

Academy for Lifelong Learning

2021 – 2022

Annual Report



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ALL Mission Statement

The Academy for Lifelong Learning of Cape Cod Inc. (ALL) offers an opportunity for those age 50 and over to pursue their intellectual interests and educational activities, and to explore new areas of learning in the company of their peers. Social relationships and special events are integral parts of the mission. ALL fosters and maintains a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Cape Cod Community College.

This was the second year of the COVID pandemic, and our enrollment was still down significantly. All our classes were Zoom classes, and our board of directors, coordinators, and members became quite adept at using the platform, but many were anxious to resume in-person classes at the College. As of now, ALL members can expect to return to the campus in the fall, as well as opt to take some classes via Zoom.

In April, we suffered a huge loss when our president Jim Lathrop, who had stepped down from the presidency in March for personal reasons, passed away after a sudden illness. Dianne Tattersall, who was vice president, stepped into role of president.

Earlier in the year Paul Coteus and Joan Freedman were elected to the board to fill vacancies which had occurred.

New member orientations were held on Zoom at the beginning of each semester. New members heard from the various committee chairs to gain an understanding of how ALL functions. There were question and answer sessions at the end of each orientation meeting.

In April Pat Stover agreed to chair the Nominating Committee with Paul Arnold and Diane Hoover serving on the committee. Members were asked to self-nominate if interested in serving on the Board of Directors. They would be interviewed by the nominating committee and then the membership would vote online. No one chose to apply at this time; hopefully, members will step up in the fall when we are back on campus and new members will join the board in the spring.

The ALL board continued to operate as a management team, attending board meetings on Zoom once or twice a month. Some committees, like the desk volunteers, were not active because ALL was not physically on campus, but other committees did meet on Zoom and the chairs reported on their activities. The Special Events Committee hosted five speakers throughout the fall and spring semesters and many ALL members attended these Zoom events. The long-range planning committee surveyed the membership to assess their feelings about remote learning and in-person learning. The Hospitality Committee managed to hold a successful in-person Back to School night at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod, but had to cancel our holiday potluck luncheon due to a spike of a Covid variant in December. However, we did have a well-attended Spring Social at the end of April. Jean DeVincentis worked on the registration process to make it easier, and updated our website and Facebook pages. Miriam Kronish and Henry Tamzarian continue to recruit veteran and new coordinators to offer new and previously-offered classes. The communications committee, under Marianne Triplette, published monthly newsletters that not only updated the membership but also showcased members and coordinators of interest. The Communications Committee is also pursuing other media to familiarize and recruit more members of the general public.

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Nancy Weida, our office administrator, has kept ALL running smoothly all while doing her job with a smile even in stressful situations. We could not function without Nancy's computer, editing, and people skills; she is the best!

By far, the most important job on any board of directors or officers, is the clerk or secretary who must write down all the details of the meeting and prepare the reports for our records and meetings. This person must pay strict attention to get facts, dates, discussions, and votes correctly recorded. Noelle Howland has been an exceptional clerk during very trying times. Her minutes of the Board meetings have always been accurate and thorough, plus her institutional knowledge of ALL has been invaluable. Kudos, for going above and beyond to keep the records straight.

Despite all the hurdles we have faced, ALL is alive and well, offering many varied and interesting classes as well as special events and social functions. Refusing to be deterred by our remote status, June Calendar and her *Reflections* committee collected members' writings and photography so they could publish our literary magazine online and in print.

To quote Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times" but ALL persevered.

Dianne Tattersall

Report from the Vice President 2021-2022

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, performs all duties of the President, subject to the restrictions upon the President, as stated in the Bylaws. In addition, the Vice President works closely with all Standing Committees on the recruitment and retention of members.

Usually, the ALL Vice President hosts a new member orientation at the college at the beginning of each semester. Board officers and committee chairs meet with new members to welcome them to ALL and answer questions about our purpose, courses, and social activities. This year we held our meeting on zoom. Ten new members attended the new member meeting first semester, and second semester we had twenty-two new members. Our new members asked questions and made some suggestions for the board.

The main thrust for all officers and committee chairs this past year was making ALL viable in this time of continued uncertainty. This was a year of many adjustments to make our registration, website, social media, and curriculum successful in a completely online format. All officers and board members have worked diligently to keep ALL current and productive.

Dianne Tattersall

**Report from the Treasurer
(Including Finance Committee Comments)
F.Y. 2021-2022**

As of early May, it appears that ALL will again finish the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, with an operating deficit. As of this writing, the magnitude of this potential deficit is difficult to accurately predict; however, I expect it will be similar to the \$21,700 incurred last year.

As of April 30, 2022, total revenue for the year stood at \$62,056 – about 7% below what it was at the same time last year, and similarly below what we forecast in this year's budget. This reflects the continued stagnation in our membership numbers compared to where they were in 2019. The understanding that we will again be able to offer in-person classes at CCCC this fall (while continuing to offer on-line classes as well) is cause for optimism that our membership will rebound in the coming fiscal year.

Expenses are not quite as close to being finalized; however, at this point it appears they will again come in with a positive variance to the \$91,700 that had been projected in the budget.

Thanks to the operating surpluses generated in its earlier years (when we were an integral part of the College), ALL has been able to absorb the negative impact of Covid on our finances the past two years, and I look forward to a more positive result in 2022-2023.

For those with more than a passing interest, attached are:

1. A report showing the current year revenue and expenses through April 30, 2022 vs budget
2. The balance sheet as of April 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Young

Academy for Lifelong Learning of Cape Cod, Inc.

FY 2021 Revenue Expense

YTD vs Budget

REVENUES	7/1/2021 - 4/30/2022	Full Year Budget	YTD Percent	Last YTD
Membership Fees	\$ 60,375.00	\$ 62,950.00	95.9%	\$ 65,151.00
Other Revenues				
Donations/Contributions Received	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 1,000.00	146.8%	\$ 5.00
Interest Income	\$ 213.22	\$ 350.00	60.9%	\$ 1,378.65
Special Event Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 350.00		\$ 390.00
Total Other Revenues	\$ 1,681.22	\$ 3,200.00	52.5%	\$ 1,773.65
Total Revenue	\$ 62,056.22	\$ 66,150.00	93.8%	\$ 66,924.65
EXPENSES				
Curriculum Expenses				
Registration	\$ 2,714.62	\$ 2,750.00	98.7%	\$ 503.82
Coordinators' Allowances	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Coordinators' Luncheon	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Other Coordinator Expenses (Handbook)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 208.00
Catalog Printing/Mailing	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,700.00	85.3%	\$ 1,575.00
Catalog Automation	\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ -
Zoom	\$ 329.55	\$ 450.00	73.2%	\$ 310.24
Class Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00		\$ -
Total Curriculum	\$ 4,494.17	\$ 5,450.00	82.5%	\$ 2,597.06
Special Event Expenses				
Annual Banquet	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -
Lecture Series	\$ -	\$ 250.00		\$ 200.00
Other Events/Trips	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total Special Events	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00		\$ 200.00
Reflections	\$ 84.10	\$ 450.00		\$ 402.63
Hospitality				
Mixer	\$ 283.90	\$ 500.00	56.8%	\$ -
1st-Week Snacks	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
New Member Orientation	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Holiday Party	\$ -	\$ 125.00		\$ -
Water Cooler & Candy	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total Hospitality	\$ 283.90	\$ 625.00	45.4%	\$ -
Contributions Made	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,250.00	135.4%	\$ 3,700.00
Office Expenses				
Staff Expense	\$ 52,360.64	\$ 67,200.00	77.9%	\$ 54,242.42
Office Supplies	\$ 79.23	\$ 50.00	158.5%	\$ -
Office Copier	\$ -	\$ 50.00		\$ 5.01
Other Office Equipment	\$ 31.86	\$ 100.00	31.9%	\$ 65.69
Computer software	\$ 731.00	\$ 650.00	112.5%	\$ 641.75
	7/1/2021 -	Full Year	YTD	

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FY 2021 Revenue Expense

YTD vs Budget

	<u>4/30/2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Last YTD</u>
Postage	\$ 41.10	\$ 50.00	82.2%	\$ 18.60
Bank Charges	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	60.0%	\$ 2.81
Member Communications	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	20.0%	\$ 180.00
Constant Contact	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,140.00	83.3%	\$ 950.00
Board Expenses	\$ 164.77	\$ 200.00	82.4%	\$ 133.35
Total Office Expense	\$ 54,433.60	\$ 69,765.00	78.0%	\$ 56,239.63
License, Legal & Professional	\$ 5,022.00	\$ 5,388.50	93.2%	\$ 4,817.81
Advertising & PR				
Media Advertising	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Catalogs Distributed to Public	\$ -	\$ 1,724.00		\$ -
Web Site	\$ 250.67	\$ 276.00	90.8%	\$ 240.67
Total Adv & Promo	\$ 250.67	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 240.67
Fixed Charges				
Space Rental	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 5,475.00
Insurance	\$ 3,008.05	\$ 3,000.00	100.3%	\$ 2,373.43
Total Fixed Charges	\$ 3,008.05	\$ 3,000.00	100.3%	\$ 7,848.43
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 71,976.49	\$ 91,678.50	78.5%	\$ 76,046.23
NET OPERATING REVNUUE	\$ (9,920.27)	\$ (25,528.50)		\$ (9,121.58)

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Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1010 Operating Account	9,336.01
1015 Memorial Fund Checking A/C	85,156.28
1020 Money Market Account	116,876.53
1050 CD'S/TD's	
10584 CC5 7-month CD	67,486.96
10613 Aug 2019 - May 2020 @ 2.03%	0.00
Total 1050 CD'S/TD's	67,486.96
Total Bank Accounts	\$278,855.78
Other Current Assets	
1080 Prepaid Expenses	0.00
1081 Prepaid Insurance Liberty	1,049.95
1082 Prepaid Insurance Philadelphia	1,330.00
1083 Prepaid Expenses - Zoom	549.64
Total 1080 Prepaid Expenses	2,929.59
Total Other Current Assets	\$2,929.59
Total Current Assets	\$281,785.37
Fixed Assets	
1520 Various Equipment & Furniture	
1521 Original Cost	21,945.00
1522 Accumulated Depreciation	-21,945.00
1523 Fixed Asset - Copier	3,350.00
1524 Accumulated Depreciation Copier	-2,177.50
Total 1520 Various Equipment & Furniture	1,172.50
1530 Audio Visual Equipment	
1531 Original Cost	43,700.00
1532 Accumulated Depreciation	-43,700.00
Total 1530 Audio Visual Equipment	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,172.50
Other Assets	
1540 Other Long-term Assets	
1541 Curriculum Software Original Cost	12,112.50
1542 Accumulated Depreciation	-1,154.00
Total 1540 Other Long-term Assets	10,958.50
Total Other Assets	\$10,958.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$293,916.37

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Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,308.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$1,308.00
Credit Cards	
American Express Blue Business Plus	0.00
Total Credit Cards	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,308.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,308.00
Equity	
3000 Net Equity	302,528.64
3200 Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Net Income	-9,920.27
Total Equity	\$292,608.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$293,916.37

Report from the Long Range Planning Committee 2021-2022

After continuing Zoom classes through Spring of 2022, there was reason to hope that we may be able to get back into the classrooms Fall of 2022 (a meeting with the college did in fact lead to that being a reality). The Long Range Planning Committee decided it would be useful to put out another survey to members and to coordinators to see what kinds of class formats the members were willing to attend and the coordinators were willing to offer. Both groups were most interested in returning to the classroom, but thought that Zoom classes served a useful purpose and that format should be continued as well. There was interest in the hybrid (a combination of Zoom and in-class) format, and an interest in giving it a try. These recommendations were shared with the Board. Long Range Planning researched the technology necessary to successfully offer hybrid classes. After exploring the topic online, a trip to Snow Library informed us about the Lifetime Learning, Orleans, approach (they are offering all hybrid classes) and two trips to the college exposed us to what they use. The committee has decided to recommend to the board that we purchase the same technology the college uses as it enables us to have the support of the college's IT Department, it has a high ease of use, and it allows for social interaction between the online and in-class attendees.

Marilyn Nouri, Long Range Planning Committee Chair

Long Range Planning Committee: Paul Arnold, Claire Briand, Paul Coteus, Pat Stover

Report from the Curriculum Committee 2021-2022

We have offered a total of 85 courses on Zoom during the past year. The analysis of types of courses is thirty 12-week courses and fifty-five 6-week courses. We thank Marilyn Nouri for helping classes run smoothly and for Holly Anderson and Henry Tamzarian for their kind attention to a myriad of details on a weekly basis.

The following is our list of categories and numbers of courses in each category:

Arts and Culture	1
Current Events	13
Film, Music, Drama	9
History	16
Literature	6
Personal Interest	12
Philosophy and Religion	9
Science	9
Social Issues	3
Writing and Rhetoric	7

The members of our committee are:

Tim Maguire – Scheduler

Nancy Yee – Editing and compiling dates for catalog

Richard Stewart – Editing and outreach

Henry Tamzarian – Catalog data entry coordinator and liaison to ALL committees

Miriam Kronish – Chair, editing and outreach

We deeply mourn the loss of a dearly loved member of our committee – David Wright

In comparing our numbers from last year's report to the current year, the number of courses has decreased by 12%.

We eagerly look forward to returning to Cape Cod Community College in the fall and to giving our members a choice: in-person or Zoom classes.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Kronish, Curriculum Committee Chair

Report from the Registration Committee 2021-2022

The Registration Committee was saddened this year by the passing of long-time chair and dear friend Jackie Faulhaber. We continue Jackie's work to keep the ALL registration process as fair and efficient as possible.

Our online registration portal allows committee members to work remotely to enter member information and course selections. Members' schedules are delivered via email. This system will be utilized whether we continue remote input or we gather together as we did in the past to complete the registration process.

Membership numbers have decreased during these recent semesters when courses have only been offered on Zoom. There were 317 members in the fall of 2021 and 290 members in the spring of 2022. We anticipate that the fall of 2022 will see our membership increase with both returning and new members as we offer courses both in the classroom and on Zoom. The Registration Committee succeeds with the help of Kate Lathrop, Noelle Howland, Holly Anderson, Martha Guzikowski, Beth Thayer, Susan Maguire and Nancy Weida. Thank you to Jim Lathrop and Kirk Young for collecting and distributing the documents needed to make this remote option work.

We eagerly prepare for the return to the classroom in the fall of 2022. Some classes will be offered in-person, and some will be offered on Zoom. We hope you join us.

Jean DeVincentis, Registration Committee Chair

Report from the Communications Committee 2021-2022

This continued to be a busy year for the ALL Communications Committee. Working with the President, the Board, Nancy Weida (ALL Office Administrator), and volunteers, the monthly newsletter and e-mail "blasts" continued to provide information, outreach and engagement throughout the year. The ongoing impact of COVID-19 and continued closure of the Cape Cod Community College campus made this function increasingly important.

The newsletter served as a vital conduit for information from the Board to members about calendars, registration, special events, recruiting new coordinators and the use of Zoom. A series of articles on ALL coordinators and classes continued. Monthly newsletters were complemented by timely updates and a revitalized presence on Facebook. In addition, ALL recently joined the Cape Cod Media Center and is exploring the feasibility of using audio podcasts and video recording to increase the organization's outreach.

Ongoing pandemic restrictions make it impossible to know with certainty what the coming months will bring. It is, however, anticipated that ALL's social and mixed-media presence will continue to expand. Members' suggestions are encouraged and welcome. The committee's long-term goal is to expand public awareness of ALL across and beyond the region. We welcome suggestions from the membership on ways to make this happen.

A special thank you is extended to Nancy Weida, Jim Lathrop and the committee members for their work on all aspects of communications. The creation and updating of the newsletter and social media would not have gone as smoothly without their professional touch and energy.

Marianne Triplette, Communications Committee Chair

Communications Committee: Jean DeVincentis, Joan Freeman, Dianne Tattersall, Marianne Triplette, Nancy Weida

Report from the Special Events Committee 2021-2022

Members of the Special Events Committee this year were Aimee Silberman, Judy Bell, Lili Seely, Sam Yee, and Diane Hoover.

On October 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., Joan Freedman presented her Zoom event on “Women Helping Women on Cape Cod”. Her event focused on various volunteer agencies and opportunities available on Cape Cod. Joan made our members aware of many volunteer opportunities with groups such as Dennis-Yarmouth Bay to Sound Neighbors, a version of which also exists in Nauset and Barnstable. The purpose of such groups is to help men and women stay in their own homes as they age. People in the community may volunteer their services to help with gardening, calling lonely people on the phone, taking someone to an appointment, shopping, or out to lunch, and in various other ways.

Other examples of volunteer organizations are Cape Mediation; Cape Cod Council of Churches Food Pantry and Baby Center; Kaitlyn’s Closet in Yarmouth; Flower Angels; Young Professionals; the Family Pantry; Habitat for Humanity; various charity/social groups; 100+ Women; AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (retired senior volunteer program); and Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. If we are looking for ways to volunteer and help people in our local communities, Joan, following her inspiring program, suggested that we check out one of these groups and find out how we can serve.

Sydney Lamb returned to ALL via Zoom this fall on November 1, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. and gave a presentation based on his forthcoming book, in which he explains to the lay person his stratificational approach to language understanding. Key to that approach is the statement, “The truth is not obvious, the obvious is not true.” To illustrate his point, he describes the thinking that the world is flat (obvious), when, in fact, it is learned that the world is round (not obvious). Syd presented many more examples. His theoretical approach to understanding is too complex to summarize here, but basically, he is arguing in favor of mentalism which claims that perception is entirely in our minds. “When we are perceiving anything, we are actually experiencing only our mental activity.” For anyone interested in learning more, he has two books out on the topic, *Pathways to the Mind*, and *Pathways to the Brain*. A lively session of questions and answers followed Sydney’s thought-provoking presentation.

On February 9 and February 16, 2022, John Ward presented the Special Event entitled “Sagamore to Provincetown – One Photographer’s Journey Around Cape Cod” to two ALL Zoom audiences at 1:30 p.m. John’s presentation included over 120 or so pictures showing the many faces of Cape Cod from his personal vantage point – what you might see when driving or walking along a Cape Cod road, the Cape Cod Canal, or along the ocean or a Cape Cod beach – such images as fishermen, quaint and stately Cape houses, picturesque views at dawn and sunset, Cape Cod Bridges, the beaches, the Figawi race of sailboats, the night sky including the Milky Way, to name a few. John answered various questions posed to him by the audience following his beautiful presentation.

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On March 9, 2022, Stew Goodwin presented his lecture on “The Triangle – Russia, China, and the U.S.” to a Zoom audience at 1:30 in the afternoon. Stew examined recent events in the war of Russia against the country of Ukraine and facts surrounding Putin and his ideas and actions that have sowed discord and propaganda in western countries, including the United States. He also mentioned Putin’s 5,000-word essay claiming that the Ukraine is part of Russia and the fact that Putin and President Xi of China have met 38 times in recent months. Stew spoke about the fact that the country of Ukraine exports about one-fourth of the world’s wheat, has about 40% of the world’s krypton, much neon, and has a major supply of lithium. Questions concerning the situation of China and Taiwan, the dependence of China on Russia and the West for trade, the importance of “no fly” zones, nuclear reactors, Putin’s underestimation of the West and NATO, the resolve and ability to fight by the Ukrainian people, and Putin’s ability to occupy Ukraine were posed by the audience following Stew’s informative presentation.

On March 23, 2022, June Calender presented her program “Reflections Launch Celebration“ to a Zoom audience at 1:30 in the afternoon. June is the Editor of *Reflections*, the annual ALL publication of poems, short stories, and pictures, and she is assisted by Barbara Berelowitz, Catherine McMullen, Mary Nyman, and Rita Richardson, her editorial committee. Various authors from the *Reflections 2022* publication read their poems and short stories to the ALL Zoom audience. Lawrence Brown read his poem “My Design”. Mary Clare Casey read her poem “Weaver of Silk”. Bill Holcombe read his poems “Being Released” and “The Once and No Longer American Pickup Truck”. Miriam Kronish read her short story “Eugenia Fortes Beach”. John McWilliam read his short story “Spider Tale”. Wayne Miller read his poems “Yo No Tango”, “Confrontation”, and “Chixiculub”. Havana Moss read her poem “Clothesline”. Nancy Paslaski read her short story “Looking Back in Time”. One of our deceased ALL members, Jack DeBenedetto, wrote a poem entitled “Shoulda Coulda Woulda”, which was read by Wayne Miller. Thank you, June, for putting this delightful program together. Please go to the ALL website to find the 2022 copy of *Reflections* for the complete reading of poems and short stories, including pictures, by our ALL members.

Diane Hoover, Special Events Committee Chair

Report from the Hospitality Committee 2021-2022

The Hospitality Committee hosts a few social gatherings during the ALL year. This year, since cases of Covid waxed and waned, we were able to hold two events.

The Back to School Night was held on Wednesday, September 22nd at The Cultural Center of Cape Cod in Yarmouth. A variety of delicious appetizers were prepared by the Hospitality Committee and Board of Director members. Wine, seltzer and bottled water were also available. Meeting old friends and making ones is always a great way to start the ALL year. This was our first social event since March of 2020, so many members had not seen their ALL friends in over a year. Forty-three members attended this special party, including Dr. Cox, the president of Cape Cod Community College, who explained what was happening at the campus, when it might reopen, and what new programs were being offered in their curriculum.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon in December due to a rise in Covid cases from a new variant. However, we were able to gather at the Cape Codder Resort for our annual Spring Social. Special appetizers and beverages were available. Since all our classes were still on Zoom this year, it was nice to see friends in person to catch up and enjoy each other's company. Dr. Cox, the President of Cape Cod Community College, Chris Clark, VP of finance and operations, and Dean Cathleen McCarron also attended. Dr. Cox brought us up to date on the college and is looking forward to having ALL back on campus in the fall.

The Hospitality Committee members are Noelle Howland, Kate Lathrop, Ellie Petrocchi, Aimee Silberman, Judy Roettig, Christine Johnston, Leslie Dealy and Kevin Dealy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Tattersall, Hospitality Committee Chair