the Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety requesting ISP to compile an After Action Report about efforts relating to Hurricane Ivan. The letter said it would be necessary to interview representatives from various agencies about what went well, what went badly and to list any recommendations for improvement. Motion to accept, Don Litke; second

Eileen Arpke. Motion carried. The 2020 Public Service Task Force was asked to undertake this report.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the April 19, 2005 meeting were approved. Motion, John Vaughan; second, Roger Wallis.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of Dave Bechtold, Dann presented the Treasurer's report that reflected a balance of \$4,754. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion, Russ Christesen; second, Barbara Wall.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Program**

Eddie Phillips announced that Mr. Larry Sassano would be the day's speaker. In June, the Geographic Information Systems Manager for Okaloosa County will speak.

#### **Membership**

No report

#### **Social**

Bob Garcia said that the Spring Social is scheduled for May 21, 2005 at the Eglin Yacht Club, 4-7 p.m. He asked cooks to be there at 3:45 p.m.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Bill Edgington presented the report of the Nominating Committee; Chairman, Mack Gay; David Keener, Vice Chairman; Dave Bechtold, Secretary; and Audrey Hains, Treasurer. Motion to approve unanimously, Stan Berg; second, Doug Bacon. Motion carried.

### **Projects:**

#### **Heritage Museum**

Rae Williams invited everyone to come see the museum. She said that since the new director's arrival the entire look of the museum has changed.

#### **Children in Crisis**

Mack Gay said the final concept design meeting would take place soon and that things are beginning to speed up. He said that the road plan might show some slight movement because all the recent rain has revealed several "ponds" that would need to be circumvented.

#### **Youth Village**

Bill Edgington said that he and Mack Gay would meet with Ms. Nellie Bogar later this week.

#### **Senior Activities**

Eileen Arpke said there would be a welcome back breakfast and orientation for all Prime Time instructors in the fall. She said one problem facing planners is the lack of space and said that

some classes are being moved off campus. She said there are 15 new course offerings planned for the fall semester. Registration begins September 13, 2005, with classes starting the following week. Eileen mentioned a trip to Washington DC that is on the schedule for October 5-9, 2005.

### Nursing

No report.

### Website

Tom said he would keep the website updated over the summer, and encouraged members to look at the site periodically.

### Affordable Housing

Mack Gay said that he attended a recent League of Cities meeting at which affordable housing was discussed. He said ISP might be of some assistance in working with a county-wide group to look at housing options.

Mr. Sassano said the EDC is putting together a county-wide task force and that the League of Cities, School Board and other interested entities would be included. Mr. Sassano said he would invite ISP participation.

### **Focus 2020**

#### Environmental and Natural Resources

Loyal Weaver said his task force recently met with Mr. Jesse Borthwick about Eglin's Greenway Project. He said the issue is very complicated but that the program prevents encroachment by developers to preserve the environment. He said one "hot button" issue is an area exemption that permits wetlands development if the wetland is not connected to a waterway. Local legislators support an extension to the exemption.

#### Transportation

No report.

#### Public Services

Stan Berg said the task force would meet Thursday, May 19, 2005, 10 a.m. in the ISP Conference Room.

### **Around the Room**

Stan said that the League of Women Voters held a State of the County forum on May 14th. The issue of affordable housing was brought up and is one of major concern.

Dale Blanchard announced the Northwest Florida Symphony Guild's presentation of the annual Picnic with Pops to be held May 29, 3 p.m., at the Mullet Festival Site in Niceville.

Roger Wallis said that Diana Salmon called him this a.m. to report that her husband, Larmon, was being transported to Sacred Heart Hospital after collapsing at home.

John Vaughan said that one problem concerning affordable housing is governmental involvement. He said much of the high cost of housing is due to embedded government regulations.

Eddie Phillips said there would be an EIS presentation tonight at the OWC/UWF Fort Walton Beach Campus, 6 p.m. and at the FWB Civic Center, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

Don Litke announced that Jamie Fayard, OWC Athletic Coordinator, was in North Okaloosa Medical Center delivering her first child.

Jim Durham asked about Okaloosa County appearing on the "Biological Hot Spots" chart. Mr. Sassano explained that the chart shows areas identified by the government as being the habitat for several varieties of wildlife.

Rae Williams passed around a flier about "Closing the Gap" a forum sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council about the integration of Okaloosa and Walton County schools in 1967. The forum will be held June 11, 2005, 1 p.m., Tyler Recital Hall,

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Mr. Larry Sassano, Executive Director, Okaloosa County Economic Development Council was the day's guest speaker.