



Commentator

NOVEMBER 2013

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CALENDAR		
2013		
NOVEMBER		
5	Tues. 6AM – 9 PM	VOTE! Check www.vote411.org and www.lwvny.org before you go and take a voter guide on the ballot issues right into the polls, if you like.
5	Tues. 7:15 PM	LWV MHR Board Meeting , home of Shirley Kobran, 53 Schuler Lane, Lake Katrine, 845-382-6989 Confirm location with Dare Thompson.
7	Thurs. 10 AM	Resource Development Committee Meeting , home of Margaret Sellers, 80 Ringtop Road, Kingston. 845-339-3180, mcsellers@aol.com <i>Location tentative; please confirm with Margaret.</i>
8	Fri. 9:30 AM	Shared Services Study Committee , home of Ellie Charwat, 7 Creek Bend Road, Poughkeepsie, 845-462-7061, echarwat@yahoo.com
8	Fri. 10:45 AM	NATURALIZATION CEREMONY to welcome new citizens and to distribute voter information. See <i>VOTER SERVICE</i> below.
18	Mon. 8:30 - 9 AM	Listen to LWV members on Kingston Community Radio on WGHQ, AM 920. Go to www.mykcr.org to listen to it on your computer. Call 845-331-1004 to ask a question or make a comment. <i>We are guests every 3rd Monday of the month from 8:30 – 9 pm.</i>
18	Mon. 6 PM	Public Information Session Capital Project for Kingston High School. Meet in the main hall of KHS. If you are not able to attend but wish to know how this project will impact <i>your own tax bill</i> , go to www.khsproject.com .
20	Wed. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Transitioning to a Green Energy Economy: How Municipalities Can Benefit - an informational conference for Hudson Valley municipal leaders and concerned citizens. Kaplan Hall, SUNY Orange, One Washington Center, Newburgh Campus. Organized by Clearwater and others. Go to www.clearwater.org or 845-265-8080 x 7113 for further information.
DECEMBER		
2	Mon. 6 PM	Public Information Session Capital Project for Kingston High School. Meet in the main hall of KHS. If you are not able to attend but wish to know how this project will impact <i>your own tax bill</i> , go to www.khsproject.com .
3	Tues. 5:30 PM	LWV Materials Management (Solid Waste) Study Committee , Gateway Diner Rt 9W just north of the Mid-Hudson Bridge, Highland. For info or to confirm: Cindy Lanzetta, 845-236-7288 or packback56@yahoo.com
10	Tues. 7:15 PM	LWV MHR Board Meeting , home of Shirley Kobran, 53 Schuler Lane, Lake Katrine, 845-382-6989 NOTE: this is one week later than our regular date.
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PREZ SEZ...

All that's left for us now concerning the General Election is VOTING and I think I have finally made up my mind on the ballot issues and the judges (so much work this year!) Make sure you know everything on your ballot by going to www.voteulster.com or www.dutchesselections.com to see exactly what will be there. Then check www.vote411.org to see what your county candidates have posted and <http://www.nycourts.gov/vote/2013/> for the judicial candidates' postings. (If they didn't post, let them know you missed their info!)

So now it's time for THANKSGIVING and we have many people to thank.

No one deserves it more than **JIM McGARRY**, who should get a whole Prez Sez, a party, and more, but will get just this because he hates to be fussed over. On top of all the other things he does behind the scenes (maintain the database and our website and layout and distribute the Commentator, for starters), he has been working since mid-summer on **Vote411!** Few leagues serve two counties and Jim pretty quickly realized that just getting the county-level candidates on the site was going to be A LOT of work. More than once since then I have heard his wife, Jean, say "I want my husband back!" Even on vacation he kept at it. **Jim, we simply cannot thank you enough!**

And you too, Jean (McGarry)! Not only does Jean sacrifice her husband to The Cause, she also oversees other Voter Service efforts including voter registration and naturalization ceremonies (in addition to being our board secretary). **Cindy Bell, Emilie Hauser**, and others have helped by moderating candidate events.

We held an excellent forum on the six state ballot issues and we thank **BOCES Ulster** for the space and especially **Dr. Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz' CRREO** for explaining why we have such an odd assortment of issues on our ballot and giving more details about all of them. To further explain issue #6 on the retirement age of judges, we were also fortunate to have **Denise Kronstadt**, deputy executive director of the **Fund for Modern Courts**, fill us in. Debating the particularly controversial issue #1 on casino gambling were **Dave Colavito** of the **Coalition Against Gambling** and **Jeff Kaplan, Mayor of Ellenville**. A big thank you to all for a very helpful event!

For more information on these issues, **A Guide to the Ballot Proposals** prepared by the League of Women Voters of New York State is at www.lwvny.org/advocacy/elections/2013/Guide-Ballot-Proposals_2013.pdf (Or just go to www.lwvny.org and scroll down on the home page).

A special thank you to **Anne Needham** who helped us get information on all the above to the media and thanks to **all others** who helped during this busy election season! The public really needs us, and you all came through.

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**MEMBERSHIP
NEWS**

Monthly Board meeting minutes and more can be found at
<http://lwvmidhudson.org/Committees.html>

VOTER SERVICE

Election Day is nigh

STUDY UP BEFORE YOU VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5!

Go to <http://lwvmidhudson.org/elections.html> for links to find where to vote and to find a printable sample ballot that you'll use on Election Day.

Go to <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/> to confirm your registration status, polling place and voter district information.

Go to www.vote411.org to see information about the county-wide candidates.

Go to www.lwv.org and click on the Voters Guide Part II (Ballot Proposals)

Go to <http://www.nycourts.gov/vote/2013/vg-2013.shtml> to get information on your judicial candidates.

NOTE: For judicial candidate profiles, when using **VOTE411**, be sure to scroll down to the bottom of **your personalized Voter Guide** and click **New York State Judicial Candidate Voter Guide**

NOTE: Ulster voters need only pick one Supreme Court candidate out of three, and the family court judge is running unopposed. **BUT** Dutchess voters have to pick FIVE out of TEN Supreme Court candidates and choose between two family court candidates. *It's not easy being a responsible citizen!*

What's Next To Do?

Naturalization Ceremony, November 8, 10:45 at the Ulster County Court House, 285 Wall St., Kingston- Volunteers are needed for the Naturalization Ceremony to welcome new citizens and to distribute voter information. The ceremony begins at noon but volunteers are asked to assemble at the courthouse at 10:45. Voter registrations forms, voter guides, and league pamphlets will be provided.

Contact Jean McGarry (jfmcg@hvc.rr.com or 336-6622) for more information... or just show up!

Interview with Congressman Chris Gibson

Dare Thompson and Lee Ridgway met with Rep. Chris Gibson on October 20 for an hour. His district includes all of Ulster Co., a great deal of Dutchess Co., and points north. We discussed the farm bill, other agricultural concerns, and the immigration bill and briefly touched on gun control.

Rep. Gibson, a member of the Agriculture Committee, said it was a misconception that SNAP (food stamps) was the biggest problem with the bill; the difference in the appropriation proposals is not very large and could be resolved in conference. Milk supports are a question because the cost of feed is not factored into the basis for price support in one proposal. Regional differences exist between the South, Midwest, West, and Northeast, and compromises need to be made. However, he feels that the conference committee will be able to bring forth a successful bill soon.

Immigration has a number of problems, but Gibson's feeling is that the current laws are not being enforced equitably and that the situation would be improved by tightening enforcement on problems like people who overstay their visas (this is not really tracked) and better processing of agricultural workers who come every year and are well-known to authorities but are still being treated like suspicious strangers. This last point is a concern to our area's farmers.

On gun control, Gibson feels that we need to improve our culture of civility (not good now) and enforce the gun control laws that we already have. He feels more

**Interview with
Assemblyman
Kevin Cahill**

legislation is not necessary at this point.

Congressman Gibson was very forthcoming and anxious to hear our concerns as well as explain what was going on in Congress. It was a useful meeting, and he continues to encourage us to come visit him quarterly.

Lee Ridgway

LWV-MHR president Dare Thompson and board member Anne Needham recently met with NY Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill, whose district covers most of Ulster Co. and the Dutchess towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck.

The discussion covered the six proposed amendments on the November 5th ballot and the unfinished State Legislative agenda.

Assemblyman Cahill said the the casino gambling proposal (#1) is the "ticket leader" and he has advised candidates to use the interest generated by it to get people to the polls. He personally does not believe that expanding casino gambling will benefit the local communities.

While he says he usually opposes land swaps, he actually sees merit in the Adirondack land swap proposals (#4 and #5). The proposal on raising the age limit of judges (#6) led to a lively discussion on how judicial candidates are selected.

As for his hopes for next Assembly Session, he said he will continue to work for comprehensive campaign finance reform. "Money is poison. It is impossible to run without money now." He noted that when he started out the biggest expense was some cheap palm cards. Now, he said, "it's an arms race..."

"The 2010 race between my opponent and me cost \$750,000. I raised \$100,000 and got something like \$150,000 more from the (State Democratic) Committee." He noted his opponent spent about \$500,000 and "that kind of money is ridiculous." He believes in public financing and much stricter limits on what people can give to candidates and that the current need for money seriously curtails the ability of people to run for office.

When asked about the redistricting amendment that will be on NEXT year's ballot, he said, "Don't kid yourself, it is always going to be a political process." He said we need stricter guidelines and communities in his district, for example, Red Hook and Rhinebeck are closer both physically and in interests to Kingston than Poughkeepsie. "As soon as a kid gets a driver's license, he heads for Foster's in Rhinebeck. Where do people in Red Hook shop? In Target Ulster. We are contiguous, compact and representative."

On the Women's Equality Act, which passed in the Assembly but did not pass as a whole package in the Senate, Cahill said, "If (the opponents of the Act) want to renegotiate, I'm holding out for even stronger protections, including wage laws."

Assemblyman Cahill agreed that much progressive legislation was stalled this year and we hope 2014 is a more positive year for League goals.

And, no. We did not discuss the sales tax!

Anne Needham

**Moderating
Guidelines**

Guidelines for moderating and sponsorship of candidates' events by the League are our website at <http://lwvmidhudson.org/Moderating.html> or from the [Home](#) page and the [Elections](#) page.

ULSTER COUNTY OBSERVER CORP

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Call Margaret Sellers at 339-3180 with your questions.

**Ulster County
Resource
Recovery
Agency
(UCRRA)**

Board Meeting – October 21, 2013

All board members were present. Staff members present were Executive Director Tim Rose, Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp, Operations Manager Charles Whittaker, Controller Tim DeGraff, Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan, Compliance Officer Tom Briggs, Executive Secretary Kelly Utter

There were no comments by the public.

Minutes of the last meeting on September 16 were approved.

Chairman Leon Smith asked if they should revert to the previous meeting time (3:30). They'll continue at 5 pm through 2013 and assess again in two months.

Tim Rose reported on last month's figures. The single stream collection is up. The market for it is so bad, haulers find it cheaper to bring single stream recyclables to the RRA than transport it to buyers. But at least there's more recycling being done.

Someone asked what the return is on separated waste vs. single stream (which is \$12/ton now). Tim et al had no quick answer but said they made over \$1 mil on recyclables last year. A few years ago they did a study on whether they should retrofit the MRF for single stream and concluded that they shouldn't because without flow control on recyclables, they can't guarantee the volume.

Tim reminded them that UCRRA is a public benefit corporation and they should keep that in mind as we look at the figures. A board member asked how we're benefiting the public if the tipping fee is higher than the fee in most counties.

Michelle reported on the HHW and Pharmaceutical Collection Day (October 19). 485 households participated. Nine huge plastic bags full of pharmaceuticals were brought in (400 lbs.) – a lot considering how small the bottles are. She described the COST and difficulty of recycling CRTs since there's no market anymore. They also collected 980 lbs. of food which went to The People's Place in Kingston. The next

HHW and Pharmaceutical Collection Day is April 19.

Resolution 2309 approving the 2014 budget passed. Those present said they were pretty sure that this is the first year in the history of the RRA that there's been no net service fee requested from the County. This should continue if they can guess right on how much waste will be coming in and then set the tipping fee accordingly.

Resolution 2310 awarding the contract for purchasing and removing four used landfill leachate storage tanks to West Kingston Recycling Corp. passed. There were four bids which ranged from \$4800 to West Kingston's \$13,000.

Tim Rose reported the good news that a check for almost \$124,000 was received from FEMA toward damages from Irene.

The negotiations with the County on bonding for expenditures over \$500,000 are no farther along than last month. Right now the RRA can bond for much more than that, and both the RRA board and the Legislature appear to agree that a lower limit would provide protection to the County which can ultimately be responsible for the debt.

A question was raised about whether they should be negotiating with the County Executive's office instead. They noted that County Attorney Bea Havranrk is already involved.

They adjourned to go into Executive Session re the status of negotiations under the Taylor Law.

Dare Thompson

**Legislative
Programs,
Education &
Community
Services**

Date: Oct. 16, 2013 Start Time: 5:07 p.m. Adjourn Time: 6:19 p.m.

Chairman Wayne Harris called the meeting to order, attendance taken and the meeting minutes from Sept. 18, 2013, were approved.

Mr. Harris explained this may be his last meeting and he thanked the committee.

Proposed Resolution No. 262 authorizing the chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a grant application regarding NY Connects Choices – office for the Aging was approved.

Mark Komdat, Ulster County Community College Dean of Admissions briefed the committee: UCCC 50th anniversary events (Mr. Harris was recognized), enrollment is OK, renovation of Kelder is proceeding, the water project is proceeding slowly, the Sophie Finn project is in feasibility stage, the safety related bridge work is progressing, the Senate gym floor is no good, and the veterans home renovations are being work on.

Lydia Reidy, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County, was not present as she recently had a hip replacement.

James Cosgrove, president, Margie Menard, treasurer, and Jolie Dempsey representing the Ulster County Library Association presented an overview of their operations and funding. Mr. Cosgrove thanked the committee for their support and the county for its funding.

The libraries are assisting individuals in navigating the NY version of the Affordable Care Act system.

Mr. Cosgrove discussed a workforce development initiative that includes Ulster

County portal and remote access for Job and Career help – four products:

Cypress for resume development,
Testing and Education Reference Center,
Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success,
Job Now! Re the KHAN Academy.

Mr. Harris complimented the success of these program.

Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, discussed several items: the effects of the 1% sales tax loss, funds are in contingency to avoid program disruptions. Action needed by mid Jan. 2014; the county is working on Medicaid eligibility assistance during the transition to the NY version of the Affordable Care Act system; the veterans burial costs and fees and veterans house are covered in the county budget as well as mental health and Office for the Aging assistance.

Mr. Harris received thanks from the County Executive.

The meeting concluded with refreshments and all around Thank You of appreciation to Mr. Harris and he returned his compliments to the committee.

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**Ulster County
Legislature:
Laws and Rules,
Governmental
Services
Committee**

Chairman Kevin Roberts called the meeting to order.

[audio recording]

The Sept. 23, 2013 meeting minutes were held until next month (they were subsequently approved at the reconvened committee meeting on Oct. 22, 2013.).

As only four members of the seven member committee were present, a unanimous vote was needed to approve a motion.

Proposed Resolution No. 239 adopting a local law amending a local law (requiring regulations regarding the sale of motor vehicle fuels) pertaining to sign sizes, etc. was reintroduced from the previous meeting. Legislature Minority Leader David Donaldson stated the resolution is now too watered down; Legislator Dean Fabiano agreed. Legislature Majority Leader Ken Ronk said the resolution may be in conflict with local laws. The proposed resolution was sent to the local zoning boards (ZBAs) for comment and no responses were received. Following a discussion of legislative rules regarding disposition, the resolution was tabled for next month as there were not enough votes to move it forward.

Proposed Resolution No. 256 setting a public hearing on a local law amending the Ulster County Administrative Code to be held Nov. 12, 2013, was approved.

LATE Resolution No. 275 authorizing reimbursement to the state for the cost of conducting a special session of the New York State Assembly, not to exceed \$75,000 was discussed prior to a vote: Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell and Legislator Ronk discussed how the funds would be handled in the county budget. Legislator Donaldson does not like the idea of the resolution and expressed his strong opposition. Legislator Ronk has no problem with the resolution and said that it's a good idea considering the possible loss of funds to the county without the additional 1% sales tax for a period of time. A motion to approve the resolution was defeated in a 3-1 vote. Legislator Ronk then changed his vote to a "no" to permit the resolution to be reconsidered.

New Business: Majority Leader Ken Ronk briefly discussed the charter revision provision of the permissive referendum until Legislator Donaldson introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. There were not enough votes to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Donaldson left the meeting.

The remaining committee members then waited for Legislator Peter Donaldson to appear (that would have allowed a reconsideration of the LATE Resolution No. 275 vote.). After some time, Chairman Roberts indicated there may be special meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Oct. 22 prior to the regular legislative session, effectively suspending the meeting.

Date: Oct. 22, 2013 Reconvene Time: 6:45 pm. (This observer was not present)

The Sept. 23, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

LATE Resolution No. 275 was approved to move to the Legislature.

[Subsequently, the Legislature approved the resolution following an hour of (sometimes heated) debate. This observer was not present.]

[These meetings were reported in the Daily Freeman on Oct. 22 and 24, 2013.]

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**Ulster County
Legislature:
Environmental
Energy &
Technology
Committee**

ERRATA: Observer notes of the Sept. 12, 2013, committee meeting were in the Oct. Commentator.

Regarding Proposed Resolution No. 182, those observer notes are corrected and clarified here , followed by a comment on the UCRRA board meeting of Oct. 21, 2012:

Proposed Resolution No. 182 authorizing counsel to the legislature to prepare a potential amendment to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency operating agreement with the county of Ulster was not approved by the committee – action may take place in the legislature. The vote by the committee followed an extensive discussion of several procedural items, including: an opinion is needed by bond counsel in response to a letter from the county attorney (Beatrice Havranek, Esq.), the resolution may not be necessary (Legislator Bartels voted, with Legislator Wawro, to pass the Resolution to the floor and all actions indicated on Resolution 182 had been completed by the Committee and Legislative Counsel), and Legislator John Parete was not present to explain the resolution (he is no longer a member of the committee).

[Subsequently on Sept. 16, 2013, the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency board indicated they expect to vote at their next meeting (Oct. 21, 2013) to rescind an equivalent resolution because the county committee defeated their resolution. This LWV observer saw the county committee vote was on procedure, not on the content of the resolution, and the intent of the resolution was not abandoned; this situation raises governance issues between the committee and the board.]

[Subsequently on Oct. 21, 2013, the UCRRA board did not rescind their proposed amended agreement. See Observer Notes of that board meeting above.]

Vic Melville, LWV Observer Corp, 10/25/13

Committee Meeting - October 10, 2013. All Committee members were present. The meeting began about 5:45.

The items being discussed were primarily about technology.

They debated Resolution No. 260, which would authorize the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to provide for the enhancement of Ulster County's digital orthoimagery data. Though inclined to be supportive, no one completely understood how the technology works and what its value would be and wanted to learn more.

They also discussed AppMe with a vendor present by teleconference. The app is already seen to be worthwhile for one-way communications from the County to citizens or for exploration of County government by citizens. In addition there could be an emergency-services component in that the app could allow people to let police know where they are so that they could be found. It would also allow people to let authorities know that they had escaped to safety and didn't need to be searched for. The price for the app appears to be fairly low, so the sense of the group was to move ahead at least with the basic app. They could then add to it later.

They reviewed the 9/25/13 FAD Public Hearing (related to the muddying of the Esopus Creek). Carl Belfiglio was pleased by the quality of the comments and the information that came out, including a letter from the DEC read by Congressman Gibson's representative and a response to that letter generated quickly during the hearing by the County Executive's office.

There was some discussion about the confusion between the UCRRA board and staff and the EET Committee over the effort to limit the amount of money the UCRRA can bond for. It appears that no one understands why something that seems to be wanted by all parties (UCRRA and the County) has not moved along more quickly. (The same feeling appeared to prevail at the UCRRA meeting on 10/21, written up elsewhere.)

Dare Thompson

UC Board of Health

The Board was convened on 10-6-13 by President, Dr. Marc Tack at 6:35 and adjourned at 7:17.

Present: Tack, Woodley, Kelly, Hilderbrandt; Absent: Delma, Graham

Others: Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Service Director, Amy McCracken, Deputy Commissioner, UC Department of Mental Health, Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director, Dr. Douglas Heller, Medical Examiner, Katrina Kouhout, Secretary to the Commissioner of Health

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for June and September. Both were approved.

Following the approval of the minutes, Commissioner Smith's report was given by Deputy Director Veytia, as Commissioner Smith was not present.

-comparison of fees for food, camps, etc. for various counties in the area. Study/analysis to compare with Ulster's which Ulster may change or not. At present when getting a food vendor's permit, it is not required to indicate whether it is a not-for-profit group. UC may want to consider requiring such in 2014. The information

that is collected is also given to the county attorney to review as well. Possibly in November, Commissioner Smith will present a formal proposal regarding this matter;

-relocation update: Commissioner meets weekly with various groups: Board of Health, Mental Health, Buildings & Grounds and Information Technology. This is in reference to the planned move from 300 Flatbush Avenue to the building on Golden Hill which presently houses the Department of Mental Health. Nursing Services Division will be first to move to the building in October. Other divisions moves will be announced possibly in December;

-community health assessment update: required to submit to NYSDOH by November 15. UC has a contract with CRREO to develop a document on what is being done. Hospitals also must submit their community assessments as well. Diabetes, obesity one of the areas and substance abuse and suicides is the other area that are being focused on. The various stakeholders are expected to develop a process that all can deal with, handle, and be on same page with; and

-mass gathering update: county attorney reviewing protocol developed by Ms. Mertens and Ms. Veytia to determine what type of fees to charge. The County Health Department is not the only part of county government involved in mass gatherings; other departments also can be involved. Thus the review to determine how the various participants would be affected.

Dr.Heller, the Medical Examiner provided the following report on the cases from September: September was a busy month: 28 calls, 9 autopsies, 2 site visits, no suicides, 2 mother vehicle accidents.

The Patient Services Report was provided by Deputy Director Veytia: The schedule for 2013 Flu/Pneumonia shots started about 2-3 weeks prior to the local Health Department's as the local pharmacies have the authority to provide it as well.

-the state DOH is requiring that those providing home care have flu shots or wear a mask.

The UC Health Department will be reporting to the NYS DOH how many home care providers had flu shots, if not, why not, and also that they are being provided with masks by the Local DOH if they have not been vaccinated. There are actual emblems to be attached to IDs indicating the person has had flu vaccine. Dr. Tack commented on the high dose vaccine particularly for those 65 and over. Medicare and other insurance companies do cover such.

Ms. Mertens provided a brief report on the J Rocco matter (see summary 9-9-13).

-there had been a formal hearing on this matter and while the defendant had agreed to pay the fine, which was due the week before this meeting, he has not done so to date;

-the attorney, Mr. Zweben, will be writing to him with respects to the his failure to pay his fine;

-no decision has been made as to what the next step will be;

-apparently Mr. Rocco is attempting to open another establishment but this one would be a deli. As a result the local DOH would not be involved , but Agriculture and Markets would be.Ms. Mertens indicated that the environmental division would advise A & M of the present status with his situation with it.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

**UC Association
of Town
Supervisors and
Mayors**

The meeting of the UC T/Supervisors was convened on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 8:45 by Vice-President T/Supervisor Quigley and adjourned at 8:53.

Initially, Supervisor Quigley advised the group that President and Supervisor Chipman was in the hospital. Additionally, Mr. Quigley advised the group that the County Executive, the Chair of the UC Legislature, and a representative of the governor were expected.

While the group waited for them to arrive, it approved the 9-17-13 minutes, followed by the acceptance of the treasurer's report, which was the same as Septembers.

As the individuals noted above had not appeared, Mr. Quigley asked for a motion to adjourn, which was approved.

It was noted that the group would hold a regular meeting in November. Selection of the place for the December luncheon would be determined at a later date.

Lee Cane, Observer Corp

