April Is Loaded with Learning and WALL Considers Changes to By-Laws

Members

After a number of years in action, WALL board and curriculum committee members are proposing a number of changes to our by-laws. Those proposals are included in this month's newsletter and we hope you take a chance to review them before the upcoming vote.

The WALL Curriculum Committee has been working on the classes for Fall 2015, and your input has played a tremendous role in the classes that were chosen. Continue to give us your ideas for the Spring classes for 2016 by contacting Vince Coughlin at vince.coughlin@cox.net or Jane Eisner at jce0703@mac.com.

I also wanted to mention another benefit to WALL members. You can check out books from the Willet Library on the Wesleyan campus. The library's location is on the campus map on page 3 of this newsletter.

And finally, I invite you to “Like us” on WALL's FaceBook page. Just click here and come join us for the upcoming Fall and Spring Classes in 2015-2016. You can see pictures from other members and post your own as well; we've included some of those photos here in this month's newsletter. Our FaceBook page also includes last minute info and other event's you might be interested in.

Sandy Tharpe
Wall President
CHANGES TO THE WALL BY-LAWS

It is recommended by the Board that the By-Laws be amended to fit the needs of WALL. Several of the provisions have been found to be unnecessary or unworkable. The words to be deleted are shown in parentheses and the suggested changes are shown in bold italics.

REASONS FOR THE CHANGES

- ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS - A Board meeting once a semester is sufficient, a special meeting can be called if needed.
- ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS – The original By-Laws limited the president to two non-successive terms. It is difficult to find volunteers so the president may be elected to serve more than two non-successive terms. The Immediate Past-President will serve as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee because it is more convenient. The Treasurer is also the Treasurer of Wesleyan College and is not a member of WALL. The Board discusses the annual budget and sets the fees.
- ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES – The Curriculum Chairperson may be reelected because it is difficult to find volunteers for elective offices and if there is no Curriculum Chair-elect it is necessary to have the current Curriculum Chair continue in that position.
- ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS – The Nominating Committee may now include members of the Board in addition to the Immediate Past President who is the Chairperson of that committee.

The Proposed Changes will be voted on at the General Membership Meeting to be held on Friday May 8th. Time and place will be communicated in the May issue of The WALL.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

V.2. The Board shall:
V.2.1. Meet at least (three times) once each semester, upon call of the President, or upon the demand of a majority of its voting members. Meetings shall be at such time and place designated. Notice of called meetings shall be provided to all Board members at least five days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

VI.1. The President shall:
VI.1.1. Serve a one-year term, but may be elected for (a second) additional, non-successive term.
VI.3. The Immediate Past-President shall:
VI.3.3. Serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
VI.5. The Treasurer shall:
(VI.5.2. Prepare and recommend an annual budget to the Board.)
VI.5.3. Monitor disbursements from the Wesleyan operating account on behalf of the Academy and report the fund balances at each regular Board meeting.
VI.5.4. Submit an annual report of income and disbursements at the final Board meeting of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing committees of the Academy shall be Curriculum, (Finance) Public Relations, and Membership.

VII.1. Chairpersons of Standing committees shall be elected by the Academy membership for a one-year term and may be re-elected to additional terms. The Curriculum Chairperson (and the Curriculum Chairperson-elect) may (not) be re-elected for successive terms in the event the position of Chairperson-elect is vacant. However, in the event there is a Curriculum Chairperson-elect, the incumbent Curriculum Chairperson-elect becomes the Chairperson and a new Curriculum Chairperson-elect is elected annually.

VII.2. The Curriculum committee may include but not be limited to the following subcommittees: Programs, Special Events, and Short Courses. The Curriculum Chairperson is aided by the Curriculum Chairperson-elect who assists the Chairperson during the current year while also formulating plans for programs (field trips) and short courses for the following year.

(VII.3. The Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer and at least three non-board members. The function of the Finance Committee is to propose a budget for the following fiscal year. The budget will be submitted to the Board at the final Board meeting of the current fiscal year.)

VII.4.3. The Public Relations committee shall include but not be limited to the following subcommittees: Publications, The WALL, and Media Relations.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(VIII.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three non-board members of the Academy and the Immediate Past-President.
VIII.2. A Chairperson shall be selected by the three Nominating committee members.)
VIII.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one or more members of the Academy and the Immediate Past-President.
VIII.2. The Immediate Past-President will serve as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
INFORMATION FOR THE LANDSCAPE OIL PAINTING CLASS: If you have not yet purchased your supplies, here is the list of materials that you will need: One canvas for each class about 14x18", or 11x14" no larger than 16x20", paint: any brand, medium size tube: white, cadmium red, and yellow, and ultramarine blue, ivory, black are optional, brushes: # 8 and 10 flat, Linseed oil, a Throw-away palette and a palette for mixing paint, a field easel should not cost very much and you can use coupons, bring paper towels for cleanup, any other supplies the students want to bring is fine.
Lunch & Learn

Grab a lunch (only $5) in the student cafeteria and bring it to Wesleyan’s lovely Manget Room

Olive Swann Porter Building

FREE TO THE COMMUNITY

April 22nd @12:30 pm

Human Trafficking Seminar:

Learn about efforts to strengthen laws to fight trafficking and to rescue trafficking victims

Presented by Christine Watkins
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WESLEYAN EVENTS IN APRIL

Wesleyan Market
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Wesleyan Front Campus

Wendy Yun Chen, Senior Piano Recital
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Burden Parlor, Olive Swann Porter Building

Jasmine Hathaway, Senior Soprano Recital
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Location: Burden Parlor, Olive Swann Porter Building

Wesleyan’s Annual Spring Recital
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Porter Auditorium

Opera and Musical Theatre Scenes by Wesleyan Students
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Porter Auditorium

Alumnae Weekend
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Wesleyan College

Alumnae Weekend
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015
9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Location: Wesleyan College
WESLEYAN EVENTS IN APRIL (CONT’D.)

A Festival of New Plays
THURSDAY, APRIL 23
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Grassman-Porter Studio Theatre, Porter Fine Arts Building

Wesleyan Market
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Wesleyan Front Campus

Wesleyan’s Annual Spring Concert
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Porter Auditorium

Libby Minlin Liao, Senior Piano Recital
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Burden Parlor, Olive Swann Porter Building