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President's Message

Thank you, members. We have had a great deal of positive feedback from our instructors regarding your interest and enthusiasm for their classes. Please continue to provide your feedback regarding courses you've taken or share your ideas for new courses you think might be of interest to the Academy for Lifelong Learning curriculum committee or board or to Abby. You are our most important resource.

Some of you might be interested in the November 11 campus symposium co-sponsored by the Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy and the Office of Veteran and Military Student Success at USCA. This year's theme is "Why We Fight: War, Conflict, and Community." The year 2017 marks the centennial of America's entrance into World War I (the Great War ([914-1918]), which helped shape the modern world in many ways. The keynote speaker is Jeanne Petit, Professor and Chair of the Department of History at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. The title of Dr. Petit's address is, "Mobilizing the Spiritual Resources of the Nation: Protestants, Catholics, and Jews in the World War I United States." For more information or to register, go to www.usca.edu/palmettoconnections/

Please continue to check our website www.aikenlearning.org for updates regarding any changes in class times, dates, or locations. This has been an unusually busy year for changes, and we appreciate your diligence and flexibility.

Our Spring 2018 catalog is in its final review and again has a variety of courses for all interests. It should be available the first part of December. Watch our website for its publication and registration information.

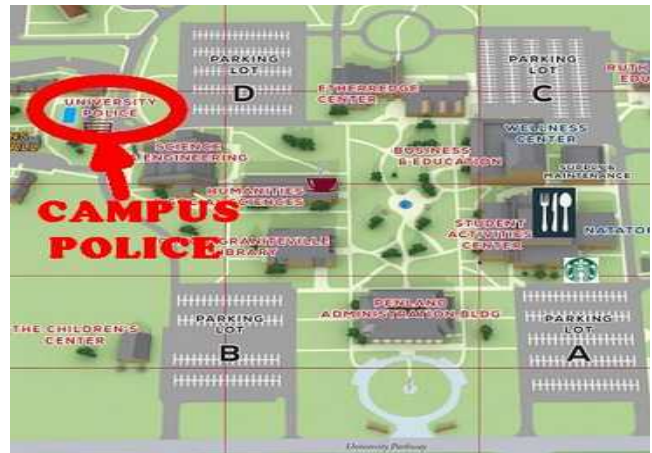
Jan Van Slyke, Academy President

USCA Parking Policy Update – Must Have Parking Permit Decal on Windshield

USCA recently announced that all students, *including Academy members*, must display USCA parking decals in their windshields when parking on lots on

campus during school hours. Violators are subject to fines and/or having their vehicle towed. Note that students still must park in spaces marked by white lines; spaces marked by yellow lines are reserved for faculty and staff.

Download the USCA Parking Permit Application form found on the Academy website's [Documents](#) page, fill it out, and take it with your drivers license and registration to the campus Police office.



You may also get the application from Abby Grizzle in Business and Education room 113.

Holiday Reception December 7 – RSVP Required by November 22



Our annual Holiday Wine and Cheese Reception will be held this year on December 7. Drop into Business and Education Room 116 between 4:00 and 6:00 pm to share some holiday cheer with your fellow Academy

members.

There is no charge for the event, but an **RSVP is required** to permit adequate planning. If you plan to attend please let Abby Grizzle know by **November 22** (abbyg@usca.edu or 803.641.3563).

IMPORTANT: Academy Mailing List Update



Beginning with the distribution of the January 2018 issue of *The Spiral*, the Academy will be going to a new email management system as part of a major software update for the USCA Continuing Education Department. (More on the software update next month ..) **Only those who are registered with the Academy for the current Fall 2017 semester will automatically be carried over into the new email system.**

If you are registered with the Academy for the current Fall 2017 semester:

You will continue to receive *The Spiral* and any other general Academy-related emailings from USCA come January.

If you are NOT registered with the Academy for the current Fall 2017 semester:

You will NOT automatically continue to receive Academy emailings beyond December 2017.

If you wish to continue to receive emailings from the Academy, we must manually add you to the new email system. Contact Administrative Assistant Abby Grizzle (803.641.3563 / info@aikenlearning.org) and ask to have your **name** and **email address** added to the new email list.

Several Classes affected by Schedule Disruptions

This has been a tough semester for trying to keep the Academy running on schedule as instructor availability and weather problems affected a number of courses.



Social Media and You! – was withdrawn before the semester started due to instructor unavailability.

Famous and Amazing Aikenites – suffered cancellation of the last two sessions due to a health problem in the instructor's family.

Tour Italy from Top to Toe – was pushed back one week by a death in the instructor's family.

Monarchy in England 1000-1300 – had its schedule pushed back a week due to an injury to the instruc-

tor. On the make-up date, the original classroom is not available so on Nov 17 ONLY the class will meet in Business and Education Room 122.

Hurricane Irma caused September 11 and 12 classes to be rescheduled to October 9 and 10.

Kudos to everyone who scrambled to manage these situations with a minimum of disruption.

Appalachian Music



Vicki Collins entertained her Appalachian Culture class with bluegrass music performed by Roger Abernathy and Ed Dawson.

Laura Anderson Retires – Again

For many of us, Administrative Assistant Laura Anderson served as the main face of the USCA Continuing Education Department from 2001 until her retirement in 2014. Reorganization of the department delayed the hiring of her replacement, so the University hired her back part time for the 2014-15 school year. Laura retired the *second* time when Amy Westra was hired for 2015-16. When Amy left USCA and moved away last November, Laura again graciously agreed to fill in until a replacement could be hired. With Abby Grizzle now in place, Laura retired a *third* time in late September when her overlap with Abby ended. She sold her home and moved away, so this looks like it will probably be her last departure from USCA.



During her time with us, Laura also served several years as Academy Treasurer and was honored with the Academy's [Kauffman Award for 2015](#).

The Academy thanks Laura for her service and continuing willingness to help, and we extend Laura and her husband Dan best wishes for their future life in Virginia.

Courses Beginning This Month

November wraps up our classroom schedule for this semester, with no classes extending into December. Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information on the courses below. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT attend these classes unless you have pre-registered AND have received confirmation of your registration from USCA.

PRESERVING SAVANNAH RIVER SITE HISTORY

Dates: 3 Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16

Time: 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

MONARCHY IN ENGLAND 1000-1300

Date: 3 Fridays, November 3, 10, 17

Time: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

Location Change November 17 ONLY: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

PUBLIC ARTS IN AIKEN: FIVE CLASSIC EXAMPLES

Dates: Thursday, November 9

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

September 13, 2017 Board Meeting

[Approved at October 25, 2017 Board Meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Jan Van Slyke. [This meeting was rescheduled from its original September 20 date.]

Present: President Jan Van Slyke, Past President Doug Cook, Secretary Doug Wilson, Treasurer Abby Grizzle, Curriculum Chair Harriet Haynes, Curriculum Chair-elect Kathy Rachick

Absent: Tentative Publicity Chair Rachel Pirkle

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held August 3, 2017, were approved without change.

TREASURERS REPORT – Abby Grizzle

Our account reflects the registration fees from 260

members this semester. The balance is sufficient to cover existing expenses: Instructor pay, copy expenses for handouts, fall catalog mailing expenses.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Harriet Haynes

The committee is working on 32 short course ideas for Spring 2018, plus 4 trips. Roughly half of these are completed. The deadline for getting all information together for the Spring 2018 catalog is October 30.

Four class sessions were canceled September 11 and 12 due to Hurricane Irma. We are in the process of contacting instructors about rescheduling these sessions and coordinating with USCA on classroom availability.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan Van Slyke for Rachel Pirkle

Rachel has submitted an article to *Mature Times* for September.

The October issue of our newsletter, *The Spiral*, will come out in mid-September due to Doug W's impending 3 week vacation starting Sept 16.

If anyone has ideas for publicity articles, submit them to Rachel.

OLD BUSINESS

Active Network

The Active Network software is now up and running at USCA and is being used for fall Continuing Education programs and events. We anticipate being able to use this for Academy registration and course management beginning with the Spring 2018 semester.

Once the Academy goes to it, Active Network will be used for managing emailed communications. The software will automatically handle any registrations made through it, but additional names can be added by importing from a spreadsheet. It was decided that we should pre-load the list with only the registrants from the current Fall semester, with no carry-over of the hundreds of additional names that are currently on the mail list. Doug W will add a note with the December (and possibly November) distribution of *The Spiral* that we are going to a new mail management system beginning in January and that any non-registrants currently receiving the mailing will need to contact us to be added to the new list in order to continue receiving our e-mailings.

Joel joined us for a review of the Active Network capabilities, with emphasis on email handling. There was some discussion of sending out test emails via the Active Network system prior to the end of this semester, but definitive plans were not made.

NEW BUSINESS

Publicity Chair

The Board voted to install volunteer Rachel Pirkle as the new Publicity Chair, filling the vacancy created by Nancy

Meinhardt's resignation at the end of last semester.

Cancellation policy due to weather, etc.

Our current Policies and Procedures document says if USCA cancels classes, Academy classes held on campus at the same time will also be canceled. As a result of Hurricane Irma, questions were raised regarding classes held off-campus. After some discussion it was decided that this policy should be applied to off-campus sessions as well, both to simplify the process and because if the campus is closed, there will be nobody in the office to answer questions or notify participants of the status of off-campus sessions. Secretary Doug W will draft a proposed change to the Policies and Procedures document for approval at a future Board meeting.

Academy for Lifelong Learning references on USCA website

The Academy page on the USCA website, which is linked to from the Continuing Education Department page, has been static for several years. Since we have our own website which is constantly updated with current information, it was suggested that the USCA page is now redundant and possibly should be eliminated in favor of merely having the link on the Continuing Education page go to our website. If USCA considers the USCA page for the Academy to be necessary, it should do no more than give a basic description of what the Academy is about and give a link to our website. Abby will contact intern Joel Aitcheson on this matter.

Signs for Academy classes and events held outside normal classrooms

The Board approved purchasing several signs, similar to real estate placards, that can be used to mark Academy locations when classes or events are held in locations other than traditional USCA classrooms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 15 at 9am in B&E 102.

Steeplechase



The 26th running of the Aiken Fall Steeplechase was held Saturday October 28 under beautiful Carolina blue skies. About 20 Academy members and spouses shared food and fellowship and enjoyed the event at the Academy's railside spot.



Relaxing between races.



Aiken Mayor Rick Osbon and wife Angie stopped by. Here the mayor chats with Rich and Betty Thomason and Sherry Kimball.

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Academy on the Web: <http://www.aikenlearning.org>

ACADEMY CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym] <i>Contemp. Poetry</i> 2-3:15p [P 110]	2 <i>Preserve SRS Hist.</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>Amer Health Care</i> 2-3p [B 124] <i>Susan Glaspell</i> 4-5p [B 124]	3 <i>English Monarchy</i> 9-10:15p [P 106] <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12:15p [B Gym] <i>Southern Honor</i> 1-2p [P 106]	4
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 	6	7 <i>Curriculum Comm.</i> 9a [P 110] <i>Italy Top To Toe</i> 11a-12p [B 122] <i>Convers. Spanish</i> 2:30-3:20p [B 124]	8 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym]	9 <i>Preserve SRS Hist.</i> 10-11a [B 124] <i>Public Art in Aiken</i> 12:30-1:30p [B 124] <i>Amer Health Care</i> 2-3p [B 124]	10 <i>English Monarchy</i> 9-10:15p [P 106] <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12:15p [B Gym] <i>Southern Honor</i> 1-2p [P 106]	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr @ USCA
N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building