

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

**May 9, 2023
Hybrid Meeting: In-Person and Zoom**

Attending: Mike Barron, Deb Cobb, Ed Dove, Lesanne Fliehler, Mike Hovland, Pat Mason-Browne, Vicki Siefers, Billie Townsend, Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash, Carolyn Wanat

Not attending: David Fitzgerald

Call to Order – Ed Dove, President

Ed called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Reports from Officers

Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Lesanne, seconded by Billie, the April 11 minutes were approved.

Treasurer –

Ed will forward the financial report.

Past-President – Carolyn Wanat

See the program committee report below.

Reports from Committees

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

Next Monday is the content deadline for the June issue, the final *Gray Hawk* for the 2022-2023 year. It will include board election results, service award winners, and information about the Annual Meeting. (Ed will be sending members email reminders about the latter.)

Membership –

Vicki has forwarded copies of the UIRA welcome letter and brochure to Human Resources for inclusion with new retiree materials.

Program Committee – Carolyn Wanat

Three programs have been completed since the last board meeting:

- Steph Beecher: Engaging with Today's Students. Tuesday, April 12 (18 attendees).
- Matt Degner: State of the Iowa City Community School District. Tuesday, April 19 (36 attendees).
- Ellie Herman and co-docent Sally Leme: tour of Hancher Auditorium. Wednesday, May 3 (13 attendees, who expressed their appreciation for a behind-the-scenes view of the facility).

Remaining programs for the year:

- (In-person) Phebe Timber Spring Hike. Monday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. Sam Cochran is coordinating. A pdf link will be available in *The Gray Hawk*. Registration will not be required.
- (Hybrid: In-person and Zoom) The Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social. Thursday, June 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center (UCC). Registration will be required through *The Gray Hawk* (RSVPs to Evalyn: van-allen-shalash@uiowa.edu). Please encourage UIRA friends to register by June 1. Evalyn, hospitality committee chair, and fellow members Billie, Alice Atkinson, Ellie Herman, and Nancy Langguth are working on refreshments. Photos taken at the meeting will be considered for a UIRA brochure.

Ideas are coming in for next year's programming.

Old Business

Ed congratulated Mike Hovland and the **nominating committee** on the slate of candidates. Mike Barron noted that the voting process requires use of a HawkID and password, which might not be readily available to members. Ed noted that both are a requirement for using qualtrix via UI's ITS (Information Technology Services). Future elections will consider using another (i.e., non-ITS) instrument.

As **awards committee** representative, Billie has sent award winner bios to Lesanne for inclusion in the June issue of *The Gray Hawk*. Billie will introduce the recipients at the Annual Meeting.

Since the timeframe for UIRA inclusion in the **Operations Manual** is still to be determined, next year's board will continue to pursue this initiative.

Mike Barron reported that details are pending about **UIRA-UI interaction**. Earlier this month Mike Hovland shared a request from the Student Success Team for volunteers to help staff finals week activities (May 7 and 8).

New Business

Ed had distributed a revised draft of the **UIRA bylaws**. After some editing and on a motion from Deb, seconded by Billie, the board approved the revised bylaws unanimously. He reminded the board that the bylaws require standing committees to submit year-end reports.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, Ed shared power point slides. They are to be posted on the website in lieu of minutes.

As today's meeting is the final one of the year, Ed expressed his thanks to the board for this year's achievements.

Adjourn

On a motion from Billie, seconded by Carolyn, Ed adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.