

OLLI at UNL Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025 9-10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Order – Past Chair Helen Meeks called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Present: Audrey Paulman, Bob Michl, Carol Myers, Jim McLoughlin, Gene Stohs, Greg Jensen, Jeanette Wellsandt, Suzanne Shied, Paul Van De Water, David Dyke, Helen Meeks, Teri Hlava, Zakkiyah Mustafa, Mary Ann Losh

Absent: JimVan Kirk, Nancy Mitchell, Charlyne Berens, Roger Lempke

Approval of April 14, 2025 meeting minutes – Moved by Dyke, Seconded by Myers to approve with deletion of incorrect venue listed. Unanimously approved.

Budget Report – Paul Van De Water gave the Foundation and OLLI Budget reports. Financials reported are through the end of March. At 75% of the fiscal year, OLLI has taken in 97% of projected revenue and spent 80% of projected expenses. Currently, OLLI is operating with a 7.6 month “carryover” of funds. This is due largely because personnel costs are lower than projected as the position advertised has not been filled.

Chair Comments – Helen Meeks reminded members to review operations documents for possible updates at the upcoming June retreat. She said the retreat will also include a review of the ideas that came from the March council meeting. Bob will send copies of all this info before the retreat.

Director’s Report – Bob Michl provided comments about the National Conference held in Washington, DC. Nancy Mitchell has written and shared much of what she learned. OLLI will receive the Preservation Association of Lincoln’s City Center Award for work to promote Lincoln’s history/heritage. Women Investing in Nebraska did not advance OLLI’s grant proposal to the final four. The new Dean will be invited to a future council meeting.

Old Business – The council unanimously approved the OLLI budget for FY25-26. The council reviewed recommendations made by the Executive Committee (from their May 2 meeting) and comments shared in an email letter from Charlyne Berens regarding changes to language in Policies and Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities, and the OLLI website. After discussion, it was moved by Mary Ann Losh and seconded by Audrey Paulman that the changes presented by the Executive Committee be accepted for ratification at the August council meeting. Candidates for offices of the OLLI council for 2025-2026 were reviewed. They include Jim Van Kirk, Chair; Nancy Mitchell, Vice-Chair; Audrey Paulman, Secretary; and Helen Meeks, Treasurer. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the August meeting in advance of the election.

New Business – Helen Meeks announced results of the OLLI council representatives. Elected for the at-large positions are Gary Timm and Patricia Crews. Helen will contact all candidates on the ballot to

inform them of the results. Bob will contact Gary and Patricia to invite them to the June retreat. Bob reported that planning for the Fall Symposium was nearly complete, with just one speaker left to be finalized. Council members seeking to suggest changes to Advisory Council Policies and Procedures and Roles and Responsibilities must submit the recommendations to Bob before the June retreat. No suggestions will be taken from the floor at the retreat. The cost of printing OLLI catalogs was discussed. There will be some minor changes to the catalog in the future that should help limit production costs.

Motion by Mary Ann Losh and seconded by Jim McLoughlin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

NOTE: **Council Retreat:** Advisory Council Retreat (Monday, June 9, 2025; 9am-1pm; GNHS 121)