

Finlandia Foundation® Columbia-Pacific Chapter

**Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 10, 2012
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Portland State University
Cramer Hall, Finnish Room**

Minutes

Call to Order

The members enjoyed a half hour of mingling, refreshments and music by the Willamette Falls Youth Orchestra Quartet prior to President Seppo Saarinen calling the annual meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The call to order was immediately followed by both the United States and Finnish national anthems performed by Annie Lei, Megan Hiserote and Elisa Boynton, violin. Then, interspersed throughout the meeting, were various musical offerings from Young Guest Artists from the 2nd Annual Boris Sirpo Recital – Camden Cook, Megan Hiserote, Clair McClish and Annei Lei.

Reading and Approval of the March 5, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

The March 5, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes were read by Cynthia Pannell. A brief discussion followed which acknowledged that FFCPC had not yet solved the following issues between PSU and the Finnish community: (1) permanently rectify the issue of the perpetuity of Finnish Room usage (the original paperwork is missing); (2) establish the ownership of physical assets in the Finnish Room by (a physical inventory has yet to be done which identifies FFCPC's and the Finnish community's vested interest in the Finnish Room; and (3) approach PSU with appropriate documents to re-establish the original arrangements made years ago between PSU and the Finnish community for the future. Following this discussion, the minutes were approved with corrections by the membership.

2011 - 2012 Events

Our chapter of the Finlandia Foundation held 11 events during the 2011-2012 Board year. Highlights were presented by Elisa Boynton and Andrea Tolonen. They included:

1. Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim Dinner
2. Vappu or Walborg's Eve, a joint event with the New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society
3. Presentation and discussion about serving in the Finnish Army
4. Helsinki Café at the 83rd Annual Portland Midsummer Festival
5. FinNic at the Historic Lindgren Cabin, hosted by the Finnish American Historical Society of the West
6. "The Lapp King's Daughter" book lecture and signing by Stina Katchadourian

7. Joulupukki Tableau with photos at ScanFair
8. Food booth at ScanFair
9. Presentation commemorating Finland's Independence Day at ScanFair
10. "1886 and 1896 – Memorable Years for Finns in Astoria" presentation by Greg Jacobs
11. 2nd Annual Boris Sirpo Recital

Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Katariina Lehtonen and Dave Alford to a group of women who were responsible for the Finnish Christmas Room at the Pittock Mansion. The certificates were awarded to Betty Jean Aitchison, Rita Devlin, Gayl Hauenberger, Claudine Stock, and Tommie West.

FFCPC Member Awards

At this point in the meeting, Seppo Saarinen and Dave Alford presented three award to FFCPC members who willingly give of their time and talents to FFCPC activities. These awards included:

Distinguished Lecturer Award

- Marlene Broemer for her lecture entitled "Poetry at the Finnish-Russian Border" given on March 4, 2011
- Greg Jacob for his lecture entitled "1886 and 1896 – Memorable Years for Finns in Astoria" given on January 12, 2012

Most Valuable Finn Award

- Elisa Boynton for Exemplary Service as the Chapter's Cultural Director and in Recognition and Appreciation for her Promotion of and Participation in Music and Events for the Membership, Youth and the Community

Treasurer's Report

Dirk Schulbach made a presentation regarding the 2011 Financial Reports, including the Profit and Loss by Job Reports, The Itemized Profit and Loss Report, and the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2011. All pertinent reports are available in printed form. He also read the 2011 Audit Statement by the audit committee.

Proposed Revision of the Bylaws

Dave Alford presented the proposed modification to our Bylaws to align our Annual Meeting and operational year with Finlandia Foundation National's membership data and dues requirements:

"Article IV. Meetings and Elections

The Chapter shall hold an Annual Meeting during the month of ~~March~~
February of each and every year the Chapter is in operation."

The revision was unanimously adopted by the membership in attendance.

Year 2011 and the Future

Seppo Saarinen presented his "Year 2011 and the Future" presentation which summarized:

1. The 11 activities of the year (8 events sponsored by FFCPC and 3 in conjunction with other Scandinavian organizations)
2. The expansion of the board from 5 to 11 members
3. The Board held 9 meetings (8 of which had a quorum present)
4. The 2011 membership included 38 Life members and 26 paid Annual members
5. The distribution list included members, former members and potential members with FFCPC sending email correspondence to 108 working email addresses
6. Going forward —
 - a. We have lots of ideas which need to be explored, find interesting cultural and inspirational activities, new Finnish and Finnish-American areas, topics and items to work on;
 - b. We need to understand the time and resource necessary to realistically make things happen; and
 - c. We need to plan early, work together and solicit help from volunteer members.
7. The Future —
 - a. Success is possible through effort, commitment and Suomalaista Sisua (Finnish perseverance) and success brings delighted members and longevity.

Election of 2012 Board of Directors

Greg Jacob presented the Board members who have completed their 2-year term. They include: Dave Alford, Jukka Perkiömäki, Jim Rinta and Dirk Schulbach. Hilja Davis was the leader of the Nominating Committee and they found the following candidates who expressed their willingness to serve as Board members for a 2-year term: They are: Dave Alford, Jukka Perkiömäki, Dirk Schulbach and Ray Wikman. The membership unanimously approved all four candidates to serve from 2012 through 2014.

Election of Auditors

Greg Jacob presented that Denver James and Henry Boynton were the auditors for the 2011-2012 Board year at the 2011 Annual Meeting; however, both of them moved

away from the area during the year. The Board then invited Saara Matthews to serve as an auditor and she graciously agreed.

Adjournment

With no additional matters to be addressed, the Annual Meeting was brought to a close by Seppo Saarinen at 4:40 p.m.