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Hello CLS Members,

I hope everyone is safe and doing well during these difficult times. Without our regular social interactions, we are missing an aspect of our lives that we may have taken for granted. A popular online application, Zoom, is being used by many families and organizations to provide social and educational interactions. CLS tried a session using Zoom with approximately 20 participants. The presentation was well received. We are looking into providing similar live online sessions in the future. Zoom provides interactive video conference capability for each location. It is similar to Skype and FaceTime. For the past 3 weeks, my family has been participating in a daily virtual reunion using the Zoom facility.



You can learn more about Zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/>. Further information regarding security and privacy with Zoom can be found at the following website: <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/privacy-and-security.html>

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting & Picnic is scheduled for June 2 at Freedom Park. The purpose of this meeting, in addition to the social aspect, is to provide the membership with a review of the past year and to elect the new council members. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will checkpoint in early May to decide if: We can go ahead with the meeting

as scheduled; delay it until later in June; or cancel it. If it is cancelled, an electronic ballot may be used for the council elections which must be held in June. The year-end summary will be distributed electronically as well. Should the meeting and picnic remain in June, the format will be that everyone will bring their own food. This eliminates the need to collect money in advance and the possibility of having to refund the money if the picnic is cancelled. Details regarding registration will be sent out once a decision has been made.

FALL SEMESTER

Regarding the fall semester, the council has set a checkpoint of mid-July for a go/no-go decision. If the fall semester is a go, membership renewal and course/trip registration will begin at this time. The catalog will be distributed electronically and class registration will be done online. You will be required to register for the fall sessions even if you've registered for the same session in the spring semester. Due to the delayed start for registration and renewal, the time for paying the membership fee and registration will be compressed with a target of completion by August 15th. The amount of the membership fee for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 will be detailed at that time. If there is no fall semester, there will also be no winter courses. and no membership fees will be collected.

Bob Nasser

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Here are the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for the following positions:

Vice President, Administration: Jack Fein

Vice President, Curriculum: Len Turkenkopf

Secretary: Dewey Lee

Classroom Support (A/V): Leathem Mehaffey

Member Services Co-Chairs: Gus Cirielli and Mary Stuewer

The **At-Large Members of the Council** are:

John Marmillo

Ken Knapp

Betsy Kopstein Stuts

Mike Cowan

Joe Lombardi

Normal procedure would be that, at the Annual Meeting, nominations would be made from the floor for any of the above positions. If we do not have our Annual Meeting in June, any member of CLS could nominate anyone who is a member in good standing to be considered for any of the above positions by sending a name or names to Bob Nasser by May 15. If there are no nominations from the floor, the Nominating Committee's slate will be approved without dissent.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Nominating Committee for their splendid cooperation. They are: Stan Schmidt, Lou Newman, Maria DeWald, and Leathem Mehaffey.

Joe Lombardi, Nominating Committee Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Spring 2020. COVID-19. The new reality. Instead of being back in Poughkeepsie, I have no timetable to leave our winter home in Florida. Our children from Manhattan are currently living in our Poughkeepsie house. Will we need to quarantine for 2 weeks when we do finally get home? Who knows...so much uncertainty.

Governor Cuomo calls the current lifestyle a "Pause". "Social distancing" is the key phrase to live by. Zoom and FaceTime keep families in touch. Instacart, Amazon and Peapod replace going shopping. SENIOR HOURS have been established for when going to the store is absolutely necessary. Masks and gloves are part of our outfits when we go out.

The Council continues periodic meetings virtually. And of course, CLS and the Spring 2020 Chronicle now join the endless number of things that are changed and different in the world we live in today. However, we are committed to continuing as much as we can. While there are no classes or special events to highlight, we now have "CLS From Home" which lists lectures, podcasts, and videos to keep our minds active and engaged. Click on the link provided below to access the "CLS From Home" web page:
<https://www.marist.edu/professional-programs/center-lifetime-study/handouts/spring>

This year, our Spring 2020 Chronicle consists of two articles. They focus on Bob Nasser's message with information the membership needs to get through the next few months. There is also an article introducing the nominees to CLS Council and a reminder about nominations from the floor.

While our CLS journey is currently paused, we look forward to welcoming back the community very soon. In the meantime, we wish you and your family health and safety.

Lauren Muffs, Vice President for Public Information

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