

## **UIRA Board of Directors**

**February 8, 2022**

**Zoom Meeting**

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

### **Call to Order – Carolyn Wanat, President**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

### **Reports from Officers**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion from Benny, seconded by Ed, the January 11 minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **Treasurer – David Fitzgerald**

David reported \$220.00 in membership plus an additional 67 cents in interest. *The Gray Hawk* expense was \$7.42. Vanguard reserve funds are down a bit but still higher than the initial investment.

#### **President-Elect – Ed Dove**

Ed deferred to the President's report (below).

#### **Past President – Sam Cochran**

Sam will forward to Lois the February 1 HR excel upload of retirees. As an incentive to accepting membership, Ed suggested including with the invitation letter a list of this year's programming.

#### **President – Carolyn Wanat**

Carolyn, Ed, and Sam are scheduled to meet with Laura McLeran and Kate Sojka on Tuesday, February 15 to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (already presented to the Office of the President). Carolyn thanked the board for its assistance in editing the document.

Ed renewed discussion about a possible role for UIRA to “mentor” students. Since the term has many meanings and can involve training, the board agreed that UI will need to clarify the desired role.

In January the board approved participation in the Support Our Students (SOS) annual giving opportunity, but will wait until after the February 15 meeting to determine our kickoff date.

An update of the bylaws appears to be in order, owing to changes resulting from committee activities during the pandemic. The program committee membership and event scheduling, for example, have become more robust during this time. Carolyn will consult with Emil Rinderspacher and Sue Otto about convening a special task force to insert changes.

The nominating committee work is done. A final report will be discussed at a future board meeting.

### **Reports from Committees**

#### ***The Gray Hawk* – Lesanne Fliehler**

Deadline for copy continues to be the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The February issue will include a “Save the Date” box for the Annual Meeting.

#### **Membership – Lois Lembke**

There are 615 current members in 488 households. Ten new members are scheduled to be included in the February *Gray Hawk*; 4 are scheduled for the March issue.

#### **Program Committee – Sam Cochran**

Upcoming events:

- 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
- Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence, Alta Medea-Peters, director of community engagement, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Thursday, April 14, 11 a.m., via Zoom
- First 100 Days, Meghann Foster, Coralville mayor, Wednesday, May 11, 3 p.m., via Zoom

Upcoming Outings: (details in upcoming issues of *The Gray Hawk*)

- Johnson County Preservation Forest Preserve Hike, Monday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
- Kayaking at Kent Park Lake, Tuesday, June 2

On a motion from Sam, seconded by Billie, the board approved the date and time for the UIRA Annual Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., via Zoom.

The next program committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 1 p.m.

### **New Business**

There has been no news from the Awards Committee. The nomination deadline for Volunteer Service Awards is February 15.

### **Adjourn**

On a motion from Sam, seconded by Lesanne, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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