

UIRA Board of Directors

**March 8, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

Attending: Deb Cobb, Sam Cochran, Chuck Dayton, Ed Dove, David Fitzgerald, Lesanne Fliehler, Lois Lembke, Pat Mason-Browne, Frank Mitros, 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

The February 8 minutes were approved on a motion from Lesanne, seconded by Ed.

Treasurer – David Fitzgerald

David reported \$85.00 in membership income plus an additional 60 cents in interest. Total operating expenses were \$363.97: \$182.97 for mailing (new membership solicitation) and \$181.00 for the 2022 Post Office box rental (includes a \$25.00 late fee).

President-Elect – Ed Dove

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

Past President – Sam Cochran

Sam will notify the membership about an opportunity to donate to the UIRA Scholarship fund via the UI Center for Advancement's One Day for Iowa campaign (ending March 30). In 2021 donors contributed over \$1,000. The scholarships support two deserving students in the amount of \$1,000 each.

There are 9 entrants in the Photo Contest categories: 3 international; 6 USA; and 9 Iowa. For multiple submissions in one category, the board supported the judges' decision to use the earliest submission. David has received the Hills Bank check for prize money.

President – Carolyn Wanat

The nominating committee (Mike Barron, chair; Sam, as past board president; Lesanne; Sue Otto; Diana Harris) has submitted the 2022-2023 ballot.

President-Elect: Deb Cobb

Three-year Director: Gary Anderson
Evelyn Van Allen-Shalash

Two-year Director: Maureen McCormick (to complete Deb Cobb's term)

On a motion from David, seconded by Chuck, the board voted to approve the election ballot. Carolyn expressed the board's appreciation to the nominating committee. Lesanne and Sue Otto will collect nominee photos and bios, and determine the date for distributing the electronic ballot. (In 2021, candidates were listed in the *May Gray Hawk* and ballots sent shortly thereafter).

The awards committee (Lucille Heitman; Billie; Penny Hall) has selected the following recipients, who will be acknowledged at the June Annual Meeting:

University Service: Warren Boe

Community Service: Emil Rinderspacher

The recipients have provided photos and bios.

Reports from Committees

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

Deadline for copy continues to be the 20th of the month. There are a few design changes as suggested by Diana Russo Saluri.

Membership – Lois Lembke

There are 625 current members in 495 households. Four new members are scheduled to be included in the March *Gray Hawk*; 17 are scheduled for the April issue.

Program Committee – Sam Cochran

This year's final events:

- 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

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

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

The committee is busy working on programming for next year, and will sort through survey suggestions over the summer.

EFC – Frank Mitros

Upcoming Emeritus Faculty Lectures:

- Centennial Tensions: A Wider Reckoning with the History of the UI's Theatre Arts Department, Kim Marra, Professor Emeritus of Theatre Arts and American Studies, Thursday, March 24, 4-5 p.m., in-person and via Zoom
- Empowering a Victim of Domestic Violence to Terminate a Lease, Sheldon Kurtz, David H. Vernon Professor Emeritus, College of Law, Thursday, April 21, 4:00 p.m., in-person and via Zoom

Old Business

Carolyn referenced her February 23 progress report to the board and past presidents regarding UIRA's formal affiliation with the University of Iowa through the Center for Advancement (UICA). The formal affiliation date is July 1.

The Memorandum of Understanding is still to be approved by the UICA and the UI General Counsel. Carolyn invited board members to send any questions or comments (e.g., regarding *The Gray Hawk*, financial reports, or membership communication) to her, Ed, or Sam. Lois asked to have UIRA financial reports provided monthly.

Ed recommended that Lesanne be included in tomorrow's meeting with Kate Sojka and Erin Brokel to discuss UICA's help with production and distribution of *The Gray Hawk*. (UIRA will continue to create Gray Hawk content.) Even after the end of their board service, Lois and Chuck agreed to be available for questions regarding membership management. Carolyn thanked them (as well as Lesanne) for their work.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. on a motion from Ed, seconded by Lesanne.

Next meeting – April 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom