



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to review minutes of our June 1st Board of Directors meeting as posted on www.ElderStudy.com under Governance/Minutes. I want to highlight a few major transitions.

The Board elected mostly new officers for the 2016-17 academic year including Mel Wright to serve as our President, Jack Allison as Vice President, Peggy Verdine as Secretary, and extracted one last agreement from John Thompson to continue as our Treasurer at least until our 2016 tax submission in December. John is planning to move out of the area, so we're on final notice to find a replacement Treasurer as soon as possible. My heartfelt thanks to Randy Fennemore for all her wonderful behind-the-scenes support this past year as the Board's secretary and to Dottie Meyers for her continuing service as editor of this newsletter.

The Board also approved the nomination of Donna Lewis to serve as Chair of our Membership Committee, effective immediately. Additionally, Barbara Barrett volunteered to come out of her one-year retirement from the Board to serve as chair of our Admin Committee, relieving part of the load borne by John Thompson. Both these ladies had spectacular careers in education and social science research, and exude exactly the leadership and administrative skills needed to ensure the ongoing success of ElderStudy. Also, many thanks to Pat Parkinson for leading the Membership Committee these past two years.

Finally, Dr. Mark Safferstone, our principal liaison with the University retired on June 25th. Since our move to the Stafford campus he's been a great and highly responsive supporter of our organization, but he promises we'll see him again soon as a new ElderStudy member.

Thanks to all who supported our Spring potluck by bringing the delicious dishes, assisting with set-up and clean up, and thanks especially to Peggy Gratz who recruited Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy as our entertainment. After all the controversy in 2015 of whether this should be a musical performance or just background accompaniment to our lunchtime chatter, due to Peggy's planning and the duo's compelling performance, the music was a great enhancement.

Unfortunately, after all our years using First Christian Church's fellowship hall for this activity, in response to the 2015 Supreme Court decision supporting same-sex marriage, the church implemented a requirement that future users of their facility must individually sign a release to ensure the church is not vulnerable to claims of discrimination for their opposition to activities inconsistent with their heart-felt religious beliefs. As a result, our Board was in unanimous agreement we need to find a new venue next year. I've thanked the church for their years of support. If you have a suggested secular location that can accommodate approximately 90 of us for our May 2017 luncheon, please let the Membership Committee know the particulars.

Curriculum Committee has put together another great lineup of classes you won't want to miss. Our organization is in great financial shape, so the registration fee remains \$60 if you renew by Sep 9th, and for new members it's still a \$72 bargain. Forms are available on the website under the Membership tab.

It's been a pleasure serving on the Board and as President. See you in class!

Best regards, Chuck Watkins, President

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What you need to know - when you need to know it!

This Newsletter is prepared by me, Dot Meyers, with the help of many members of ElderStudy. If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please feel free to let me know. You can leave a message on the phone, 540-654-1769, or call me at 540-760-1533.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In a seemingly never-ending meeting held on May 24, 2016, ten ElderStudy members convened for the Administration Committee Quarterly Meeting. The assembled group received preliminary financial reports for the 2015.2016 Third Quarter from the Treasurer; updated reports were presented to the Board on June 1. **The Board* approved Third Quarter Operations Report is included in this newsletter.**

Under New Business, the Committee took several actions associated with ElderStudy activities for the remainder of the 2015.2016 year and for the 2016.2017 year. These actions included the development of a Recommended 2016.2017 Operating Budget, development of a Recommended 2016.2017 Membership Fee Structure, and development of a recommendation regarding 2015.2016 Year-End Grants from excess revenues. The committee members also received a lengthy overview of potential revisions for the Policy & Procedures Document which had been received in response to the March Data.Call. The results of these discussions were provided to the Board under New Business. The **Admin Committee goal** is to finalize the updated Policy & Procedures Document review at its August 30 meeting with subsequent presentation to the Board of Directors on September 13 for their approval.

In another Committee activity, Barbara Barrett agreed to be nominated for a one-year term (2016.2017 ONLY) as Administration Committee Chair pending appointment by the Board President and confirmation by the Board. The appointment of Barbara Barrett as the 2016.2017 Administration Committee Chair was confirmed by the Board of Directors on June 1.

ELDERSTUDY 2016-2017 BUDGET

The Board approved budget for the period from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 is included with this newsletter. Membership Fees for 2016.2017 remain the same as those in 2015.2016 BUT cutoff dates have shifted slightly; Membership Forms are included in this newsletter. For additional information please contact Mel Wright (the 2016.2017 Board President) or John Thompson (Treasurer).

APPROVED ELDERSTUDY BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017

Approved by BOD on 6/1/2016

Projected Income

Membership Fees	TBD
Other	TBD

Approved Expenses

<u>Board of Directors</u>	\$1,200
Awards	\$0
BLS Scholarship	\$1,000
Election Expenses	\$200
Grants	TBD

<u>Curriculum Committee</u>	\$7,900
Speaker/Programs	\$7,500
Postage & Copying	\$125
Gifts & Gratuities	\$25
Stationery & Supplies	\$100
Telephone	\$150

<u>Administration Committee</u>	\$1,000
General Operating Funds	\$200
Supplies & Publications	\$600
Postage & Copying	\$200

<u>Membership Committee</u>	\$3,350
Brochures	\$100
Stationery & Supplies	\$200
Gifts & Remembrances	\$100
Name Tags (Net)	\$400
Newsletters (5)	\$1,000
Postage & Copying	\$200
Website	\$0
Telephone	\$150
Memb Mtgs & Spec Events (Net)	\$1,200

Total Approved 16-17 Budget	\$13,450
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Questions may be addressed to the Treasurer or to BOD members.

ANNUAL AUDIT VOLUNTEER

When the Year-End Financial Reports are completed and approved by the Board of Directors at its September 13, 2016 meeting, the ElderStudy Governing Documents require that an independent audit of the 2015-2016 Financial Records be conducted and reported prior to the December Board of Directors Meeting (December 7th). The Treasurer will make all of the 2015-2016 financial records available by September 17th; the Audit Report must be completed by November 22th and submitted to the ElderStudy President (Mel Wright) with a copy to the Administration Committee Chairperson (Barbara Barrett) about 10 days prior to the December 7th Board Meeting. This Audit has traditionally been performed by an ElderStudy Member; report submittal may be hard copy or electronic.

If you wish to volunteer to conduct this Annual Audit, please contact Mel Wright (current Vice President; fredpeds@cox.net) or Jack Allison (next year's Vice President; jallison55@hotmail.com) and/or John Thompson (Treasurer; 371-4827 or johnsafet@cox.net) before September 10th. Board approval of the Auditor will occur at its September 13th meeting.

ELDERSTUDY OPPORTUNITY

(A Key Position Urgently Needing A Volunteer)

ElderStudy, a dynamic organization focusing on learning-in-retirement, is seeking a member who would be willing to serve as its next Treasurer. The present treasurer will be retiring effective January 1, 2017 after the 2015-16 Federal Income Tax Return has been submitted to and accepted by the IRS. The volunteering individual could work with the current Treasurer during the period leading up to December 31st to become familiar with the responsibilities of the Treasurer position.

Learning opportunities available during the period leading up to December 31 might include assisting in the oversight of the ElderStudy budget, assisting in the monitoring the organization's expenditures, assisting in the payment of the organization's bills, and helping develop the financial reports to assist the Board of Directors and the Standing Committee Chairpersons in the execution of their duties & responsibilities. This individual would have the opportunity to assist the current Treasurer in the preparation of the ElderStudy federal income tax return for 2015-2016. As part of this opportunity, the selected individual would be able to participate in the activities of the Administration Committee and the Board of Directors.

Interested individuals should contact Mel Wright (371-1557 or email fredpeds@cox.net), or Barbara Barrett (372-3463 or email barrettorr@verizon.net) or John Thompson (371-4827 or email johnsafet@cox.net) not later than September 30.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

The arrival of the August 2016 newsletter means there is good news and bad news. The bad news is that summer is coming to an end soon, but the good news is that the ElderStudy community can look forward to a new semester of exciting, stimulating, and informative sessions. The Curriculum Committee has put together a program of approximately 40 sessions that includes topics of wide ranging interest. Many of our favorite speakers will be back, and we will have a number of first time presenters. Also, we have included a few off site programs that get us out of the classroom and allow us to visit a variety of different venues. Please note we have two classroom sessions in August and an offsite program scheduled for September 1. The October 12 visit to NASA (which was announced in the April 2016 newsletter) is full, but a waiting list has been established to accommodate any last minute cancellations.

A prime objective of the Curriculum Committee, when planning its semester programs, is to provide the greatest amount of diversity in programs so to ensure we can satisfy the interests of all our members. This past semester we provided programs that fit into a variety of topics and following is a general review of those programs:

1. Tours/Off Site Programs – 7
2. UMW Gallery Tours – 2
3. Entertainment Related – 5
4. Play Discussions – 2
5. Sports – 1
6. International/Domestic Politics – 2
7. Medical Issues – 2
8. Military History – 2
9. Historical Personalities – 2
10. Religion – 3
11. STEM – 4
12. UMW/Fredericksburg History – 2
13. Book Group – 4
14. General Topics – 2

The start of a new semester also means it is time for the Curriculum Committee to begin work on putting together the spring 2017 schedule. Our initial meeting will be on August 18, 2016, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at the CLL. I would encourage all ElderStudy members to seriously consider joining us and help prepare the spring schedule.

Board of Directors Highlights from the June 1, 2016 Meeting

The new officers for the 2016-2017 year were unanimously elected by the Board.

President: Mel Wright
Vice President: Jack Allison
Secretary: Peggy Verdine
Temporary
Treasurer: John Thompson

Committee Chairs for the 2016-2017 year were appointed.

Administration Committee Chair: Barbara Barrett
Curriculum Committee Chair: Chuck Johnson
Membership Committee Chair: Donna Lewis

Jack Sulima has agreed to be Alan Zirkle's backup for the sending of emails to the ElderStudy membership.

The Membership Committee has been tasked with finding an alternate location for the ElderStudy Spring Luncheon. Chuck Watkins will thank the First Christian Church for their support over the many years.

Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary, Randy Fennemore

Membership Committee Initial Meeting

The Membership Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, August 30, at the UMW Stafford location, from 10-12 noon. We welcome all interested members to join us and help us continue to promote our organization.

Trip to Goddard Space Center

The Elder Study trip to NASA's Goddard Space Center on October 12 is now full. (We have a wait list of 23 people!) If you are confirmed for the trip, you will receive an email with additional information. If you move off the wait list you will be notified as soon as possible. All those attending are asked to bring a photo ID. If you have questions, please contact Donna Lewis (571-259-6097.)

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AUGUST
Rept Date: 5/31/16

2015-2016 Year-To-Date Operations Report #9

BOD Approved: 6/1/16

Accounting Category/Subcategory		2015-2016 Approved Budget (6/3/2015)	YTD: 9/1/2015 thru 5/31/2016	% of Plan	
INCOME					
Carry-over from Prior Year		TBD	YES		
Membership Fees [268]		\$13,118.00	\$15,334.00	116.9%	
NameTag Replacement Fees		\$0.00	\$40.00		
Interest from Certificates of Deposit		\$0.00			
Miscellaneous (excludes replacement NameTags)		\$0.00			
Membership Special Events Fees		\$0.00	\$1,764.00	\$49.42 profit	
Curriculum Off-Site Fees		\$0.00	\$1,530.00	\$6.93 profit	
Early 2016-2017 Fees (13)			\$929.00		
Total ES Income/Revenue		\$13,118.00	\$19,597.00		
EXPENSES					
Board of Directors					
Awards		\$0.00	\$0.00		
BLS Scholarships		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.0%	
Election Expenses (copying, printing)		\$200.00	\$165.61		
Grants (from excess 2015-16 Funds)		TBD	\$0.00	EP	
Classroom Contingency (in carry-over)		YES	YES		
Subtotal BOD		\$1,200.00	\$1,165.61		
Curriculum Committee					
Speakers/Programs (Aug-Apr+)	(a)	\$7,500.00	\$6,729.61	89.7%	EP
Postage/Mailing/Copying		\$125.00	\$62.40	49.9%	
Off-site Location Programs		\$0.00	\$1,523.07	(see income)	
Gifts/Gratuities		\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Stationery/Supplies		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Telephone Service [9 mos.]		\$150.00	\$99.00	66.0%	EP
Special Activities (10/12/16 Offsite)		\$0.00	\$200.00		
Subtotal Curriculum Committee		\$7,900.00	\$8,614.08	(#)	
Administration Committee/BOD					
General Operating Funds		\$200.00	\$100.00		
Stationery/Supplies/Publications	[c]	\$325.00	\$262.98		
Postage/Mailing/Copying		\$100.00	\$32.44	EP	
Subtotal Administration Committee		\$625.00	\$395.42	68.0%	
Membership Committee					
Brochures		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Stationery/Supplies		\$200.00	\$131.04	65.5%	
Gifts/Remembrances		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Name Tags		\$300.00	\$357.17	(see income)	
Newsletter(4)/Communications		\$1,000.00	\$423.63	42.4%	
Postage/Mailing/Copying		\$200.00	\$211.88	105.9%	
Web Site		\$180.00	\$116.43	64.7%	
Telephone Services [9 mos.]		\$150.00	\$99.00	66.0%	EP
Membership Meetings/Spec Events	(b)	\$1,190.00	\$2,252.04	(see income)	
Subtotal Membership Committee		\$3,420.00	\$3,591.19	(#)	
Total ES 2015-2016 Expenses YTD		\$13,145.00	\$13,766.30	(#)	
Net ES 2015-2016 Expenses YTD			\$10,557.18		

(a) 12/2/15 BOD added \$500 to item budget

(#) Includes all expenses

(b) Fall GMM expenses paid by Dr. S

EP = Known Expenses Pending

[c] W-F partial reimbursement for new checks.

2016 – 2017 Membership Renewal Form

Mary Washington ElderStudy Registration for **Current 2015–2016 Members**

Renewal Membership Fees — Postmarked by September 9, 2016: \$60 per person

Postmarked **AFTER** September 9: \$65 per person

Retired UMW faculty — (Check box if this applies) No fee, but spouse pays the individual fee

Make your check payable to **Mary Washington ElderStudy**

Send this form and **Treasurer, Mary Washington ElderStudy**
the check to: **University of Mary Washington**
1301 College Avenue
Fredericksburg VA 22401–5358

I (we) wish to rejoin Mary Washington ElderStudy for the period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017

Name(s) _____
please print clearly

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Enter only email addresses and phone number that ElderStudy may use to communicate with you)

All email address(es) are unchanged

Phone number is unchanged

Email address _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Your email addresses and phone number will be included in membership rosters available only to members and will be used by ElderStudy for announcements, program cancellations/changes, etc.

Replacement Nametags are available for an additional fee of \$5 per nametag. If needed, print your name or names below as you would like it (them) to appear on the nametag(s):

IMPORTANT — Members who don't have email will receive newsletters and rosters on paper via the Postal Service. Members who **do** have email can obtain these documents via email or the website, but may opt to **also** get them sent on paper by checking the box below.

Send newsletters and rosters via the Postal Service; I cannot or prefer not to use electronic copies.

Treasurer: Amount

Bank and Check #

