

Acadia Senior College Annual Meeting – June 6, 2019

The Annual Meeting, attended by close to 60 Acadia Senior College members, was called to order by President Nat Fenton at 5:30. Nat presented his last report as President on the State of the College.

He reported that during this past academic year, ASC offered 36 courses, with a total of 515 student enrollments. There are 18 courses on deck for the fall term. ASC also organized several field trips, including Penobscot Marine Museum, Bangor Symphony, and the upcoming trip to Rockland area museums.

Nat went on to outline the series of speakers we are sponsoring this summer together with the League of Women Voters and the Jesup Library, entitled “Democracy, the Courts, the Constitution, and the People.” ASC will also offer as a service to the community the award-winning documentary film “Sonic Sea.”

Our two staff people – administrator Janice Kenyon and book-keeper Debbie Kane – received ovations for jobs well-done and “dragging ASC into the 21st century.”

Continuing to outline our achievements and activities this past year, Nat thanked the Membership and Volunteers Committee for organizing four social events. He thanked Jeff Dunn of the Events Committee for a successful season of speakers and discussion, Coffee Clash and Food for Thought.

Most importantly, Nat talked about the meaning of the College – a collaborative effort by dozens of volunteers. He cited the example of one committee chairperson who cheerfully continued her commitments in the face of challenging health concerns. When he called on those present to stand if they served the ASC as Board members, instructors, committee members, or donors, not a person was left seated. This is how our organization functions so well and remains strong, he said.

Nat went on to recognize the special contributions of retiring Board members Dan Poteet, Charles Stanhope, and Janice Kenyon. Each was presented with a gift and gratitude from the President, Board, and Membership of ASC. Another special recognition went out to Larry Martin, with thanks for his years of outstanding teaching, participation on the Board, and contributor to the work of the Curriculum Committee.

President Fenton then turned the meeting over to Treasurer Andy Cline, who reported that the state of our finances is strong. Our income from dues and tuition came in \$4000 above budget predictions. Field trips and other events paid for themselves. The income from the annual appeal was \$3000 over budget prediction. Our investment portfolio total went up from \$182,000 to nearly \$200,000. Andy reported that the Finance Committee was developing a program whereby stock can be donated to the College. He thanked the Finance Committee, and in particular former Treasurer Ward McKenzie, for all their hard work in making sure ASC is financially healthy now and going forward. In closing, Andy noted that our summer speakers series and film screening will require additional funds, so despite our positive situation, members are encouraged to respond to the Spring Appeal.

Jim Clunan then took the floor for the Nominating Committee. He presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors: Candy Emlen, Sheila Kirby, Mike Hastings (who has been serving for several months as an interim member), and Jane Reynolds. The nominations were duly seconded and approved by voice vote of the members present. Jim then nominated three Board members who were finishing a three-year term and are willing to serve for a second: Gail Conrad, Linda Dunn, and Nat

Fenton. These nominations were also duly seconded and approved. Finally, Jim presented a slate of officers: Linda Dunn for President, Mike Hastings for Vice-President, Andy Cline for Treasurer, Ann Caswell for Secretary, and Bill Ferm for Clerk/Registered Agent. These nominations were duly seconded and approved by the members present.

The new President of Acadia Senior College, Linda Dunn, took the floor to recognize the outstanding service of outgoing President Nat Fenton. As a nod to his many classes on Lincoln, the Civil War, and the Civil Rights Movement, he was presented with a framed print of a Civil War scene and a book documenting the *Visual History of the Civil Rights Movement*. A replacement of his lost America's Cup hat readied Nat for his upcoming course on that topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Caswell
Secretary