

ILR 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

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Opening and Approval:

Doug Imhoff (ILR President) welcome attendees to the May 22, 2025 Annual Meeting BWU Strosacker Hall Student Union.

Acceptance of Minutes from Annual Meeting May 2024 was moved for approval by Karl Keller, seconded by Gary Erlinger, and unanimously approved by all in attendance.

Doug noted that Beth Townsend was absent.

Doug presented the following highlights. He recognized the strong work across committees, especially curriculum (the new presenters), marketing initiatives, and the financial committee's "participation"/ bottom- up budgeting approach started 3 years ago.

Membership trends are growing. The relationship with Baldwin Wallace is improving. ILR has been working to strengthen ties including incoming BW President Lee Fisher (starts July 1st) who has express strong interest and even asked about speaking at the ILR luncheon or fall evening event.

ILR Reach Program expanded 1 hour classes at senior facilities (centers and libraries). He praised Mary Jo Mitchell for Reach Program and Peggy Doyle for marketing efforts and community festivals, noting approximately 60 to 70 classes with more to come.

He introduced long-term teacher service awards; three given this year to Father Harmon, Beth Sadowski, Mel Mauer; the plan is 2 awards annually going forward.

A Yearly Update From Each ILR Officer:

VP Maria Phillips (Office, Travel, Culture & Social) presented details regarding the staffing model of Team A (computer and registration) and Team B (phones and training volunteers).

Travel is going very well. Trips through Nowak, JKL, and Great Day tours.

Members are always encouraged to make trip ideas to Maria Phillips, Tom Brennan, and Karl Keller.

Remaining reports can be viewed in Maria Phillips' report.

VP Gary Erlinger (Finance & Scholarships) reported on the personnel changes: Del Raynor (accounts receivable) stepping down at the end of May and Marilyn Stimson will assume the role.

Remaining report can be viewed in Gary Erlinger's report.

VP Karl Keller (Membership) gave the membership report 1,493, which included paid members plus 24 lifetime members totally 1,517.

Remaining report can be viewed in Karl Keller's report.

VP Pam McConnell (Curriculum) report overall 80 teachers class counts this year: fall 43, winter 41 and Spring 42.

Remaining report can be viewed in Pam McConnell's report.

VP Beth Townsend (Marketing Initiatives and Reach Program) can be viewed in her report.

Doug's Closing Remarks: He recognized Dan Bomeli's excellent job with ILR's Newsletter. It has grown to 11 pages thanks to Dan's commitment.

Doug also thanked each committee for a successful year. He reminded the group to continue to encourage our members to reach out to their friends and bring them to the ILR events (classes, travel, social, and cultural). Since there were no questions, the meeting was properly ended by unanimous vote until next May 2026.