

2018 ENCORE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Annual Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2018 Clatsop Community College, Columbia Hall #219

1. **Call to Order**. The meeting was convened at 2:12pm by Dave Zunkel, President.

2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**. None

3. **Approval of Last Year's Minutes**. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting on June 1, 2017. The motion carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2018-2019 Budget**. Ellen Norris, Treasurer, presented the 2017-2018 ENCORE budget. Frank Spence moved to accept, and Erhard Gross seconded. The motion was approved.

5. **Committee Reports and Recognitions**. Reports were given as follows:

a. Trip. Art Limbird, Chair of the Trip Committee, reported on two trips made in the past year, one of which was to the Octoberfest & the Oregon Gardens. He said the Octoberfest will be repeated this year as a one day trip, as they're in hopes a shorter trip might appeal to more members and more might participate. The other trip was to the Columbia Gorge & the Warm Springs reservation, which was coordinated with Erhard Gross. This was a huge success. He went on to say that the ENCORE website will be used to announce and accommodate those who want to go to the Opera performances at the Keller Auditorium in Portland and, also, for those who want to participate in the Native Paddle/Canoe Journey. The information is available for us to consider and make our own plans; the events will not be officially sponsored by ENCORE. He and Erhard Gross both also announced an upcoming trip to Shore Acres State Park and introductory classes to be held prior to the event.

b. Membership. Rollie Lindstrom, Chair of the Membership Committee, announced that the current number of ENCORE members is 136, 33 of which are new. These figures are up slightly from last year, which were 131/20. He thanked and introduced the Committee members. He described the various functions of this committee: recruitment and retention, the annual picnic, the Christmas Bash and the Annual Meeting. He also said they are responsible for the Membership Directory, the Lunch Bunch, the Sunshine Committee, the history scrapbook and the membership directory. They also are involved in publicity for ENCORE. He went on to ask we members to think of ways we can step up and help in all areas ENCORE has to offer. New people and ideas are always needed!

c. Curriculum. Reta Lindstrom, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, thanked and introduced the members of her committee and the CCC helpers. She thanked all the instructors and coordinators the classes. She was proud to announce the following statistics of the 2017-2018 classes: Fall offered 8 classes, Winter offered 10 classes, and Spring offered 9 classes; she went on to say that these classes actually offered a total of 40 different topics. Job well done! She also indicated 14 people will be getting complimentary membership certificates for their service this past year. She mentioned that the "Signature Program," which was open to the public, had proven to be very successful and indicated that this would likely continue with at least one class per year. She also went on to mention that Mary Kemhus had

retired and that Leah Olson, Mary's replacement, was now an integral part of the Committee and how happy they were to have her.

6. CCC Liaison Report. Leah Olson introduced herself as Mary Kemhus' replacement as the liaison between ENCORE and CCC, due to Mary's retirement in 2017. She came on in January and is now a regular attendee at all ENCORE Board meetings and, also, the Curriculum Committee meetings. She emphasized that she is our support team at the college. She also mentioned that, if needed, Columbia Hall is available for ENCORE classes. Welcome, Leah!

7. By-Laws Changes. Several By-Laws changes were presented this year, as follows:

BY-LAWS Proposed Changes. June 2018

The following changes have been approved by the ENCORE Board and require a 50% vote in favor at the Annual Meeting to go into effect. In "Proposed change" strikeouts are deletions and bold are additions. The current by-laws are available here: encorelearn.org/board-and-committees/documents/

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

(Current)

The purpose of the organization shall be to foster the interests of members in continuing education and to provide opportunities for members in study, discussion, fellowship, and leadership and to become a dynamic learning-in-retirement organization. The organization is member-supported in that members are expected to share in leading the organization, making decisions about curriculum, fellowship, trips and budget.

(Proposed change)

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(Result)

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ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

(Current version)

Membership shall be open to all persons aged 50 and over upon receipt of annual dues. All ENCORE members are volunteers who donate their time for the benefit of the organization and are not paid for their services. Membership is required for enrollment in classes. The membership year shall begin September 1 and end August 31 of the following year.

A. Dues are established by the Board.

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ARTICLE V – BOARD

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ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

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ARTICLE X – CHANGES and REVISIONS

(Current version)

Bylaws may be amended upon recommendation of the Board to the membership at the Annual General Membership Meetings and with an affirmative vote of the majority of members present.

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A motion was made by Erhard Gross and seconded by Kathleen Hudson that all the changes to the by-laws be accepted. Motion was passed unanimously.

8. Report of Nominating Committee. Frank Spence presented the committee's selection of nominees for the 2018-2019 year. Those nominated are: Dave Zunkel/President, Mike Kinney/Vice President, Ellen Norris/Treasurer, and Ellen Silverman/Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. No nominations were made from the floor. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Recognitions. President Dave Zunkel made special mention of the ENCORE Board, and various members, and thanked them for their help to him this past year. Further recognition was made honoring Hazel Sealy, an outstanding and, almost, lifetime member of this organization. Erhard Gross spoke of her outstanding supportive membership and continual endorsement of the group's activities. Token acknowledgements were intended to be given to her but, due to ill health, they will be presented to her at a later date. Also, Bernie Thomas asked that Hazel be awarded a lifetime membership. Art Limbird made a motion to that affect and was seconded by Bernie. Motion was passed unanimously. A well-earned applause to you, Hazel! Another name was also presented; that of Jane Borg. We were updated as to her health status and a recent change in her living quarters, and we were reminded of her contributions as an ENCORE member.

10. In Memoriam. Rev. Kit Ketcham guided us down a path of remembrance for some of our ENCORE members who are no longer with us. They were: Charles (Chuck) Blight, Marilyn Simantel, and, most recently, Anne Gant. She called attention to how our lives together as members of ENCORE have been made richer by the presence of these friends who have left us. She, then, closed her presentation with a reading of the poem "Epitaph," by Merrit Malloy. We thank all three of you for your contributions and friendship.

11. State of the Organization. ENCORE President, Dave Zunkel, confirmed that the state of ENCORE is good! He went on to say that, while we are definitely financially stable, we do want to maintain that status with a steady increase in new members. He also mentioned that anyone wishing to join during the Spring semester would have dues of only \$25.00 for that given year. He mentioned a variety of topics that the Board has dealt with over the past year, such as: Class venue possibilities, the official class cancellation policy, which now matches that of CCC, official meeting times are now 1:00pm, stipend pay

for non-member instructors, among others. He announced that the Conference on Extraordinary Living will be held on September 8th. He also asked people to think about stepping up and assuming the positions of Media Liaison and "Class Act" editor. These positions have been filled by dedicated ENCORE members for quite some time, but their departure now leaves a huge void but, also, a huge opportunity for aspiring members to serve.

12. "How Can We Make ENCORE Better?" & Group Comments. As a follow-up to his previous comments, Dave solicited feedback from the group of members present, wanting to know what might be helpful in enhancing and enriching ENCORE's overall objective and strengthening our class offerings.

Several suggestions were offered, as in:

- a. Lifetime memberships for certain circumstances
- b. More Signature Classes
- c. Should Dr. Borg come back, or should we ask Dave Lum to return and discuss the Chinese in Astoria
- d. Dave asked for suggestions for speakers; Bernie suggested John Guttenberger
- e. Could ENCORE take on some "social active" projects
- f. Could we have something with the ENCORE logo on it
- g. A request was made to have a return of the class "Where in the World Have You Been?"
- h. Suggestions were made to have classes on 1) architecture 2) music and 3) documentaries
- i. Kit Ketcham suggested the possibility of ENCORE co-sponsoring fund raising events with the Partners for the Performing Arts Center at the PAC. This would be a productive occasion as well as exposure for ENCORE's name.

13. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorri Bradley, Secretary