

QUEST COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: December 3, 2024

Council held its monthly meeting at 25 Broadway in Room 7-39. President Donna Ramer called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Council Members Present: Karen Cullen, Mary Ann Donnelly (via Zoom), Peter Fleischman, Bob Gottfried (via Zoom), Vince Grosso, Donna Ramer, Tamara Weinberg, Ilene Winkler (via Zoom), and Judy Winn.

Council Members Absent: Paul Golomb, Nan McNamara

I. General Admin: Donna Ramer

- Donna reminded the Council members that today's meeting was the last Council meeting of the year. The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025. If the Council needs to meet before February 11, it will meet by Zoom.
- Donna made a motion, seconded by Vince, to approve the Spring 2025 schedule of Council meetings, including February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 3 (with newly elected Council members). After discussion, Council unanimously approved the motion.
- Donna explained that per the Quest bylaws, the slate for the 2025 Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) must consist of one Council member, who cannot serve as chair of the committee, and four non-Council Quest members and the committee must be assembled and approved by Council no later than February 1 of the election year the committee will serve. The proposed slate for the 2025 NEC is Council member Tamara Weinberg and non-Council members Steve Chicoine, Harriet Finkelstein, David Bartash, and Karen Levin.
- Donna made a motion, seconded by Judy, to approve the proposed NEC slate. Council unanimously approved the motion. As Council member, Tamara will call the first meeting of the NEC and facilitate the committee's election of a chair.

II. Treasurer's Report: Peter Fleischman

- Peter gave a financial report. He reported on Quest's balance sheet, including the balances held in Quest accounts, and Quest's year-to-date income and expenses versus budget, including membership fee revenues to date.

III. Membership: Tamara Weinberg

- Tamara reported that we currently have 244 active members. She advised that the Membership Committee is working with two prospective members who will be invited to join Quest and is in the process of interviewing two more prospective members.

- Ilene asked if the member list posted online was current. Tamara said she sends updated membership information regularly to Michael Russo for posting online.
- Tamara reminded Council that Quest will hold a lunchtime information event for prospective members on Wednesday, December 11.
- Donna reminded Council that the fee for the Spring 2025 Semester and Summer Encores will be \$275 as previously approved by Council.

IV. Marketing and Communications: Donna Ramer

- Donna advised that the Marketing & Communications Committee has placed advertisements for the December 11 prospective member event in three publications. Quest has invited everyone on its subscriber list and Quest members are encouraged to bring a guest interested in Quest.

V. Bylaws: Bob Gottfried

- Bob advised that the 2024 bylaws revisions passed with only three members voting against the revisions. He said that the process followed by the Bylaws Revision Committee for preparing and submitting the revisions to a vote was non-controversial. The Council thanked Bob and the committee for their hard work.

VI. New Business: Donna Ramer

- With respect to next year's Council elections, Bob asked which Council at-large positions will be open. Donna advised that Mary Ann Donnelly and Nan McNamara have reached their term limits, and Ilene Winkler and Paul Golomb will have completed their first term so they are eligible to run for a second term.
- Judy provided a short recap of the December 3 Q&A about the CWE/CCNY scholarship program and explained how Quest members can create a scholarship for a CWE student. About 25 Quest members attended. Michael Wellner will follow up to provide next steps for anyone interested in creating a scholarship in their name.
- Donna provided some information about meetings she and Wayne Cotter have had with LP², CUNY's lifelong peer learning program (formerly IRP when housed at The New School for Social Research). The key difference between LP² and Quest is that Quest is fully independent while LP² is now a CCNY program.

The next scheduled Council meeting will be at 25 Broadway on February 11, 2025, at 2:45 p.m.

Donna adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cullen, Secretary

Documents distributed at meeting: Quest Council Meeting Agenda, Treasurer's Report, LP² Fall 2024-Study Group Grid