



## Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

April 15, 2007

The Board of Regents met today at China Lodge, a beautiful new lodge building. The meeting opened at 9:25am following a long discussion of the historical documents preservation project now appearing on the Grand Lodge of Maine website. Present were Kern Kelly, Edward King, Walter Macdougall, Donald McDougal, Stephen Nichols, Claire Tusch, and Regent Chair George Macdougall who called the meeting to order. Once again, Don provided our morning snack, a delicious coffee cake.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved with one correction. Don raised the issue of insurance coverage and Steve will talk with Walter Kyllonen about Officers and Directors Liability for the Regents. There was also concern about Eric's health expressed with reports from those who had spoken with him recently.

The proposal provided by Wayne Adams for presentation at Grand Lodge was discussed and agreed to while Steve agreed to read the College report since George will not be attending.

Walter said that he had spoken with Reggie Wing since our last meeting and Reggie thinks the best format for the material he has would be in a book rather than as a course. Walter asked about the feasibility of the MMC doing such publishing. Ed, as Master of the Maine Lodge of Research, suggested that having the MLR do this jointly with the College might be an excellent way of preserving this thoughtful material. As Bro. Wing is a Past Master of the Maine Lodge of Research, it was thought he would be amenable to this. Bro. Macdougall will tell him that, one way or another, we'd like to make this happen.

There was a long discussion about the use of technology. It was fully agreed that this is an area crucial to the long-term growth of the fraternity and that we need to be experimenting with means of getting our material into a broader sphere.

Instructor evaluations were reviewed and the next meeting – our Annual Meeting - was set for Sunday, May 20, 2007 in Newport. Bro. King noted that this meeting brings to a close ONLY our second year as a College. We have come a lot further than we could have ever imagined – with miles to go before we sleep!

In a quite hilarious example of that old Art Linkletter show comedy bit where Art would whisper something to a person at one end of the row of his audience and then go to the other end of the row to see what he was SUPPOSED to have said, we had a truly amazing feast with food for 40! It appears that the number of attendees was multiplied several times along the transmission route and we were all duly stuffed. Large platters of food will be transported to a needy local family.

During lunch, there was animated discussion of the reuse of College-presented material, instructors' ownership rights, College promotion, etc. and how to address these matters. It was suggested that perhaps encouraging use of a Creative Commons license might be an appropriate approach and this will be a subject for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm followed by a tour of the handsome, new lodge building.

Respectfully submitted,

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