

# OLLI<sup>at</sup>SOU

## Council

### Class of 2025

Joyce Avery  
Paul Christy  
Laura Simonds

### Class of 2026

Colet Allen  
Mary Devlin  
Ann Magill

### Class of 2027

Myrna Hall  
John Schuyler  
Sarah Tisch

## MINUTES

### 2024-25 Council Meeting

June 11, 2024

Stevenson Union, Room 319

#### Present:

**Council:** Joyce Avery, Paul Christy, Laura Simonds, Colet Allen, Mary Devlin, Ann Magill, John Schuyler, Sarah Tisch; Heather Inghram. **On Zoom:** Myrna Hall.

**Committee Chairs:** Anne Coleman, Ginny Blankinship, Lorraine Vail, Karla Langland. **On Zoom:** Peg Evans, Dwight Wilson.

**Members and Staff:** Jim Coleman, Tracy Palermini, Susan Stitham, Colleen Patrick-Riley, Bob Palermini; Megan Rutherford.

1. **Call to order:** President Laura Simonds called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. She announced that the minutes for this meeting would be taken by the outgoing Council Secretary Susan Stitham.
2. **Approval of the Agenda with Flexibility.** Without objection, the agenda was approved.
3. **Election of Council Officers**
  - a. Slate of Officers: Immediate Past President Tracy Palermini proposed a slate of officers as per OLLI at SOU bylaws:
    - i. Vice President/ President-elect: John Schuyler
    - ii. Secretary: Joyce Avery
    - iii. Treasurer: Paul Christy
  - b. Nominations From the Floor: No nominations were made.

**MOTION:** (Magill: Allen) **I move to close the nominations. Motion carried.**
  - c. Voting by Written Ballot: Tracy Palermini distributed ballots to Council members. Myrna Hall sent her vote by text to Heather Inghram.
  - d. Counting of Ballots: Heather Inghram and Tracy Palermini counted the ballots.
  - e. Report of Election Results. Tracy Palermini reported that the proposed officers had been elected unanimously.
4. **Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs.** President Simonds presented the following appointments:

- a. Communications: To be determined.
- b. Curriculum: Ginny Blankinship and Anne Coleman, Co-Chairs
- c. Fundraising: Dwight Wilson
- d. Finance: Paul Christy
- e. Leadership Development and Recruitment: To be determined.
- f. Membership: To be determined.
- g. Programs and Activities: Karla Langland
- h. Venue and Technology: Lorraine Vail

**MOTION:** (Devlin: Tisch) **I move to accept the Standing Committee Chair appointments as presented. Motion carried.** Admiring glances were distributed around the room.

**5. Appointment of Standing Committee Liaisons:** President Simonds presented the following appointments:

- a. Communications: Sarah Tisch
- b. Curriculum: Joyce Avery
- c. Fundraising: Mary Devlin
- d. Leadership Development & Recruitment: John Schuyler
- e. Membership: Colet Allen
- f. Programs and Activities: Myrna Hall
- g. Venue and Technology: Ann Magill
- h. **MOTION:** (Avery: Schuyler) **I move to accept the Liaison appointments as presented. Motion carried.**

**6. Additional Remarks**

President:

- Thanked everyone for accepting their new roles and all those in the room for their ongoing work and support for OLLI at SOU.
- Referred everyone to the 2024-25 calendar in the Council packet which will be updated at each meeting.
- Announced a Zoom presentation by the Colette Travel company on July 23 which will provide details to all interested members about the two trips currently on hold for OLLI at SOU. The link will be advertised in the Newsflash. The representative will be present at the Open House on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Encouraged all leaders to attend the Open House which will be at Stevenson Center on a Tuesday rather than a Friday, from 1 to 4 pm.
- Announced the Fall New Member Social for September 26, and a series of four Community Lectures, on Zoom and open to the public, on the topic of cardiology on October 9, 16, 23, and 30.

- Asked Council to assist in recruiting chairs for the four vacant positions. Laura and Tracy will be meeting with the members who have volunteered for the new committees to review the charges in hopes of identifying chairs or co-chairs.
  - Paul Christy recommended that the liaisons for those committees should take on the organizing and leadership efforts until chairs are identified.
  - Although the Bylaws permit Council members to also serve as a chair standing committees, both President Simonds and Susan Stitham reinforced the importance of preventing burnout and insularity by developing a broad leadership pipeline.
- Presented badges to the new Council members and the Immediate Past President. Thanks to Heather Inghram, the president's badge will now contain the years of office which will eliminate the need for the Past President badge formerly provided.

Administrative Director: Heather Inghram added her thanks to the outgoing Council members highlighting Tracy Palermini's leadership and mentoring, praising Council for successfully navigating the months last year without an Administrative Director, and recognizing Susan Stitham for her work on the review and revision of OLLI's policies and procedures. She congratulated the incoming directors as a strong group and looks forward to working together in the coming year.

Tracy Palermini: Reassured those that might be mourning an anticipated loss of graphs and charts by announcing that Christine Fernlund has agreed to manage the metrics for the Membership Committee, describing Christine as loving those entities even more than she herself does.

Ginny Blankinship: Saluted all OLLI instructors for fall, remarking that a number of them were here at the Council meeting. Upon learning that the gathering at El Paraiso wasn't scheduled to start until 5:30, she suggested that those instructors tell the group what they would be teaching in the fall; Lorraine Vail, John Schuyler, Peg Evans, Myrna Hall, and Susan Stitham complied with the request. Ginny announced that the fall catalog contains other exciting new courses, including one by the director of the Rogue Valley Symphony and another by the owner of the Lovejoy Tea House in Ashland.

7. **Adjournment:** President Laura Simonds adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.