

SOAR Newsletter November 14, 2020

The SOAR Board of Directors met on Armistice Day and adjourned near the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month after acting on plans for a virtual Spring 2021 semester.

The 12 virtual courses offered in Fall 2020 proceeded with only the most minor and brief glitches (thank you tech assistants!). Enrollments ranged from 12 to 26. Some of the courses involved lively discussion, thus taking advantage of Zoom technology, and emulating the in-person courses which SOARers love. As many as 54 people have already viewed the recordings of the classes that continue to be available on the SOAR website.

Our chief disappointment was that only about 80 of our 400+ members participated. We hope to improve this situation by offering tutorials in using Zoom before the next semester so that more members will feel comfortable Zoom-ing and will register for courses. Please help us to plan by responding to the survey that you will soon receive.

Your Board approved a list of 24 courses for Spring 2021 (February 1 through April 15) of which 16 have so far been confirmed by the presenters. The December Newsletter will have details. The BOD also decided to open enrollment in the courses to the community in the hope that new members could be enticed to join SOAR when we “re-open” and again charge a membership fee.