

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Spring Meeting

St. John's Hall, May 4, 2014

After a brief pre-meeting get-together, Board Chair ReJean Schulte called the annual meeting of members to order at 2:20 P.M. ReJean reminded the 90 attendees that the theme of the meeting is life-long learners and learning.

Each place was set with an agenda, a list of Fall Term 2014 proposed courses, and a financial report. Also, one copy of the Minutes of the 2013 annual meeting was placed at each table. ReJean suggested that the minutes of the 2013 meeting should be approved without being read aloud, and it was so moved, seconded and unanimously voted.

ReJean asked the attendees to recognize the contributions of the founders, and immediately following that, she asked that lifelong learners stand and be recognized. Shirlee Madow, a former member of the Board and long-time student member of CVEC, was recognized for having taken a record 52 courses during the last ten years. Ten other students had taken 30 or more courses, and 45 more had taken between 20 and 29 courses. All were accorded a round of applause.

Following the introduction and recognition of these enthusiastic lifelong learners, three people spoke about their experiences and motivations in taking multiple CVEC courses. The speakers were Joan Kark, Richard Schulte and Pat Surratt.

Executive Director Rich Noer next spoke in praise of retiring Board members Diane Hagen, Bruce Roberts and Jon Rondestvedt. Following a round of applause for the retiring Board members, Rich asked the membership to recognize two instructors who have taught five courses – Jim Holden and Walt Stromseth.

Jim Holden reported for the nominating committee. A slate of new directors – Randy Cox, Joan Drenth, Phil Eaves, Judy Mason and Dale Talley – was placed in nomination and unanimously elected to serve for three year terms. Also, Jim reported that Anne Aby had agreed to extend her term as a member of the Board for an additional year. Anne's additional term was also unanimously approved by the membership.

Jim also noted that Jerry Mohrig, ReJean Schulte and Mike Harper have been nominated and agreed to serve for the following year as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively. This slate of officers was unanimously approved by the membership. The office of Treasurer will remain open for the time being; members' recommendations for filling this role were solicited.

The Nominating Committee, to serve until the 2015 annual meeting, will consist of Jim Holden (Chair), Perry Mason, Pat Rice and Gary Wicks. In accordance with long-standing custom, the members voted unanimously to approve the membership of the Nominating Committee.

Finance Director Barb Jenkins drew the members' attention to the summary financial information printed on the back of the meeting agenda, which she said "speaks for itself."

Operations Director Dale Sommers reported that more than 600 members signed up for CVEC courses during the 2013 -2014 academic year, with new records being set not only for the year as a whole, but also for the fall and winter terms. Dale also discussed the lottery procedure that applies when courses are over-subscribed and the new optional on-line course evaluation procedure.

Eric Nelson spoke briefly about the film festival planned for this July. Once again, a four-film series will be presented at the Carleton College Weitz Center, each film to be shown on a Tuesday evening, followed by a discussion the next day. The theme this year is to be "The Hollywood Renaissance."

ReJean then asked the assembled members to thank Jon Rondestvedt and the other helpers who had helped make the annual meeting a success. Next, ReJean was thanked for her gracious and successful service as Chair of the CVEC Board for the past three years. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Harper, Secretary