

Cannon Valley Elder Collegium
Minutes of the Twenty-First Annual Membership Meeting
October 21, 2018

The annual membership meeting of the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium took place on Sunday afternoon, October 21, 2018, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield. A group of 74, comprising Board directors, staff members, instructors, students, and guests were present. Pie, ice cream, and beverages were available before and during the meeting.

1. After the pie line was opened at about 2:00 p.m., Board Chair Dale Talley called the meeting to order at 2:15. She explained the change from Spring to Fall for the annual membership meeting, hoping that members would find Fall a less busy season, and allowing the presentation of financial and enrollment reports that covered a completed academic year.
2. Executive Director Rich Noer began by reporting on the annual election, held during August to allow those elected to begin their service at the beginning of the academic year in September. After a solicitation of nominations in addition to those named by the Nominating Committee (none were submitted), ballots were distributed by e-mail (and postal mail for members without e-mail) to all active members. Sixty-five e-mail ballots and 2 paper ballots were returned, and all candidates were overwhelmingly approved: Dale Talley, Chair; Dan Van Tassel, Vice Chair; Peg Morrison, Treasurer; Mary Ho, Secretary; Karolyn Bertelsen, new Board member; Bob Speckhals and Dan Van Tassel, renewing Board members; and Tim Madigan, Jane McWilliams, and Gordon Olson, Nominating Committee members.

Rich then reflected on the past year, noting that registration numbers have been stable and that finances are "in the black." He reviewed the current staff situation, noting in particular the incorporation of registration and finance responsibilities into one position, newly held by Bill Rizzo. Finally, Rich announced that he will be resigning his position as Executive Director, effective at the end of the current fiscal year.

3. Board Chair Dale Talley then discussed the process that is planned for finding a replacement for Rich, and copies of a compact version of the Executive Director job description were distributed to each table. She said that information regarding the position and how to apply will be posted on the CVEC website and will be included in the November newsletter. If there are multiple applications for the position, she will form a committee to work with her to conduct interviews.

4. Treasurer Peg Morrison reviewed the financial report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, noting that CVEC's income covered expenses, and thus that no tuition increase will be recommended for at least the next two years.
5. Dale and Rich together recognized the following members: recently retired Board members Mary Emery and Mike Harper; new Board member Karolyn Bertelsen; recently retired staff members Dale Sommers and Kathy Sommers; new staff member Bill Rizzo; 5-year faculty Richard Crouter, Mike Harper, and Gary Wagenbach; and 10-year faculty Marie Gery and Rich Noer.
6. Former Executive Director Ed Lufkin was the featured speaker for the meeting, and his address was titled "Some Thoughts on Aging." His remarks explored the physical, intellectual, psychological, emotional, and spiritual aspects of aging, and considered how the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium contributes to healthy aging in our community.
7. Dale made closing remarks and adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ho, Secretary