

## **UIRA Board of Directors**

**April 12, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

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

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

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

### **Reports from Officers**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The March 8 minutes were approved on a motion from David, seconded by Lesanne.

#### **Treasurer – David Fitzgerald**

With \$411.77 in membership income and operating expenses (printing/*The Gray Hawk*) of \$8.90, there is a checking account balance of \$15,911.72. The Vanguard account has posted a 6% loss this year.

#### **President-Elect – Ed Dove**

Ed will want a committee of board volunteers to test each process in the Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **Past President – Sam Cochran**

Sam reported on results of UIRA's participation in the Center for Advancement's One Day for Iowa's online giving day. Twenty-two members (twice as many as in 2021) donated \$2,022 to the scholarship fund. Profiles of the fall 2021 and spring 2022 recipients, and a thank-you letter, will appear in the May *Gray Hawk*. UIRA scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, support two deserving students.

The photo contest first-place winners (\$50 prize) were announced in the April *Gray Hawk*; second- (\$30) and third-place (\$20) winners will be included in the May issue. Honoraria, and

thanks, go to Jan Lawlor, coordinator, and to judges Larry Mendenhall and Tim Schoon. Carolyn also thanked Sam for his work on this project.

### **President – Carolyn Wanat**

Kate Sojka, University Center for Advancement (UICA), has been in contact regarding UIRA's structure and functioning. Carolyn thanked Lois, Chuck, and Lesanne for consulting on this effort. Kate and Erin Brokel plan to attend a board meeting. The transition timeline for UICA affiliation is still to be determined.

### **Reports from Committees**

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

Lesanne has received photos and bios for the slate of board nominees, and will determine the timeline for distribution of the electronic ballot.

In connection with the upcoming UICA affiliation, there was discussion about including expected UIRA procedural changes (e.g., payment of membership dues) in the June issue.

#### **Membership – Lois Lembke**

There are 640 current members in 508 households. Twenty-two new members are scheduled to be included in the April *Gray Hawk*; 3 are scheduled for the May issue. There will be 265 membership renewal requests in May. Carolyn will include a reminder (President's Column) in that month's *Gray Hawk*.

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

Final events:

- 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: (registration required for both; details in the May *Gray Hawk*)

- Cangaleska Wakan Ephemeral Forest Hike, Monday, May 16, 10 a.m. - noon
- Kayaking at Kent Park Lake, Tuesday, June 2, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The committee is working on details for the June 16 Annual Meeting. The zoom format will again include power point slides, photos, and announcements.

## **EFC**

Carolyn reminded the board of the upcoming Emeritus Faculty Committee Lecture:

- 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

## **New Business**

In announcing Benny Hawkins's resignation, Carolyn expressed UIRA's appreciation for his 5 years of service to the board. The bylaws authorize a one-year appointment to complete the remainder of his term.

As part of its co-sponsorship of the April 26 UI Lecture Committee's sold-out presentation by Bill Nye, Senior College is extending an invitation to livestream the event. The link will be available to friends of Senior College (including UIRA and EFC) as well as this year's College enrollees.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. on a motion from Ed, seconded by Lesanne.

**Next meeting** – May 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom