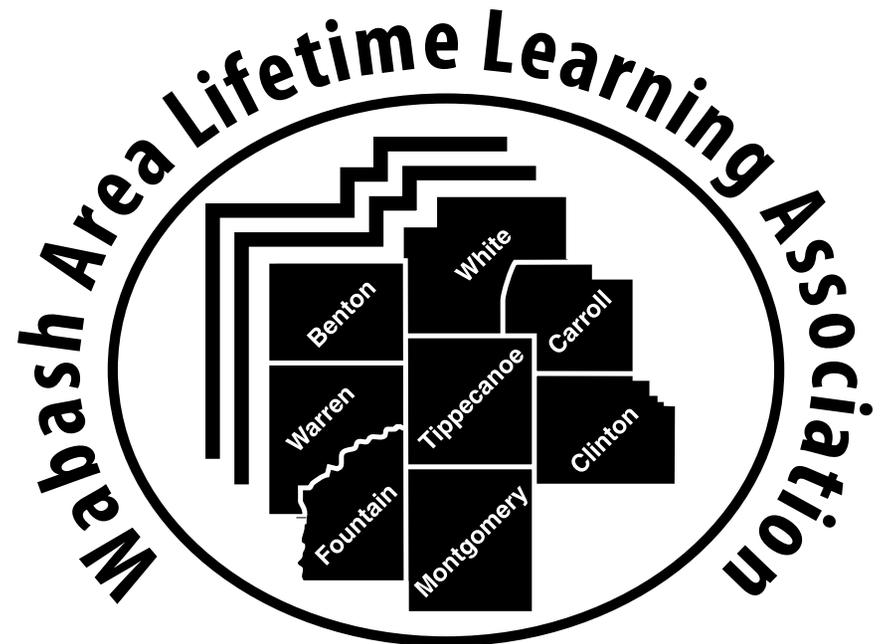


# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2015-2016

April 22, 2016



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# Annual Meeting Agenda

The Trails • April 22, 2016

*Welcome..... Dennis Sorge, President*

*Invocation..... Pastor Chris Danielson*

## Trails Luncheon Buffet

*Recognition of Special Guests..... Alan Williams, VP*

*Introduction of the Entertainment..... Alan Williams*

## Business Meeting

*Approval of April 24, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes.....Dennis Sorge*

*Recognition of Current Board Members.....Dennis Sorge*

*Recognition of Current Chairpersons and Committees.....Dennis Sorge*

*Recognition of Retiring Board Members/Gifts.....Dennis Sorge*

*Committee Reports.....Dennis Sorge*

*Board Development Committee Report.....Jim Moore*

*Election of New Board Members.....Dennis Sorge*

*Officer Nomination Report.....Joe Krause*

*Old/New Business.....Dennis Sorge*

*n Memoriam..... Kathleen Connolly*

*Announcement of the Mary Fuqua Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award.....Pres.*

*Closing Remarks.....Dennis Sorge*

*Photographer: Jacques Delleur*

## Jefferson Jazz Band

The Jefferson Jazz Band is the advanced “big band” jazz ensemble at Jefferson High School. The band meets during school three days a week. Participation in this ensemble is by audition/invitation only. The directors are Bruce Knepper and Judd Danby. Sectional staff includes Lynn Colwell and Scott Pazera. The Director of Bands at Lafayette Jefferson is Tom Barker.

In addition to school concerts, jazz festivals, and jazz contests, the band performs occasionally at different public events in the greater Lafayette area.

In recent years, the band has won the following awards:

- Judges Award at the Purdue Jazz Festival
- Two years as top-honor band at University of Indianapolis Jazz Festival
- Gold Ratings at ISSMA Jazz Events



## Annual Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2015

President Vince Green welcomed participants and guests. He introduced Pastor Tim Burchill from St. Andrew United Methodist Church, who presented the invocation, after which all enjoyed The Trails’ buffet luncheon.

After the luncheon, for the day’s entertainment, Vice-President Dennis Sorge introduced the Lafayette Jefferson High School’s First Edition. Led by John Satterfield, the First Edition is one of the finest show choirs in the Midwest.

### Business Meeting:

President Vince Green introduced Kathleen Connolly, board secretary, who asked for a moment of silence to remember those who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting. Memorialized were Helen Bothel, William Byrd, John Dran, Buck Hudgens, Irene Madison, Eleanor Ragon, Sue Ritter, Jackie Weston and Vaughn Weston.

Vince asked for approval of the 2014 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the booklet. A motion was made by Dorothy Jones, seconded by DeLores Delleur and passed by voice vote.

Vince introduced special guests Pastor Tim Burchill, St. Andrew UMC; Donna Biehl , St. Andrew UMC; Dean Mary Sadowski, Purdue University; Pennie Ainsworth, West Lafayette Parks & Recreation (not present); Erica Brown, West Lafayette Public Library (not present); Bess Witcosky, Director Morton Community Center (not present); Rebecca Chambers, organizes and formats information for class brochures and the annual report booklet; and Mary Gardner, WALLA’s founder and Purdue Coordinator.

President Green asked current board members and committee chairs to stand and be recognized. Individual committee reports can be perused in the annual report booklet. Vince requested that everyone read them, pointing out the responsibilities of each committee and urging participants to serve where their interests lie.

Vince announced three board retirees: Sallie Cooke, Russ Noble, and Charlene Watson. The three retirees were presented gift certificates from Barnes and Noble as recognition for their years of service. Vince also awarded a Barnes and Noble gift certificate to Etta Lazaros for her many contributions to WALLA. Vince applauded the smooth transition of the previous co-chairs of the Special Events Committee to the new ones, Jo Ellen Cox and Peggy Housley. The AudioVisual Committee also underwent reorganization without skipping a beat.

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Jim Moore, chair of Board Development, announced the four nominees for a first term on the board: Kathleen Connolly, Dwayne Daehler, Mary Jo Pflum and SuzAnn Schott. Dorothy Jones and Dennis Sorge were nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> terms. Joe Krause moved acceptance of this slate and Sarita Levinthal seconded the motion. It passed by voice vote.

Joe Krause, chair of Officer Nominating, announced the officers who will be elected at the next board meeting. They are: Dennis Sorge, President; Alan Williams, Vice-President; Kathleen Connolly, Secretary; and Gail Beck, Treasurer.

#### **Old/New Business:**

Vince presented the “Mary Fuqua Volunteer of the Year” award to James Carter for his tireless work and service to WALLA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Kathleen Connolly, board secretary

## **The Long Range Planning Committee**

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) charged with making suggestions for looking toward the future of Walla was inactive this year. Holding no scheduled meetings.

However informal discussions concerning future and ongoing changes in Walla personnel and procedures have continued among LRPC members and Walla membership.

Walla will be undergoing changes in our officer positions and committee chairs in the near future. Some of these positions have been continuously held by the same individuals for many years. These leadership changes are inevitable due to the mature nature of Walla’s membership. The LRPC along with the Walla board and committees will need to work closely with the new committee chairs to ensure as trouble free a transition as possible. The outgoing chairs and officers will play a vital role in offering guidance and leadership to the new administration. The long years of experience and the countless hours of time that these long serving members have unselfishly given to Walla are invaluable to the continued excellence that makes Walla the outstanding organization is it today. Please offer your thanks to these people whenever the opportunity arises.

In the future the LRPC will be addressing changes in technology that will be beneficial in record keeping and member services. As well as looking at establishing some minor procedures in the area of finance and curriculum that will help ensure Walla’s future.

LRPC Committee members: Mario Antonelli, Gail Beck, Leslie Brost, Russ Clark, Mary Gardner, Nancy Hart, Russ Noble, Mary Quinn, Dennis Sorge, Al Williams

## Office Advisory Committee

The WALLA office was open (10 am until 1 pm weekdays) and maintained by Office Volunteers over 70% of the time Morton Center was open. Approximately thirty members volunteered time and service to welcome visitors, respond to phone calls and e-mails, maintain office cleanliness, and assist with mailings and other office tasks. Additional volunteers are always welcomed and needed. If you would like to become an Office Volunteer, please contact Charlene Watson (474-9101 or cel.watson@comcast.net).

An Office Advisory Committee directed operations of the office. Howard Magadanz maintained the office computer. Other members of the Advisory Committee included Leslie Brost, Virginia Carter, Gloria Huffman, Barbara Krause, Jo Sullivan, and Charlene Watson.

Gloria Huffman, an Office Volunteer, continued the ministry of sending Get Well cards and Sympathy cards to our WALLA friends who need a bit of cheer and to improve our ability to “take care” of each other. This support was very well received. Please communicate to Gloria (497-2052) if you are aware of a need within the WALLA family.

The WALLA Office also functioned as an exhibition gallery for collections and art under the supervision of Virginia Carter. WALLA members and guests enjoyed viewing the art, crafts, and collections graciously shared by fellow members. Do you have something you would like to share with us? If so, please contact Virginia at 474-2042.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Watson

## 2015-2016 Walla Officers, Board Members, Nominees

President, Dennis Sorge  
 Vice President, Alan Williams  
 Secretary, Kathleen Connolly  
 Treasurer, Gail Beck  
 Past President, Vince Green

### 3 Year Term Expiring 2016

Mary Quinn &  
 Vince Green 1st  
 Alan Williams 1st  
 Peggy Housley 1st  
 Gail Beck 2nd #  
 Jo Ellen Cox @  
 Robert Slagel 2nd #

### 3 Year Term Expiring 2017

Ann Skadberg 2nd  
 Linda Taulman 2nd  
 Leslie Brost 1st  
 Marshall Deutelbaum 1st  
 Patrick Egan 1st  
 Nancy Hartman 1st  
 Howard Magadanz 1st

### 3 Year Term Expiring 2018

Kathleen Connolly 1st  
 Dorothy Jones 2nd  
 Dennis Sorge 2nd  
 Dwayne Daehler 1st  
 Mary Jo Pflum 1st  
 SuzAnn Schott 1st

### Nominees 3 Year Term expiring 2019

Mary Quinn 1st  
 Vince Green 2nd  
 Peggy Housley 2nd  
 Alan Williams 2nd  
 Jo Ellen Cox 1st  
 Sally Gustafson 1st  
 Drew Casani 1st

**Notes:** “2nd” Second Consecutive 3 Year Term  
 “#” Statutory Retirement after 2nd consecutive 3 Year Term  
 “&” Completing 1st Term of Nancy Hart  
 “@” Completing 2nd Term of Etta Lazaros

### Ex-officio

Mary Gardner Purdue Liaison and WALLA Coordinator  
 Pennie Ainsworth West Lafayette Parks and Recreation  
 Bess Witcosky Morton Community Center Director and Scheduler  
 Erica Brown West Lafayette Public Library/WALLA Films and Friends series  
 Donna Biehl Office Manager, St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Submitted: James B. Moore, Chairman Board Development Committee

## Committee Chairs 2015-2016

The Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association would not be an effective organization without the contribution of its committees. The WALLA officers sincerely appreciate the time and effort contributed by the dedicated members of the committees and the committee chair/co-chairpersons.

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR and CO-CHAIR PERSONS</b>
Audio Visual	Howard Magadan
Audit	Leslie Brost
Board Development	Jim Moore
Curriculum	Bob Slagel/Marshall Deutelbaum
Finance/Budget	Gail Beck
Newsletter	Nancy Hartman
Office Advisory	Dixie Fry/Charlene Watson
Officer Nominating	Joe Krause
Programming	Joe Krause
Special Events	Peggy Housley/Jo Ellen Cox
Webmaster	Nancy Hartman

## President's Annual Report

The Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association is healthy. WALLA is a dynamic, growing organism. When there are obstacles, they are overcome; when there are voids, they are filled; when there are needs, they are met. WALLA is healthy because so many people are involved in all of its activities. I encourage you to read this annual report to more fully appreciate the number of individuals responsible, the number of people needed, to make this such a strong organization. To acknowledge anyone means to acknowledge everyone. Each participant contributes through his/her presence at the variety of programs. Each committee member contributes with ideas and energy to carry out the responsibility of the committee. The Board oversees and supports the committee chairs and their members.

WALLA is happy to have developed a symbiotic relationship with St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Their facility has served us well and the staff is graciously helpful. The WALLA AV committee has done an outstanding job to provide audio and visual enhancements that provide improved hearing and seeing. The Curriculum committee makes a strong effort to encourage and support people who are or want to be presenters of classes. The committee also helps setup, tear down and clean up before and after classes.

Where there is food or drink the Special Events committee is responsible. There are bagels and/or drinks during classes. Pizza or chicken appear at the semiannual get together to learn about future classes. There are two lunches during class time.

The Program Committee provides a wonderful variety of trips across town, across the state and out of state. If you participate, you know how smoothly they run. To make them work requires much time and effort.

There are many other committees working behind the scenes: Board Development, Officer Nominating, Audit, Finance, Newsletter/Web page, Office advisory. From time to time the Board establishes temporary committees. The Technology Committee is currently one of the those. Each plays a very important role to insure the smooth functioning of WALLA.

Also in addition to St. Andrew we are also thankful to the West Lafayette Public Library, and in particular Eric Brown, for its support of the Film and Friends movie program. West Lafayette Parks and Recreation, Pennie Ainsworth and Bess Witcosky, have supported WALLA with clean, functional rental space in Morton Center for office and storage space.

Purdue University through the Office of Engagement provides our Purdue Liaison, Mary Gardner. Not enough can be said about Mary's support of and enthusiasm for WALLA. Her involvement touches every activity, program, trip, committee, participant and printed document. For this we are most grateful.

Respectfully submitted Dennis Sorge, President

## Newsletter, Website and Publicity Committee

Six bi-monthly newsletter issues were published this fiscal year. After receiving articles from the various committee chairs, liaisons and officers regarding WALLA happenings, Nancy Hartman compiled and edited each issue. A warm thank you goes to our picky proof readers; Barbara & Joe Krause, Vince & Marilyn Green, Leslie Brost, Peggy Housley, Pamela Peterson, Carl Hartman, Dennis Sorge, and Tom Schott. Because of their efforts, few mistakes made it into the final copy.

Around 550 copies of each issue are printed thanks to the efforts of Rich Abrahamson and the CopyMat Shop. The issues are addressed and bulk mailed by John Whiteman of JC Printing & Mailing. This assures you receive the issues as quickly as possible and at the lowest cost possible. We continue to send out the newsletters electronically and our subscribership increases after every issue. We have almost tripled our subscriber base in the past year to 89 subscribers for the e-newsletter.

The website continues to be updated on a regular basis. Nancy tries to keep everything up-to-date with the assistance of Joe Krause and, new this year, Leslie Brost. Nancy posts the bi-monthly newsletter as well as adding photographs and news event articles.

Thanks to Leslie Brost, we now have a Facebook page. She posts events there. If you are on Facebook stop by for a look. Just search by our full name – Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association. Nancy is also an administrator for the page.

As part of WALLA publicity, Nancy helped create or revise flyers for various events including the picnic and pizza party, the Summer Trip and the Annual Meeting.

We can always use help on the committee. If you are interested in writing, like to post on Facebook, learn about the website, or help create flyers, volunteer for this interesting committee.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hartman, Chairperson

## Curriculum Committee

During the fiscal year ending 2016 the Curriculum Committee was co-chaired by Alan Williams, Bob Slagel and Marshall Deutelbaum. Al Williams will become WALLA president in 2016 and will continue to be part of the Committee but not as co-chairman. Jacques Delleur has been a long time leader of the Curriculum Committee and is still a very active member and continues to offer his help and guidance.

The Curriculum Committee bears the responsibility of developing and organizing the spring and fall WALLA class sessions. New members are welcomed and indeed needed to offer class suggestions and to help develop new courses.

The Curriculum Committee held its Focus Groups meetings on September 10, 2015 and on February 2, 2016 to entertain course suggestions for the spring and the fall 2016 sessions. Twenty one people attended the September Focus meeting and 17 attended the February meeting. The Focus Groups meetings are the principal sources of ideas for future classes. Other sources include the suggestions from members and class evaluation slips. The Focus Groups meetings are open to all WALLA participants and have recently been held at the MCL Cafeteria. Summaries of the suggestions made at the Focus Groups meetings were prepared by Jacques Delleur and distributed to Curriculum Committee attendees.

The Curriculum Committee met on April 28, 2015 to develop class offerings for the fall 2015 session and again on December 1, 2015 to build a spring 2016 class schedule. Coordinator meetings are held about a week before each class session. At these meetings Mary Gardner informs the coordinators of the respective approximate enrollments and room assignments and speaker's gifts (Panera, Arni's, and Starbucks gift cards, or memory sticks) were distributed. Fall classes were held from October 19 to November 12, 2015. Thirteen full length classes and 14 mini-courses were offered in the fall session. Spring 2015 classes were held from March 21 April 14 and fourteen full length courses and 14 mini-courses were offered. WALLA is very fortunate to have had presenters for the sessions that offer a variety of very interesting courses for a wide range of interests.

In the past WALLA classes were held at Morton Center in West Lafayette. Beginning in the fall of 2014 we began holding classes at St Andrews Methodist Church on North Salisbury Ave. The move to SAM was difficult but after holding four sessions there, we have found the new facility to match our needs well with pleasant class rooms, adequate parking and other amenities.

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The Curriculum Committee plans to meet April 26, 2016 to develop the course program for the fall of 2016. These class sessions will again be held at St Andrews Methodist church. Course information should be turned in to Mary Gardner by June 1, 2016.

The Curriculum Committee wishes to express its gratitude to Mary Gardner for her outstanding role in finalizing the course programs and presenting us with crafted brochures that fully describe the curriculum.

Submitted Bob Slagel, Marshall Deutelbaum, Chairs

## Officer Nominating Committee

The Officer Nominating Committee met on February 12, 2016 to discuss names of WALLA participants for the position of Vice-President (President-elect) and several other offices.

Several names were given serious consideration and then the Committee cast secret ballots ranking each person's top three choices in order. The Committee settled upon Board Member Leslie Brost who has consented to have her name put into nomination at the April 2016 meeting of the WALLA Board of Directors.

Previously Chairperson Joe Krause received permission from Secretary Kathleen Connolly to have her name submitted to the Board at the April meeting as well. Also Gail Beck informed the Board in December that she would be switching to Assistant Treasurer and Mary Quinn would assume the Treasurer Position.

Finally, it is understood that Alan Williams will move from President-elect to President. All of the nominations and the automatic succession of the President-elect will take place at the April Board meeting.

The Officer Nominating Committee traditionally consists of all former WALLA Presidents who are still relatively active. These included: Gail Beck, Joe Krause, Jack Delleur, Vince Green, Jim Moore. In addition President Dennis Sorge, President-elect Alan Williams and Purdue Liaison Mary Gardner participated.

Submitted by Joe Krause, Officer Nominating Committee chair

## Programming Committee

In 2015-2016 the Programming Committee provided WALLA participants and the general public with monthly films at the West Lafayette Public Library, occasional one day trips, a three day trip to Northern Indiana, the annual Winter Getaway at McCormick's Creek and participation in One Great Read Events.

WALLA and Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library jointly present a film the second Monday of every month at 6:45 p.m. Erica Brown, WLPL staff member selects the films which have been purchased from WALLA funds. She hosts the film sessions as well as providing refreshments-usually popcorn. The Summer Film Series -five films in June through August- dealt with "The Great Outdoors". Attendance at the Summer Series was 198-a new record.

All films remain part of the library collection with notations that WALLA has donated them.

On May 6 Thirty WALLA participants enjoyed "The Best of Broadway" production at Meyers Dinner Theatre in Hillsboro, Indiana. Jack Delleur was in charge of this trip.

June 10-11-12 Thirty-two WALLA participants visited "Northwest Indiana: The Third Coast". This three-day two night excursion covered sites including the Indiana Dunes, Michigan City International Friendship Gardens, a historic lighthouse, lakefront and the Barker mansion, Pioneer Land in LaPorte, the Kingsbury (WW II) Ordnance Facility, the LaPorte County Historical Museum, and outdoor art at Purdue's North Central Campus. The major planners were MaryJo Pflum and Nancy Hartman but several other committee members also assisted including Dennis Sorge and Mary Gardner. A four session mini-course in the Spring of 2015 helped build interest for the trip.

Friday September 18 about forty participants visited Nashville and Brown County Indiana in a "Taste of Nashville" trip designed and led by Peggy Housley and Linda Taulman. WALLA travelers got into art galleries and historic buildings in downtown Nashville followed by a buffet luncheon at Artists Colony and Restaurant. In the afternoon the group toured the historic home of Indiana artists T.C. Steele and his wife. A stop at Oliver Winery whetted the appetites of the group before they feasted at Gray's Brothers Cafeteria in Mooresville.

In October committee member Sallie Cooke planned, arranged for and delivered WALLA's contribution to the One Great Read event. This was an October 8 WL Public Library showing of a PBS film on 200 years of North American whaling. This was in connection with the 2015 selection of *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

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WALLA members also attended several other One Great Read events jointly sponsored by local libraries.

In January 2016, WALLA once again went to the Opera. Jack and DeLores Delleur arranged for a buffet luncheon at Puccini's followed by viewing a live Metropolitan Opera's telecast of Puccini's *Turandot*. This is the second year for a luncheon and opera and it has proven to be a popular experience for winter month WALLA trips. Over thirty persons participated in the luncheon and the telecast at Wabash 9 Theater in West Lafayette.

Mary Jo Pflum and Peggy Housley planned and led the 10th Annual WALLA Winter Getaway (Feb 23-25) to McCormick's Creek State Park. Over eighty (80) participants on two charter buses enjoyed an escape from wintry weather further north, great hospitality by the Canyon Inn staff, and three films with Indiana themes. Gail Beck was recognized for her leadership in establishing this most popular WALLA excursion.

Joe Krause has completed a chart listing all Programming trips, forums, and jointly sponsored programs beginning in 2001 to 2015. In addition, he has submitted written descriptions of trip planning practices to President Dennis Sorge for inclusion in a handbook for various WALLA Committees.

Looking forward into 2016, the Programming Committee is planning a three-day, two hotel night trip to the St. Louis, Missouri area. (June 1-3) Nancy Hartman and Mary Jo Pflum are the principal planners while other committee members will be helping as well. A Saturday July 7th trip to the Delphi Opera House for a visit with James Whitcomb Riley has already been arranged by Ann Skadberg.

Committee members include: Gail Beck, Erica Brown (WLPL), James Carter, Russ Clark, Sallie Cooke, Jack Delleur, Lyn Doyle, Mary Gardner, Nancy Hartman, Peggy Housley, Joe Krause, Jim Moore, Mary Jo Pflum, Tom Schott, Ann Skadberg, Linda Taulman. (ex-officio Dennis Sorge and Al Williams).

Submitted by Joe Krause (Chairperson)

## Board Development Committee

In February 2015, the WALLA Executive Committee, with the consult of the Board Development Committee, nominated and approved Jo Ellen Cox to complete the second board term of Etta Lazaros which expires in 2016. Jo Ellen is nominated to commence her own first 3 year board term on completion of Etta's term. Mary Quinn will complete the initial term of Nancy Hart in 2016, and is nominated to commence her own first 3 year board term on completion of Nancy's term.

Vince Green, Alan Williams, and Peggy Housley will complete their first 3 year terms in 2016 and have agreed to take second terms in 2016, if elected.

Gail Beck and Robert Slagel will complete their second consecutive 3 year terms in 2016: thus, they are statutorily ineligible to take another term at this time. They will join other board retirees.

The committee is very pleased that Sally Gustafson and Drew Casani have agreed to be first term board nominees to fill the two board vacancies commencing in FY 2016, if elected.

Accordingly, the Board Development Committee nominates the following candidates to serve three-year terms commencing in FY 2016 and expiring at the end of FY 2019:

Mary Quinn 1st term

Jo Ellen Cox 1st term

Sally Gustafson 1st term

Drew Casani 1st term

Vince Green 2nd term

Alan Williams 2nd term

Peggy Housley 2nd term

Submitted by: James Moore, Chairman Board Development Committee

## Audio Visual Committee

The Audio Visual Committee continued to serve the needs of WALLA during classes by setting up equipment and assisting presenters. We also observe how well things work and try to make improvements for future events.

We opened the partition between Rooms 156 and 157 at Saint Andrews for the Fall 2015 classes, converting a small and medium room into one large room. We rented two 65 inch HDTVs to replace the 40 inch TVs that we previously used for PowerPoint and DVD programs and connected them so that they could simultaneously display the same program. We also used WALLA's 48 inch wide projector screen along with an overhead or slide projector for some classes. For Spring 2016, we will separate rooms 156 and 157 so that we can hold four simultaneous classes and replace the 48 inch movie screen with a new 70 inch screen in Room 157 using one of WALLA's older projectors instead of TVs.

The AV report for 2014-2015 identified several problems with Room 137, "the CrossRoads Room". These were addressed by bringing WALLA's 96 inch movie screen to the church and setting it up in the center of the stage rather than using the church's offset screen of the same size. Removing tables from the room allowed easier access to the chairs and increased room capacity.

When we moved from Morton in 2014, we had to leave behind our very large sound system. Our portable equipment proved to be inadequate for the large room and was replaced with a new system selected by Etta Lazaros in 2014. This has proved to be very functional so a second identical Fender Passport Conference sound system has been purchased for Room 157 and will be used with our projector and larger screen starting with the Spring 2016 classes.

The continuing drop in price of electronic equipment has made it practical to replace some of our old but still functional equipment. So, we converted all our AV computers from Windows 7 or 8.1 to Windows 10 and replaced the old software with the latest Office 365. We also purchased two new and identical Samsung DVD players and a Sony Blu-Ray player.

I'd like to thank Nancy and Carl Hartman for considerable assistance and the other WALLA members who have helped set up and take down the AV equipment during class. We can always use additional volunteers, especially those who are willing to learn how our equipment operates and will support it during classes.

Howard Magadan, WALLA AV chairperson, March 2016

## Special Events

The Special Events Committee has many varied responsibilities throughout the year. We set up and take down the free hot beverage trays each day the WALLA classes are in session. The first two days of classes in the fall and in the spring, the committee provides bagels and cream spreads. We also arrange for the catering of box lunches, two in the fall and two in the spring. These are always held on the Tuesday of the second week, and the Wednesday of the third week. We also facilitate the two social programs for the distribution of class brochures.

On August 20, the Special Events Committee provided a picnic for WALLA members and guests in co-operation with the Curriculum Committee. The picnic was held in the Social Hall of St. Lawrence Church in Lafayette. We enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by D&R. Great Harvest Bread donated the bread. The Curriculum Committee distributed brochures for the Fall courses and introduced the co-ordinators. They, in turn, described their classes which started on October 19.

During the Fall session, Jane's Gourmet Deli catered the two box lunches. The ladies from St. Andrew Church served a lunch to our participants also. We were also fortunate to have Fattie's Barbecue set up lunches on the four Thursdays that classes were held.

On February 11, 2016, the committee arranged for our annual pizza party for WALLA members and guests. This was held at the Burtsfield Gym in West Lafayette. Catered for the fourteenth year by Arni's Pizza, we enjoyed our lunch of Jr. Salads and a variety of pizzas. The Curriculum Committee invited the co-ordinators of the Spring classes to give an overview of their upcoming classes which began March 21. Brochures were passed out to all who attended.

During the Spring 2016 session of classes, Jane's Gourmet Deli and Fattie's Barbecue once again served delicious meals to us.

Submitted by Co-Chairs, Peggy Housley and JoEllen Cox

Committee members: Leslie Brost, Jim Carter, Virginia Carter, Kathleen Connolly, DeLores Delleur, Polly Egan, Dixie Frye, Inge Maresh, Jean McCoy, SuzAnn Schott, Ann Skadberg, Barb Soodek, Jo Sullivan, Judy Wright

## Technology Committee

Nancy Hartman continued to chair this ad-hoc committee consisting of Leslie Brost, Howard Magadan, Al Williams, Jim Moore, Joe Krause, Russ Noble, and Patrick Egan. Our charge: "Over the next three years investigate and start implementation of technology applications that enhance WALLA's mission and make for a more efficient operation. Areas of concentration should be communication, class and activity enrollments, finance, and database structure and use."

The committee met bi-monthly during this fiscal year. As they reviewed our current technology, they made some immediate recommendations as we helped support standing committees. This included AV concerns, telephone and data issues, migrating to a dedicated web hosting account, backup web administration, bookkeeping, databases, email and more. We reviewed other areas of WALLA that are also impacted by technology. We reviewed products and software to help address the needs.

The committee intends to meet one more time, prepare the final report for the board and then disband.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hartman, Chairperson

## Audit Report - Fiscal Year

The Audit Committee of the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc. reviewed the financial records of the organization on April 11, 2016. We believe the books are in good order, properly handled to accurately show income and expense in a manner which is consistent with acceptable accounting methods. The organization's financial position has been presented accurately by the treasurer, Gail Beck and the assistant treasurer Mary Quinn and they have executed their duties responsibly and commendably.

Submitted by: Chair, Leslie Brost; Members, Tom Schott and Alan Williams

## Financial Report as of March 31, 2016

Lafayette Bank and Trust Checking Account Balance .....	\$7,238.11
Lafayette Bank and Trust Certificate of Deposit .....	\$5,316.88
Property .....	\$6,521.80
Total Assets.....	\$19,076.79

# Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc. (WALLA) is to offer intellectual, cultural, and social opportunities for individuals 50 years of age and older.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc. (WALLA). It is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network and Purdue Extended Campus.

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of WALLA shall be to offer opportunities for intellectual stimulation, rewarding cultural and social activities, and personal growth.

### ARTICLE III – PARTICIPANTS

1. Participation shall be open to persons 50 years of age and older. There are no educational prerequisites beyond the desire to continue learning.
2. The WALLA participation year shall run from May 1 through April 30 of the following year.
3. The Board of Directors shall establish class registration fees for participants.
4. Class registrants have the following benefits: participating in special events, becoming a member of the Board of Directors, serving on committees, and voting at the Annual Meeting.
5. A special participants' meeting may be called upon written request to the President by ten participants in which the reason for the special meeting is clearly stated and justified.

### ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Board)

1. The governing body shall be a 20-member volunteer Board, elected by the class participants at the Annual Meeting. Members of the Board will serve for three-year terms on a rotating basis, but not to exceed two consecutive three-year terms. In addition, the Past President shall serve one year as an ex-officio member with vote. A representative from Purdue's Extended Campus, the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department, the Director of Morton Center, and a representative from the West Lafayette Public Library shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board without vote. The Board shall establish policies, institute programs and activities, and be responsive to the wishes and needs of the members.

2. The Board elects the following officers to serve one year: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall not serve more than two **consecutive terms**. The Board shall elect officers at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.
3. Board members are required to attend at least two-thirds of the meetings called, unless excused. The voting members present shall constitute a quorum at each meeting of the Board.
4. The minutes of all Board meetings, as prepared by the Secretary and approved by the Board, shall be the official record of WALLA's policies and procedures.
5. The President shall appoint a WALLA participant to complete an unexpired term should a vacancy occur.
6. All regular Board meetings shall be open to any WALLA participant in good standing. No voting privileges are implied.

### ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board, the immediate Past President, and the liaison from Purdue Extended Campus.

The Executive Committee shall:

- Establish the time of meetings
- Meet one week prior to each Board meeting
- Handle matters needing immediate attention
- Keep abreast of the overall status of WALLA and make recommendations to the Board
- Be responsible for orientation of new Board members.

### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The President shall:

- Prepare the agenda for and preside at all Executive Committee meetings, Board meetings, and the Annual Meeting
- Appoint chairs of all standing committees and other committees that may be established
- Appoint an historian to maintain a permanent history of WALLA's activities and programs
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all standing committees except the Executive Committee, which the President chairs
- Ensure that a coordinated program for the ensuing year, including classes, projects, and activities, be developed and provided for participants.
- Call special meetings of the Board whenever necessary
- Appoint a Board Development Committee which, at the Annual Meeting, shall present a slate of nominees for election to the Board for the ensuing year

- Appoint an Officer Nominating Committee which, at the first meeting of the new Board, shall present a slate of nominees for election as officers of the Board for the ensuing year
- Appoint replacement(s) for officers during the course of the year if such action is needed, as directed by the Board
- Appoint Ad Hoc committees as needed and appoint replacements for unexpired terms, with consult of the chair of Board Development, should a vacancy occur
- Write thank you letters to new attendees.

The Vice President shall:

- Assist the President in the performance of his or her duties
- In the absence of the President, perform all the functions of the President
- Be responsible for organizing the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary shall:

- Record and distribute minutes of Executive and Board meetings at the Annual Meeting
- Carry out correspondence as directed by the President
- Notify appropriate personnel of all Executive and Board meetings
- Maintain a list of Board members, including phone numbers and email addresses
- Maintain copies of all official records relating to WALLA.

The Treasurer shall:

- Manage WALLA funds with the approval of the Board
- Work with the Purdue Extended Campus liaison, as appropriate, in matters relating to finances
- Serve as chair of the Finance and Budget Committee
- Prepare and submit a financial report at Board meetings, the Annual Meeting and other meetings, as requested by the President.

## ARTICLE VI- STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee chairs are appointed by the President.

### 1. **Finance and Budget Committee**, chaired by the Treasurer, shall:

- Prepare an annual budget, in consultation with appropriate committees and persons, for approval by the Board
- Engage in long range financial planning.

### 2. **Curriculum Committee** shall:

- Identify and be responsive to curriculum interests of participants
- Plan and carry out the curriculum
- Provide the Publicity Committee with appropriate information
- Evaluate and make changes, as needed, in the curriculum

- Determine the needs and reserve classroom space accordingly
- Secure fall and spring luncheon speakers
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

### 3. **Special Events Committee** shall:

- Plan and provide social and recreational events
- Be responsible for hosts and hostesses and for refreshments, as appropriate
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

### 4. **Publicity Committee** shall:

- Prepare and disseminate information, supplied by committees, concerning the purpose and programs of WALLA to potential participants, supporting groups, and the general public
- Prepare a bi-monthly newsletter to be mailed to participants and posted on the WALLA Web site
- Prepare additional publications as appropriate
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

### 5. **Programming Committee** shall:

- Oversee the development, organization, and implementation of all WALLA learning and enrichment activities that normally occur outside the traditional fall and spring WALLA semesters
- Monitor program planning expenses to be reimbursed
- Work in parallel and coordinate activities with the standing Curriculum Committee
- Make monthly and annual reports to the Board
- Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee for approval.

### 6. **Audio Visual (AV) Committee** shall:

- Purchase, or otherwise acquire, with Board approval, AV equipment and supplies to accommodate the needs of WALLA courses and programs
- Develop and provide training for new committee members in the setup and operation of AV equipment for WALLA programs and events
- Prepare an AV equipment line-item request for the annual budget to cover anticipated expenses for new AV equipment, supplies, maintenance, and repairs as needed
- Maintain an AV equipment inventory record in the WALLA office.

### 7. **Office Advisory Committee** shall:

- Maintain office volunteer schedule
- Maintain the WALLA database that includes historical data of participation, and paper and digital copies of WALLA newsletters
- Maintain office supply needs

- d. Participate in the upkeep of the office organization, attractiveness and cleanliness
- e. Submit an annual budget to the Finance and Budget Committee.

**8. Audit Committee shall:**

- a. Be appointed by the President and shall review the financial transactions consummated by the treasurer on an annual basis
- b. The report shall be submitted to the Board for inclusion in the Annual Report.

**ARTICLE VII- ANNUAL MEETING**

1. The Vice President shall determine the date of the WALLA Annual Meeting.
2. Those present shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.
4. A special meeting may be called by the President, the purpose of which shall be stated in the call. A two-week notification shall be given prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the participants present at the Annual Meeting. Amendments shall be proposed only by the Board and must be submitted in writing to the participants at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE IX-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

Approved at Annual Meeting 05/04/2012

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