

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (GMM)
UMW STAFFORD CAMPUS, SOUTH BUILDING
ROOM 210 (SC201S - LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTER)
OCTOBER 15, 2014**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy (ES) general membership meeting was held in the UMW Stafford Campus South Building, Room 210, on October 15, 2014. President Chuck Watkins gavelled the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with 37 members present (the quorum was 23). He welcomed attendees and greeted new members.

The minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting were approved by unanimous acclimation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee, John Thompson, Chair (report attached). John reported that revisions to Policy & Procedures (PP) were completed and approved by the Board except for Section A. A reading copy and a lending copy of the PP were available for membership use. The 2014-2015 annual budget was approved at the June Board Meeting. Excess funds from the 2013-2014 budget were used to fund grants to the UMW Departments whose professors presented ES programs. Dr. Mark Safferstone is returning as our UMW Rep. In response to a help wanted request, Wendell Anderson volunteered to conduct the annual audit. Next meeting will be November 25th at 1 p.m. in SC201S. Points of discussion will be suggested revisions to PP Section A on Governing Documents, developing recommendation regarding the ES BLS scholarship funding, and the status of the audit.

Curriculum Committee, Bill Wemmerus, Chair. Bill thanked committee members present and reminded the General Membership that meetings are open to all members. The program scheduled for November 12th has been moved to December 2nd. He announced that John Massara who did the certificates of appreciation in previous years passed away recently. The next meeting will be October 16, 2014 at SC201S.

Membership Committee, Pat Parkinson, Chair (report attached). Pat thanked Suzanne Willis for arranging for the morning's refreshments. The mailed newsletter was delayed because of complications at the printer. She reminded ES members of the December luncheon and the need to get reservations in soon. ES members receiving the newsletter electronically, also receive the monthly membership roster from Alan Zirkle. The next meeting will be November 19th at 1 p.m. in SC201S. Volunteers are needed for Webmaster, listen to phone messages weekly, buddies for new members, etc. All members are invited to meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT, John Thompson (report attached). The end of the year (August 31, 2014) report was completed. There were 238 members, providing over \$13,000 income. Expenses exceeded budgeted expenses, but income for the year

exceeded budgeted income resulting in a positive balance. Monthly updates are provided to the Board. The quarterly report will be presented to the Board at the December meeting. John explained that there is a capital reserve of \$15,000 to ensure ES can continue should there be a bad economic year. To obtain a better interest rate for a CD maturing October 27th, John is investigating changing banks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a need to review and revise the Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A on Governing Documents, as it was not considered during the last review and there are some items in the Memorandum of Understanding with UMW that are no longer in effect. The Administration Committee has a subcommittee chaired by Anne McGrath to deal with Part A. The membership was encouraged to review it as soon as possible. Anne will be presenting recommended changes to Part A to the Administration Committee at their quarterly meeting November 25, 2014. The Administration Committee will present recommendation to the Board on December 3, 2014. The General Membership will then be presented with the changes for a vote at the March 18, 2015 meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Dottie Meyers announced that the newsletter was mailed and if someone did not receive one who was on the list to have a mailed copy, she had extras available at the meeting.

Stew Engel asked the Board to review the dues structure now that the newsletter is available online. He suggested the price break be given to members opting for the electronic version not based on whether members are married or single.

Anne McGrath thanked Chuck Watkins for his service as the ES Webmaster and asked for a volunteer to become the new ES Webmaster.

Chuck Watkins announced that the next General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Randy Fennemore, Secretary

Date Approved: _____