From the President

Here are some of the highlights of the February 1, 2006 CALL Board meeting.

The Board established another standing committee, the Health, Fitness, and Recreation Committee. This committee will supervise the MVPSportsPlex program begun last fall and the bicycle club, which is being formed, and make recommendations to the Board for the establishment of other activities in this general area.

The Board approved the establishment of a Distinguished Service Award. This award will recognize people who have made significant contributions to CALL over the years, and will be presented at the Spring Luncheon. Details of the award policy are given elsewhere in this CALL News, and members of CALL are urged to make nominations for the award to the Membership Committee.

I remind you that the membership year for CALL is September 1 through August 31. You will receive a renewal notice in the mail during the summer, several weeks before your membership expires. Some members seem to think that membership is on a calendar year, and are already sending in their dues for next year. It would be simpler for the Membership Secretary if you would wait until summer to renew.

A large number of the “Interest Profile For CALL Members” survey forms have already been returned. This survey will be very helpful to the Board, so I encourage you to fill it out and send it in, if you have not yet done so.

Representatives of the Finance Committee of CALL have had conversations with Henry DeVries, Vice President of Administration for Calvin, concerning an appropriate gift CALL might give to the College in appreciation for the considerable support the College provides to CALL and its programs. As a result of these conversations, the CALL Board approved a gift of $11,000, which will be used to place a loop in the College Chapel. This will considerably enhance the ability of those who are hard of hearing. It does require the individual to have a type of hearing aid which can pick up the radio transmission from the loop.

Announcements

Room changes
Because of the large enrollment, there is a room change for the Classical Music course with John Varineau. These classes will be held in the Bytwerk Theater, lower level of DeVos Communication Center, east of E. Beltline.

The course on the Aging Brain will be in North Hall 078 instead of HH335.

Midland “Dow Country”
May 5-6 [Fri-Sat] $185 per person
$50 per person with reservation, balance by March 20
Name(s)_________________________________  Name(s)_________________________________
Address ___________________________________  _________________________________________
Email______________________  Amount__________  Email____________________ Amount___________
CALL Distinguished Service Awards

One or two Distinguished Service Awards will be given each year, and presented at the Spring Association Meeting. The awards will be given to recognize individuals who have given outstanding service to CALL.

Nature of the Award

The award shall consist of two parts:

- An appropriate piece of art work.
- A free life-time membership in CALL

Source of Nominations

- The members of CALL should be asked to submit names of candidates.
- Board members and CALL committees should be asked to submit names of candidates.

Committee to select recipients

- The Membership Committee will serve as the Award Committee.

Criteria for Selection of Award Recipients

- Recipients must be long-term CALL members.
- All areas and types of service should be considered.
- The service should be over an extended period of time.

Selection Procedure

- The Membership Committee will recommend to the CALL Board for approval the names of candidates for up to two awards.

Presentation of the Award

- The award will normally be presented at the CALL Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting.

MENTORS NEEDED

Lisa Jousma reports that due to increased interest in the student body, she urgently needs more volunteers to serve as mentors (not tutors) to serve our Calvin college students in need of an older friend. If you are able, please call Lisa at Calvin or contact her at ljbj2@calvin.ed.

CALL Member Events

Apr 18 - 20 - Abraham Lincoln's Legacy Trip - This three-day trip is full and has a waiting list. The bus will leave at 7AM from Calvin College and return again on Thursday around 9PM. We are looking forward to a great trip.

May 5-6 [Fri-Sat] Join an exciting two day trip to Midland, Michigan "Dow Country." We will stay at the Holiday Inn, view the beautiful Dow Gardens, recapture the legacy and history of Dow Chemical, enjoy the Bradley House, the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, and more. We will have dinner at the famous Ashland Hotel, and view the Tridge (unique to Midland). Reserve your seat with $50; full payment ($185) is due by March 20.

Questions? call Carl Welmers 243-6431 or Jeanne Vos 949-2888

May 23 [Tue] - Annual Spring CALL Luncheon - This luncheon is free. The location is in the Calvin Commons and begins at noon. CALL members need to sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet on the refreshment table by the CALL classes. You can also send an e-mail to call@calvin.edu or leave a message on the CALL phone 977-1792.

Jun 13 [Tue] (note the change of date) Muskegon - Lumber Queen of the World - Dr. Richard Harms wrote his doctoral dissertation on Charles Hackley later published as a book. He will lead this tour of Muskegon, the largest lumber producing city during the nineteenth century. We will visit sites important in the lumbering history of Muskegon, reflect on the impact of lumbering, and stop at the Hackley and Hume houses and their shared carriage house - all finely preserved and restored examples of late Victorian architecture. We will also visit the Hardy and Croton Dam areas.

With his engaging style, Dr Harms will describe the lumber industry, bringing alive the people whose fortunes were made during the White Pine era, as well as review some of the steps taken to bring industry to the city once the trees of the Muskegon River basin had all been harvested. You will also learn of the large-scale shipping via sailing vessels on the Great Lakes, the log drives and the aftermath of the industry on the this region.

The price is $45. The bus will leave Calvin College at 9AM and return around 4PM. Lunch is included.

Public Events (sponsored by CALL)

40th Annual Passport to Adventure Travel Series

All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM

Single tickets are $5.00 each.
Student Tickets: $2.50

Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Mon – Fri
Phone (616)-957-6282

Mar 16 [Thur] 7:30PM
The New Zealand Experience with Grant Foster

May 11 [Thur] 7:30PM
Alaska’s Inside Passage with John Holod

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