Report on
The Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting is probably the most important meeting of the year as it is the meeting when the whole membership is invited to participate in official business and when a quorum is required.

President Dagmar Shannon opened the meeting on April 13 by thanking her predecessor Barbara Holmes for the clear notes she left, the Board for its hard work and dedication, and the staff of the faculty club and Inga Roden for the lovely spread.

Secretary Lisbeth Pisk read the minutes of last year’s meeting. Barbara Archbold gave the treasurer’s report. She noted that a full report will be given after the end of our fiscal year and this was only a partial report. There was an increase in the scholarship fund from the implementation of the donation gift cards project, from proceeds received from the sale of hand knit hats, and from an increase in revenue from the Visiting Family Housing Service.

Dagmar remarked that the new board will be a nice mix of old and new members. Dagmar thanked people who were leaving the board: Lisbeth Pisk, Inga Roden, and Linda Rhines.

Two special committees were formed this year: the Bylaws Committee chaired by Sue Christian and the Long Range Planning Committee chaired by Dagmar.

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The Long Range Planning Committee looked into the long term sustainability of our scholarship fund and ways of sustaining our membership levels.

Dagmar said the committee is looking for ways to make our members consider the UWFA as they would consider any other charity to which they donate regularly and to consider legacy giving—a gift in a will and through estate planning.

Dagmar is working with UW Advancement on creating a portal on the UW Fundraising website with a tab for UWFA to permit an easy and effective way to donate online. Dagmar emphasized that scholarships are a great equalizer in our society—a scholarship can give a jump start to a student who would otherwise not have a chance for personal advancement.

Next, Nominations Chair Nancy Kenagy announced the slate of candidates and asked for nominations from the floor. As there were no further nominations, a voted was taken and the slate was elected as proposed.

Sue Christian announced that the proposed Bylaw changes passed.

Dagmar invited everyone to the Spring Luncheon on May 13 at Seattle Yacht Club. Registration forms are enclosed in May’s newsletter and will be available on the website.

Hady De Jong
Newsletter Editor

Gloria Burgess was our featured speaker for the Annual Meeting courtesy of Humanities Washington. Gloria, who earned a PhD in performance studies and is a poet, introduced the audience to the concept of Africanisms—habits brought over from Africa by individuals and practiced here. Among the Africanism followed in the new world by African Americans are an African world view (of community and of past and future) and the singing of special music and spirituals.

She discussed how the middle passage (the stage of the triangular trade in which millions of people from Africa were shipped to the new world as part of the Atlantic slave trade) was designed to destroy slave attachment and spirits.

Spirituals grew in response and are songs of salvation and resistance. Many spirituals are code songs whose words have another layer of meaning. We joined Gloria in singing the code song “Wade in the Water”.

We are grateful to Humanities Washington for enriching our experience and helping us understand another culture and viewpoint.
UWRA Travelogue Series

**Bootfahren auf der Elbe:** Traveling by Boat on the Elbe

**May 20, 2015**

By Ron and Barbara Hammond

The two best things about river boat travel are that you don’t pack and unpack every day or so and that you go, well, where the river goes. Most of our stops on this trip are not major tourist destinations. In addition to river cruising, we visited Prague, the Bastei, Dresden, Torgau, Wittenberg and Tangermundi. The trip concluded with a brief stop in Berlin and then Hamburg.

**Travelogue Ideas**

If you have taken an interesting trip recently and would like to share your experiences, please contact Travelogue Chair Joan Bowers at jebbo101@comcast.net or 206-367-1580 with your ideas for Travelogue topics for the coming 2015-16 season.

**Afternoon at the Movies**

This new interest group has been really fun. My husband gets a break as he only like intellectual comedies. We haven’t seen one of them yet, nor have we done chick flics.

We have seen some great Oscar winning performances and films in many different genres: a black comedy, two affliction movies, a fairy tale musical, a couple biopics, and historical films with conversations afterwards. We go on the second Thursday of the month after lunch. The last “picture show” will be *Far from the Madding Crowd* on May 14.

*Birdman*—Oscar winning black comedy  
*In the Woods*—musical by Stephen Sondheim  
*Selma*—the story of Martin Luther King and the march for voting rights  
*Imitation Game*—historical thriller about Alan Turing solving the Enigma Code  
*Still Alice*—with Julianne Moore as linguistics professor with early onset dementia  
*Woman in Gold*—with Helen Mirren as a Jewish woman seeking return of artwork stolen from her family by the Nazis.

**Update on a Scholarship Recipient**

About 30 years ago, Barbara Garlid was instrumental in starting the Visiting Faculty Housing Service, a major source of funding for our scholarship fund. One of the scholarships in named in her honor.

Recently Barbara had the pleasure of reuniting with her scholarship recipient Mykhaylo Krushelnytskyy—Misha for short. Misha is from Tyvriv in the Ukraine and came here with his family when he was 12. At the scholarship dinner he said he was a biochemistry major and applying to Medical Schools.

At a lovely dinner Barbara had with him, he told her that he has been accepted to Loma Linda University’s School of Medicine, which trains medical professionals with a commitment to Christian service. That fits in with Misha’s purpose as his dad is a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, he still is waiting to hear from other schools.

Of course, Barbara was thrilled to reconnect with Misha and to know that her scholarship is helping a fine young man achieve his goal.

**Gallery Goers**

**Wednesday, April 22**

Pacific Science Center

Join us for this MAGNIFICENT experience called “POMPEII: THE EXHIBITION” at the Seattle Center’s Pacific Science Center (PSC). We will tour on our own. There are guides on the floor for answering questions. First, we will have lunch (optional) at the nicely renovated Seattle Center ARMORY (formerly called Center House), which has a very large Food Court. After lunch, we will take a short walk to PSC.

We are having lunch first and viewing the exhibition in the afternoon because we were advised that the school tours usually take place in the mornings and the afternoons can be more Gallery Goers friendly. I viewed the exhibition on a weekday afternoon and it was very accessible.

Please RSVP to Mimi Wagar now wagarma@gmail.com or 206-546-8251. Transportation is on your own. Carpooling is encouraged. There are pay parking structures near the Seattle Center.

**Vote on Revision of the Bylaws**

The Bylaws Revision Committee completed its mission at the April Business Meeting on April 13. The results of the mail-in ballot were overwhelmingly in favor of accepting the proposed changes. The new version of the Bylaws is now the governing document of the UW Faculty Auxiliary. The updated Bylaws will be printed in the next UWFA Membership Directory, issued in October. Anyone who would like a copy before then should contact Sue Christian.

The Board thanks all members who conscientiously read the proposed changes, voted promptly, and offered comments and suggestions for the future. Over time, situations evolve and needs change, so this exercise will have to be repeated periodically.

*Sue Christian  
Bylaws Committee Chair*
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