

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM (ALP)

Annual Meeting Agenda June 2, 2009

Welcome

Poetry Readings from the first ALP Poetry Contest

Approval of the Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

Recognitions

Officers and Board members ending terms

Volunteers – Eloise Grella

Presenters of the ALP Seminars

Budget

Dick Edwards, Treasurer

Approval of the 2009 – 2010 Proposed Budget

Nominations

Please see packet.

Approval of the Slate of Nominations

Old Business

New Business

Introduction of Richard Sugarman, Founding President of The
Connecticut Forum

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The meeting began at 12:50 PM following luncheon at Seabury. Walter Mayo, Co-chair welcomed the attendees.

Several poetry readings from the first ALP Poetry Contest were read and roundly applauded.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved.

Those people who were leaving Board positions were recognized. Also recognized was our volunteer Eloise who unfortunately was ill and could not attend.

Program presenters were recognized and received Cinestudio tickets in appreciation of their service.

Walter Mayo thanked Linda Kulick of Seabury for all her work in support of ALP.

Dick Edwards, Treasurer presented the budget for 2009/10. A motion was made by Frank Shoring, seconded by Leon Carr to accept the budget. The motion was approved.

Nominations to the Board for the coming year were presented. Frank Shoring moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Ivan Backer. One vote, representing the membership, was cast to elect the nominees.

Old Business: Ivan Backer discussed membership responsibilities. He said they are three-fold: 1. attract new members; 2. volunteer to help run ALP; 3. make suggestions for courses of study.

New Business: None

Ivan Backer introduced guest speaker Richard Sugarman the founder of the Ct Forum. Mr. Sugarman gave a very interesting talk followed by a lively question and answer period.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tobie Katz
Recording Secretary

ALP Nominations 2009

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Treasurer		Malcolm Miller
Secretary	Tobie Katz	
ALPhorn Editor		Helen Lansberg
Curriculum Co-Chairs		Ivan Backer Bill Olds (One year term)
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2008-2009 Annual Report of the Co-Chairs

This has been a good year for ALP. We gained ___ new members but unfortunately lost almost the same number. Still, we now have 155 members, the highest number in our nineteen year old history. The membership numbers underscore our continual need to attract new members.

The consolidated committee put in place at the last Annual Meeting is working well. The Curriculum Committee continues to arrange a rich well-rounded selection of offerings, and we heard many positive comments this year. The Membership and Communication committees are also off and running, but both committees could benefit from a few more members willing to volunteer. The Fall and Spring membership meetings have attracted record numbers of people and have run smoothly due to the planning of the Membership Committee. Under the leadership of the Communications Committee ALP has begun to advertise in selected town weekly newspapers with some positive results.

The ALP Advisory Board, which met seven times during the year, has added two at-large members, one from Seabury and the other from Duncaster. These new members will serve as a liaison to each institution and hopefully will result in new members from each of them. Both Linda Kulick at Seabury and Janet Lamenzo at Duncaster continue to accommodate our needs cheerfully and we are thankful to both of them

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS REPORT
2008 – 2009

The main responsibility of the Communication Committee is to reach out to obtain new members. This has to be done on a continual basis because of the need to try and maintain approximately 150 existing and new members on an annual basis.

Last Spring it was suggested and approved by the Board of Directors that Communications would have an annual budget of \$2,000 for publicity. The Communications Committee decided that the best and most efficient way to reach out for new members would be to advertise in the local neighborhood newspapers, *The Reminder* and *The Yankee Flyer*. Along with these advertisements, ALP volunteers would continue to receive packets of publicity material which they would disseminate in their local neighborhoods.

In September, before the Fall Preview meeting, the advertisements and the packets were published and distributed and the attendance to the Fall meeting was very impressive. Many people commented that they had seen the ads in these newspapers and decided to inquire about the ALP organization.

In December, Walter Mayo, Co-Chair, became the ex-officio for the Communications Committee. Because of other commitments, Glyn Dowden has found it difficult to fulfill his role as Communications Co-Chair and has not been replaced, to date.

For the Spring Semester, the same publicity activity was done. The total amount used for this year's publicity was \$1,275. It was discussed at the March Board Meeting that an advance of \$2,500 from UConn be used for advertising and printing and that we would no longer have to process our advertising through the UConn offices for the coming year. It was reported at the April Board Meeting that this arrangement has been approved.

For the 2009 – 2010 School Year, Communications will continue to use the \$2,000 budget. The distribution of the publicity packets and the advertising in *The Reminder* and *The Yankee Flyer* will continue for the Fall and Spring sessions. In addition, an advertisement in the *Rare Reminder/Wethersfield*, at no cost, will be included in our publicity program for the coming year.

It is felt by this committee that the publicity programs currently in place best provide for a total public exposure in order to accomplish the goal of increased membership.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE HELEN LANSBERG FRANK SHORING

The Curriculum Committee arranged for 12 seminars in the fall. Subjects ranged from creative writing, the emergence of the Christian right, string quintets, and how to write poetry, to current stories in the news; there were also a number of old favorites. One seminar, on string quintets, was held at Duncaster. There were also single sessions on freedom of information, the War Between the States, Mussolini's Rome, magnet and charter schools, what race is and isn't, the Alexander technique, Black-Jewish relations, traveling in Argentina and Brazil, 2008 environmental state policy, women in Islam, and American opera. There was a presentation on Connecticut's role in the Revolution, followed by a trip to the Lebanon Historical Society, and a tour of the Charter Oak Cultural Center.

The spring session was supposed to start with Winter Academy, on January 28, a series of three presentations on climate change and energy problems. Unfortunately the event was snowed out. It has been expanded and will be presented as a four-session seminar in fall, 2009. The regular spring session featured 14 seminars, on such subjects as fabulous fifth symphonies, altruism, King Arthur, and a garden pot pourri, as well as old favorites. Two seminars, *The Play's the Thing*, and *Current Events Discussions*, were held at Duncaster. There were also eight single sessions scheduled; one, on rebuilding a Model A Ford, has been rescheduled for fall. The sessions included a trip to the Windsor Historical Society, preceded by a presentation on the Hartford-Windsor connection. Other single sessions were devoted to Connecticut's budget process, slavery and the War Between the States, traveling in Portugal, scientific creationism, and the history of capital punishment in Connecticut.

Our thanks to the talented and hard-working Curriculum Committee members, who contribute so much to ALP.

ALP-HORN

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During the past year, three camera-ready copies of ALP-Horns were produced using MicroSoft Publisher and clip art from various sources. The Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 issues covered, among other items, details of each term's preview meeting, descriptions of the seminars offered that term, and inserts with registration and membership forms; the Summer 2009 communicated details of ALP's 2009 Annual Meeting on June 2, 2009.

Using the software developed by Invisible Gold, Inc., the ALP website www.uconnalp.org was updated in the summer of 2008 to reflect the fall 2008 curriculum, meetings, and registration forms and updated again in the winter to reflect the 2009 spring curriculum, the Winter Academy, meetings, and registration forms.

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