

**University of Iowa Retirees Association
(UIRA)
Board of Directors**

**January 10, 2023
Hybrid Meeting: In-Person and Zoom**

Attending: Mike Barron, Deb Cobb, Ed Dove, Lesanne Fliehler, Mike Hovland, Pat Mason-Browne, Vicki Siefers, Carolyn Wanat

Not attending: David Fitzgerald, Billie Townsend, Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash

Call to Order – Ed Dove, President

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Reports from Officers

Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Mike Hovland, seconded by Lesanne, the December 13 minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer – David Fitzgerald

The report was deferred to a later date. Ed announced that the NEON contract and expense have ended.

Past-President – Carolyn Wanat

Carolyn is seeking the name of the fall 2022 UIRA Scholarship recipient for inclusion in the March *Gray Hawk* issue.

President – Ed Dove

Ed will be sending two reminders (both before March 9) about member contributions to the 2022 UIRA Scholarship, part of the University of Iowa's Center for Advancement's One Day for Iowa fundraising effort. The event is scheduled for March 29, 2023.

Reports from Committees

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

Deadlines for the upcoming issue:

- Monday, January 16 – content submission
- January 17-18 – layout to submitters for review
- January 18-19 – finalized copy to Kellie Digmann for mailing the following week

Membership –

The report was deferred to a later date.

Program Committee – Carolyn Wanat

There are three programs planned for February:

- Overview of the UI's 10-Year Facilities Master Plan. Rod Lehnertz, senior vice president for finance and operations and UI architect. Monday, February 6, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- Inside the Hawkeye Marching Band. Dr. Eric Bush, director. Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- Creating a More Resilient Community Food System in Johnson County. Michelle Kenyon, executive director of Field to Family (F2F). Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

March:

- Why Do Babies Sleep Like Babies? Sleep Across the Lifespan. Mark Blumberg, F. Wendell Miller Professor and chair of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Wednesday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Upcoming programs and outings:

- Title IX and 50 Years of Women's Athletics at the University of Iowa. Monday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.
- Tour of Hancher Auditorium. Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 p.m.
- Phebe Timber Spring Hike. Monday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Old Business

Report of *ad hoc* subcommittee work (committee **leader**).

- Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC): *determine best route to establish influence on decisions that affect retirees (special attention to health benefits, rates, etc.)* [David, Billie, Maureen, Deb]
Report is deferred to a later date. Ed noted that a change in approach might be to meet with the FRIC chairs.

- Operations Manual (OM): *determine best method for establishing UIRA presence.* [Evalyn, Lesanne, Ed,]
Ed continues to work with the Provost and the President's Office on the status of this effort.
- UIRA/UI interaction: *marketing and promoting to the University, prospective retirees, and the community.* [Mike Barron, Mike Hovland, Lesanne, Vicki, Evalyn, Pat, Carolyn]
Food Pantry –
 - Invite Sarah Hansen to attend a future board meeting or, alternatively, meet with the program committee.
 - Lesanne is contacting Lin Larson about an updated retiree brochure.

New Business

Ed shared a beta version of an electronic dues collection site, to be included on the UIRA site after review and approval by the Office of Strategic Communication (OSC) and the President's Office. Today's discussion:

- Include text: "Information provided is for UIRA purposes only; no information will be given or sold to third parties"
- Email address and phone number are required fields
- Automatic membership for the first year of retirement (as a recruitment tool)?
- Membership period to run July 1-June 30. Yearly renewal? Multiple year membership option?
- Dues amount to remain \$10? Prorated for off-cycle retirement?

Volunteers are needed to chair the following committees.

- Photo contest – there are currently 9 contest submissions, one for each category; 2 judges. **Lesanne** (images); **Ed** (folder)
- Web master assignments – **Phil Klein** (training session with Lin Larson)
- Nominating committee – **Mike Hovland**; Mike Barron will serve as a committee member
- Awards committee – **Billie**
- Budget committee – **Deb** (as UIRA president-elect)
- Membership committee – **Vicki**; Lesanne and Deb as members

Lesanne will notify board members about dates their terms end. Upcoming elections should consider overlapping terms as well as representation from both sides of the campus. Ed reiterated the need to rewrite the bylaws (broadly) to reflect operational changes.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Next meeting – February 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Hybrid format (In-Person and Zoom)