

UIRA Board of Directors

January 11, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Attending: Deb Cobb, Chuck Dayton, Ed Dove, David Fitzgerald, Benny Hawkins, Lois Lembke, Pat Mason-Browne, Frank Mitros, Vicki Seifers, Billie Townsend, Carolyn Wanat

Call to Order – Carolyn Wanat, President

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Reports from Officers

Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Chuck, seconded by Lois, the December 14 minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer – David Fitzgerald

Carolyn reported \$75.00 in membership income. This month's higher *Gray Hawk* expense includes \$50.00 in stamps. Lois clarified that the NEON expense of \$900.74 covers a balance due for an incorrect billing in October. Income from Vanguard (\$57.73) is down from the last report.

Entering the meeting, David confirmed that he has paid the mailbox fee and a \$2 late penalty.

President-Elect – Ed Dove

Ed sent a personal note to the nominating committee chair about including staff members among nominees for leadership (president and president-elect) positions. The chair agreed that the committee would do so. Carolyn noted that it is important to have nominees with a broad knowledge and a variety of interests, talents, and skill sets.

Past President – (Sam Cochran)

Carolyn reported in Sam's absence.

Kevin Ward, retired from UI HR and currently a volunteer with SHIP, has asked about a presentation to better educate retirees about insurance. The program committee will discuss extending an invitation.

Sam will be meeting with Kent Park staff to discuss small group outdoor programs for UIRA members.

Carolyn reminded the board about upcoming programs:

- Critical Race Theory, Victor Ray, Miller Professor in sociology, criminology, and African American studies and Venise Berry, professor of Journalism and African American studies, Wednesday, January 19, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom
- How Technologies Are Changing the Way We Think, Juan Pablo Hourcade, associate professor of computer science and director of graduate studies for the interdisciplinary graduate program in informatics, Thursday, February 3, 10:30 a.m., via Zoom
- IowaRise and the UI Public Policy Center, Peter Damiano, director, UI Public Policy Center and professor of preventive and community dentistry, College of Dentistry, Thursday, February 17, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom
- The Iowa Center for School Mental Health, Allison Bruhn, associate professor in special education, interim executive director of the Iowa Center for School Mental Health and Dan Clay, dean of the College of Education, Thursday, March 3, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom
- Politics and Protest in Pictures, Judy Polumbaum, professor emeritus of journalism and mass communication, Thursday, March 17, 2:00 p.m., via Zoom

President – Carolyn Wanat

Carolyn contacted Sara Hansen, VP for Student Affairs, about the Student Life Emergency Fund, a limited (one-time) resource for students experiencing financial distress. The board approved this Support Our Students (SOS) relationship as UIRA's campaign for the year.

There was extensive discussion of other student support possibilities, including mentoring, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the President. Carolyn plans to consult with past UIRA officers who attended Big Ten Retiree meetings for information about relations between other associations and their institutions.

Reports from Committees

***The Gray Hawk* – (Lesanne Fliehler)**

Carolyn reminded the board that copy is due by the 20th of the month. Diana Russo is now part of the review team.

Membership – Lois Lembke

There are 609 current members in 484 households. Four new members are scheduled to be included in the January *Gray Hawk*; seven are scheduled for the February issue.

Emeritus Faculty Council – Frank Mitros

Spring 2022 Senior College registration began yesterday, with 677 enrolled.

Old Business

Carolyn thanked to board for its approval of the membership of the nominating committee:

- Mike Barron, chair
- Sam Cochran
- Sue Otto
- Lesanne Fliehler
- Diana Harris

New Business

There was unanimous approval of a special board meeting (via Zoom) on Tuesday, January 18, 1 p.m., to discuss a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between UIRA and the UI President's Office. Ed will send a draft Memorandum prior to the meeting.

Adjourn

Carolyn adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Next meeting – February 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom

**UIRA Board of Directors
Executive Session**

**January 18, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

Attending: Deb Cobb, Sam Cochran, Chuck Dayton, Ed Dove, David Fitzgerald, Lesanne Fliehler, Lois Lembke, Pat Mason-Browne, Vicki Seifers, Billie Townsend, Carolyn Wanat

This executive session was called to order at 1 p.m., to be immediately followed by a special meeting of the board.

Executive session:

Ed posted a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UIRA and the Office of the President. It had been sent to board members, along with thoughts from Lois and Chuck about membership management.

There was an extensive discussion and editing of the MOU as a work-in-progress document.

The executive session ended at 2:30 p.m.

Special board meeting:

Carolyn called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

On a motion from Lesanne, seconded by Billie, the board approved unanimously the revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding. Ed will send a final copy to the board. Carolyn, Ed, and Sam will take the document to their meeting later this month with Laura McLeran, Office of the President, and Kate Sojka, Center for Advancement.

Carolyn thanked Ed and the other board members for their participation in today's sessions.

On a motion from Sam, seconded by Billie, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.