

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE:
Our next Board Meeting will be held on
Sunday, February 5, 2012 from 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m.**

Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

**Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, January 8, 2012
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
Portland State University
Cramer Hall, Finnish Room**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Dave Alford, Greg Jacob, Katariina Lehtonen, Cynthia Pannell, Seppo Saarinen, Dirk Schulbach, Kai Sjoblom (*Quorum present*).

Absent: Elisa Boynton, Jukka Perkiömäki, Jim Rinta, Andrea Tolonen.

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes (11-6-11). The minutes from this meeting are not available at this time. As soon as the notes are located, the minutes will be produced for approval by the Board.

Annual Board Minutes (3-5-11). Seppo discovered the Annual Board Minutes had not been submitted when the Annual Membership Minutes were reviewed and corrected by the Board (5-1-11). Prior to the meeting, Seppo asked Cynthia to bring the records up-to-date. The Board unanimously approved the Annual Board Minutes from 2011.

2012 FFCPC Events

Event Schedule. Seppo asked each member to consider how they could help with the remaining 2011-2012 Board Year events. He also asked for suggestions for possible volunteers. The highlights of the discussion are presented below:

Spring 2012 Presentations/Lectures. Originally, four presentations were scheduled for January through April; however, due to other spring activities, the Board decided to postpone two presentations. Also, some ideas were discussed on how to broaden our lecture series by (1) expanding to other topics which our FFCPC members might find interesting (e.g., Finnish/Finnish-American traditions, history, science, environment, folk art & crafts, etc.) and (2) opening up the venue beyond just Board member presentations to other FFCPC members and guests.

Date	Event
Friday, January 20, 2012 7:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-9:30 p.m. (refreshments)	"1886 and 1896—Memorable Years for Finns in Astoria" by Greg Jacob in Finnish Room

Presentation Committee: Greg Jacob (leader), Cynthia, Andrea, Katariina, Dave
Supporting Members: TBD

The first presentation will be given by Greg and he has agreed to supply an LCD projector for the other presentations, as needed. Details regarding set-up, publicity and refreshment support will be arranged via e-mail.

Friday, April 20, 2012 7:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-9:30 p.m. (refreshments)	"Sisu, the Finnish Truck" by Seppo Saarinen in Finnish Room
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Presentation Committee: Seppo Saarinen (leader)
Supporting Members: TBD

Details to come.

Postponed Presentations/Lectures. The following presentations will be scheduled by the 2012-2013 Board of Directors.

Date	Event
Friday, TBD 2012 7:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-9:30 p.m. (refreshments)	"Nokia Corporation" by Seppo Saarinen in Finnish Room

Presentation Committee: Seppo Saarinen (leader)
Supporting Members: TBD

Details to come.

Friday, TBD 2012 7:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-9:30 p.m. (refreshments)	"Finnish Composers" by Elisa Boynton in Finnish Room
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Presentation Committee: Elisa Boynton (leader)
Supporting Members: TBD

Details to come.

Other 2012 Events. The final FFCPC-sponsored events for the 2011-2012 Board term year are (1) the 2nd Annual Boris Sirpo Recital and (2) the Jean Sibelius Dinner. We

have also accepted invitations to three additional activities through August 2012. These include: Vappu—New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society; Midsummer—Scandinavian Heritage Foundation; and FinNic—Finnish-American Historical Society of the West. Any additional activities for 2012-2013 Board term year will be planned and implemented by the new Board of Directors.

Date	Event
Saturday, February 11, 2012 2:00-5:00 p.m.	2nd Annual Boris Sirpo Recital (Concert/Competition) (Awards: Boris Sirpo for string instrumentalist and Wilho Saari for kantele instrumentalist) at Messiah Lutheran Church

Competition Committee: Elisa/Seppo (co-leaders), Katariina, Dave.
Supporting Members:

The Board briefly discussed the recital; however, a number of questions were raised and need to be addressed by Elisa upon her return from Finland: (1) will both string and kantele performers be represented in this year's recital; (2) will both awards be presented this year; and (3) will the competition officially begin in 2013? Details for this year's event regarding set-up, donation collection, publicity and refreshment support still need to be worked out via e-mail and/or our next meeting.

Saturday, March 10, 2012 6:00-10:00 p.m.	Jean Sibelius Dinner at Hoffman Hall, PSU
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Sibelius Dinner Committee: Seppo (leader), Andrea, Katariina, Cynthia, Elisa, Dave, Dirk, Greg, Kai. *Supporting Members:* Judy Gervais, others?

The dinner location has yet to be finalized. Greg volunteered to check into other sponsorship possibilities for PSU reservations since we have not received a response from the Foreign Language Department via Tom Birnie. Arrangements need to be finalized as soon as possible. Evidently, PSU Parkway North is not available; however, there are a couple other options, including Hoffman Hall. Additional inquiries will be made and updates will be supplied via email.

Dinner costs were briefly discussed; however, no decisions were finalized. Open items include: (1) member/non-member prices, (2) invited guests (e.g. 2012 Lucia) as part of Finnish culture (will FFCPC pay for dinner?), (3) musicians/performers (will we provide dinner or not?). With regard to FFCPC costs, it was suggested, for accounting purposes, that the costs be separated into the following categories: dinner, entertainment, and cultural expenses. Also, it was acknowledged that monies should be moved to Cultural Fund to better reflect FFCPC cultural activity spending. More discussion will follow.

2012-2013 FFCPC Events

Date	Event
Monday, April 30, 2012 6:00-10:00 p.m.	Vappu/Walborg's Eve (sponsored by New Sweden) at Dave Carter's farm in Stafford, West Linn

Vappu Committee: Dave (leader). *Supporting Members:*

New Sweden Group has invited us to participate again this year. We need to determine how we can contribute to food offerings, presentation, etc. [NOTE: the New Sweden's website states: "*Monday, April 30: Celebrate Valborgsmässoafton (Walpurgis Eve) with a bonfire, snacks and hot drinks. 7 p.m. at Dave and Melinda Carter's home, 1470 SW Borland Road, West Linn, OR. We will be joined by the Finnish Community and the Scandinavian Choruses.*"]

Saturday, June 16, 2012 6:00-10:00 p.m.	Midsummer Festival (sponsored by SHF)
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Midsummer Committee: _____ (leader). *Supporting Members:*

To increase our presence this year, we briefly discussed including a presentation and/or booth display at Midsummer Festival since Helsinki has been listed as the #2 destination travel destination for 2012 by the New York Times; and has also been designated as the World Design Capital for 2012 by the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design. More research and discussion about expanding our Midsummer presence needs to be discussed. Plans will be developed by the new Board.

Sunday, August __, 2012 6:00-10:00 p.m.	FinNic (sponsored by FAHSNW)
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FinNic Committee: _____ (leader). *Supporting Members:*

Since FAHSW will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, we need to figure out what FFCPC's contribution will be and encourage our membership to attend this fun event. Details to come.

Membership

Annual/Lifetime Dues. The Board finalized the 2012 membership dues (both fees incl. children 22 and under at the same address):

- \$30 Individual & Family Membership
- \$300 Individual Lifetime Membership

The "Lifetime Family Membership" classification was eliminated. Dave will update 2012 membership application and cards and forward them to Seppo for distribution to the FFCPC membership.

Regarding FFCPC's membership records, it was decided that we will maintain electronic copies only of all historical membership records. Dave indicated he has some historical records which will be turned over to Cynthia for processing. This information will be used to help reconcile membership and payment records discrepancies. Once scanned and verified, the original documents will be destroyed.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

To accommodate moving next year's Boris Sirpo Competition and Concert closer to February 28 (Kalevala Day), the Bylaws need to be changed. The proposed change needs to be approved at the next Annual Meeting to become effective in 2013.

Financials and 2011-2012 Budget

Financial Update. The preliminary 2011 year-end balance sheet shows a total of \$10,414.95 which is an improvement over the 2010 total. Dirk will finalize the as soon as he receives the December bank statement and processes the final 2011 expenses. The audit materials will be prepared and forwarded to Saara Mathews for review. Also, we would like to ask Denver James to be the second auditor, if he is available.

Meetings

Board Meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (see note above for time change).

Annual Membership and Board Meetings. The annual meetings are scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2012 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The exact schedule will be determined at our next meeting.

Other Topics

Certificates of Appreciation. It was brought to the Board's attention that a "Christmas Around the World" display was held at the Pittock Mansion over the holidays. The display included a Finnish Christmas room. Katariina asked the Board recognize the group of women who coordinated display. It was decided that Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to them. Dave agreed to make the certificates. We also discussed honoring this year's Lucia, who is of Finnish descent.

Portland International Film Festival ("PIFF"). FFCPC has been asked by SHF to work with them in sponsoring another Finnish film for the 2012 PIFF (February 9-25). The entry under consideration is "Lapland Odyssey" (a Finnish road trip comedy by same director as "Home of Dark Butterflies"). The Board unanimously decided to be sponsor for the Finnish entry.

Member Questionnaire. Discussion about another questionnaire was postponed until our next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.