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General: January 15

Elections

Call for Nominations:
January 17 – 31

Slate of candidates published:
March 4

Voting:
March 16 - 30



Bard College Fisher Center

A Message from LLI President Tom Esposito for January

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018 at Bard LLI. The year starts off in full swing for those of us who are wintering in place. We have Gene Burns, our Special Events chair, to thank for the stimulating intersession program he has arranged in January at Weis Cinema. You don't need to register. Simply come and bring a friend. You can park in the Bertelsmann lot, by the admissions office, or, if needed, in the lot by Library Road. A few handicapped spots are available near Bertelsmann.

The catalog for the spring semester is out and may be found on our website, bardlli.com. Anne Sunners and the Curriculum Committee have put together another excellent selection of courses. Check the calendar on our website for the dates when classes are scheduled. We hope timely access to this information will help you plan your own schedule.

As described in my email of December 20, the registration process has been revised, with priority for one class being given to Council members, committee chairs and members, and presenters, while AV members and class managers will be given priority for their assigned classes. Priority registration for spring starts January 8th and general registration starts on the 15th.

This newsletter includes information from 2nd Vice President Jill Lundquist about recently instituted revisions to our bylaws that, among other changes, affect the timing of our annual meeting and the election of Council members. The election process will kick off this month with a request for nominations from Ollie Johnson and the Election Committee. We need to fill five Council positions. Stay tuned for specifics.

I look forward to seeing many of you during intersession.

Notes on the LLI Council Meeting

Council minutes are posted on our website, bardlli.com, after they are approved. Click on [About Us](#), Governance to find minutes from the last several months. Here's the report for November.

- The Council discussed "priority" at length. Tom Esposito's December 20 email to members outlines the results of that discussion;
- Jill Lundquist, 2nd VP, reported on the reorganization plan;
- Donna Warner, 1st VP, described a member survey about the effects of recent organizational changes to be sent out in January;
- AV/Tech is producing short videos of a few presenters for spring courses, which will be available on our website.

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Council will not meet on Monday, January 15.

Our next Council meeting will be: Tuesday, January 16, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Bertelsmann Campus Center, Room 214. All LLI members are welcome to attend.

Bylaws Revision and Schedule News from Jill Lundquist, LLI Council 2nd Vice-President

Throughout the 2016-17 school year, the Bylaws committee, which I led as one of my responsibilities as 2nd vice president, thoroughly reviewed our bylaws in the light of LLI's current needs. Our ideas were then reviewed with the Executive Committee and the Planning and Evaluation Committee. The proposed revisions to the Bylaws were approved unanimously by the LLI Council in June. The entire LLI membership then voted to approve the new bylaws in July, and the results were reported to the membership at the September Annual Meeting.



Jill Lundquist,
LLI Council 2nd VP

As a result, the LLI annual calendar and committee structure will change:

- The Annual Meeting will move from September to May. That change brings our operational year and our annual budget into line with Bard's fiscal year, which runs from July 1 – June 30. Previously, we operated without a budget approved by the LLI membership from July 1 to September each year.
- Elected officers and members at large will serve terms from July 1 – June 30, rather than September – September.
- The number of LLI committees is reduced from 8 standing and 9 ad hoc to 6 standing committees that are broader in scope, with each an "umbrella" for several LLI functions. The committees will be more interdisciplinary to encourage collaborative work and communication.

Here's what to expect. The Annual Meeting will be held Friday, May 18th, in Olin Hall Auditorium. We chose a large meeting space to allow all members to attend. Food will be provided and there will be an opportunity for socializing between 9 and 10 a.m. The business meeting will be held from 10-11 a.m. This will be followed by an entertainment program, which Gene Burns is developing. We will not have a spring luncheon.

In January, there will be a call for nominations for open Council member positions; we will be electing the President, 1st Vice-President, Treasurer and two Members at Large. E-voting is scheduled for March 16 – 30, with results to be certified to the LLI Council for approval on April 16. The results will then be reported to the membership at the Annual Meeting in May. Finally, the Planning and Evaluation Committee is working throughout this school year on a plan to implement the new committee structure.

I believe these changes will help strengthen LLI and move us forward.



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