

**Cannon Valley Elder Collegium  
Board Minutes, January 21, 2015**

The Board of Directors of CVEC met at the Northfield Senior Center on January 21, 2015. A quorum being present, Board Chair Jerry Mohrig called the meeting to order at 3:46 P.M.

1. Jerry asked the Board to approve the agenda that had been circulated to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Jerry next asked that the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting of the Board be approved in the form circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes in the form circulated was duly made, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Executive Director Rich Noer noted that the Winter Term was off to a good start. One class was postponed due to cold, and Rich noted that there is no policy about weather-related postponements.
4. Dale Sommers gave the Operations Director's report, commenting briefly on the enrollment statistics that had been circulated to the members of the Board before the meeting. He noted particularly that 31 students had enrolled for the first time, which is a record and a positive sign. Also, he said that quite a few registrants had to be turned away due to class size limits
5. Rich gave the Curriculum Director's report in the absence of Ed Langerak. He said that CVEC policy requires the Board to approve the slate of courses to be offered for each term, and asked that the Board approve the slate of courses for the Spring Term that had been circulated before the meeting. The slate was unanimously approved after a brief, favorable discussion. Rich mentioned that the number of "extended" course descriptions offered by instructors was reduced; there had been 10 such course descriptions in connection with courses offered in the Winter Term, but only three in connection with the Spring Term courses. Finally, Ed proposed not to offer as many "preview talks" by Spring Term instructors, in part because the timing would be awkward, there being only two weeks between the Winter and Spring Terms.

6. Treasurer Peg Morrison gave a brief Finance Committee report in the absence of Finance Director Barb Jenkins. The Operations Report circulated before the meeting shows good financial results, on budget and with a small profit from operations.
7. Jerry Mohrig described his meeting with a representative of Carlson Capital Management. CVEC's endowment is invested in a diversified mutual fund that provides exposure to a portfolio of domestic and foreign equities. Carlson does not charge CVEC for its services as investment manager.
8. Jerry Mohrig and Rich Noer reported on their discussions with residents of Faribault at the Faribault Senior Center. The Faribault group consisted of former CVEC Board member Diane Hagen, who convened the meeting; Robert Speckhals, a frequent CVEC student; and 2 staff members of the Faribault Senior Center. The Faribault contingent was unanimously enthusiastic about CVEC's offering courses in Faribault. The Senior Center staff recommended offering three four-week courses, one each Term in the 2015-16 schedule. Winter Term did not appear to be a problem, and the four-week courses make sense because Faribault organizations have not previously offered courses comparable to CVEC's standard eight-week courses. The Senior Center and Buckner Public Library will provide publicity to Faribault prospects. There was a consensus among the attendees that Faribault could recruit faculty from Faribault, and past CVEC Board member Jon Rondestvedt has already volunteered to teach a course the first year. Jerry Mohrig asked whether the Faribault program ought to be pursued, and received a unanimous, informal go-ahead. A second meeting in Faribault had already been scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. Following Jerry and Rich's discussion, several related ideas were discussed. Among other suggestions, to be addressed at a later stage of the planning, were Dale Sommers' suggestion that Faribault residents might be given priority in case of over-enrollment in Faribault courses, and ReJean Schulte's suggestion that there ought to be a Faribault resident on the Board.
9. The final business to come before the Board related to the proposed restated Bylaws of CVEC. Proposed new Bylaws, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes, had been circulated before the meeting. Jerry described the process that led up to the circulation of the draft. There had been several meetings and email exchanges between himself

and Rich, and an earlier draft was revised in email exchanges between Rich and the other staff members. A more recent draft was reviewed at a meeting of the Executive Committee; the draft circulated to the whole Board incorporates the changes suggested at that meeting. Rich then went through the proposed restated Bylaws section-by-section, highlighting significant changes from the current Bylaws and welcoming discussion. Rich mentioned that any revision of the Bylaws, such as the proposed restatement, requires the Board to consider the revision at two meetings, with a vote taking place at the second meeting. Accordingly, a vote to adopt the restated Bylaws will be taken at the February meeting of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Harper, Jr., Secretary