

University of Iowa Retirees Association (UIRA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026 1:00PM-Zoom meeting

Attending: John Allen, Lois Cox, Jean Florman, Nancy Langguth, Diana Lundell, Mike Noel, Rachel Stewart, Todd Stewart, Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash, Cathy Wilcox, Tom Vaughn

Absent: Cindy Seyfer, Mike Barron

Call to Order –Lois Cox, President, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion from Todd Stewart, seconded by Diana Lundell, the May 19, 2026 minutes were approved.

Reports from Officers

President –Lois Cox –Lois has been planning for the annual meeting, coordinating with the Membership and Program Planning Committees about the fall schedule, and getting ready to hand off the presidency to Rachel Stewart.

All this year's honorees and award winners are REALLY deserving, and we have some great photos to show attendees at the event. Many thanks to Diana for taking the laboring oar on the annual report and contributing her own section on UIRA history.

For the fall, the barn party will be at the home of Pam Terrill and Steve Scheckel on the late afternoon/early evening of October 10. (Note: after the June meeting, Pam informed Lois that her preferred date is Friday, October 9. Therefore, the party will be on October 9.)

The Membership Committee is focused on energizing our membership and persuading more complimentary members to become sustaining ones. To those ends, they would like some sort of social event to happen in September.

In terms of winding up this year's business, the Membership Committee has been working on incorporating the bylaws changes we passed a few months ago into the Policy Manual section on UIRA (Section I, 2.8(12)). Apart from the changes made to the bylaws (board size and re-naming membership categories) there are few substantive changes, though there's been some rearrangement of the material. The bulk of the work on this has been done by Chris Brus, who deserves our thanks, with Cindy and Lois contributing input.

President Elect-Rachel Stewart- No report.

Past President— Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash-see Program Planning Committee report.

Treasurer – Todd Stewart-the monthly Income/Expense statement and Balance Sheet were reviewed. Membership dues of approximately \$600 dollars will be deposited to the Hills bank UIRA account. There

was an issue when the funds were sent to Hills bank to the attention of a staff member who was no longer employed there. Todd has been in contact with Hills Bank to get this resolved for now and for future deposits. He is waiting to obtain the financial details for the 30th anniversary celebration and is checking on the process of how payments made for the dinner are transferred to the UIRA account. A motion was made by Jean Florman and seconded by John Allen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approval was unanimous.

Todd has made contact with Stefany Naranjo at UICA about getting reports on the UIRA Scholarship. He will be getting monthly reports and after he gets a few of these, he may determine that UIRA needs only quarterly reports. The BOD has had difficulty in getting any reports on the scholarship and now that Todd has a contact, the BOD hopes that this situation has been resolved.

EFC Liaison to UIRA and UIRA Liaison to EFC- no reports because the EFC does not meet during the summer.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee-Mike Barron (Chair), Nancy Langguth-nothing to report.

Budget Committee-Todd Stewart (chair)-nothing to report.

Gray Hawk-Diana Lundell-Editor- No newsletters in July or August. The next issue will be the September 2026 issue. The call for content for that issue will be around August 3 and the deadline for content will be August 14.

Photo Contest-Diana has invited everyone who participated in the contest to attend the annual meeting and will notify Evalyn of the number attending. Two Hills Bank representatives are planning to attend. UIRA member winners will receive ribbons and checks at the meeting (or in the mail). Todd has already cut the checks for winners and judges.

Diana is creating a PowerPoint with all the 36 photos submitted that will scroll at the beginning of the annual meeting, and highlighting winners. She will also create a poster of the first place winners to be displayed at two Hills Bank branches.

First place winning photos appeared in the May issue of Gray Hawk. Second and third place photos were in the June issue.

Manual Update & Orientation Committee - Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash (chair), Lesanne Fliehler, Chris Brus-Evalyn will email the current UIRA manual to the BOD for review and if there are changes, notify her. The manual needs to be updated before the new BOD orientation that usually occurs in late August.

Membership Committee - Cindy Seyfer (chair), Chris Brus, Diana Lundell, Mike Noel, Kevin Ward, Kit Gerkin- In Cindy's absence Mike Noel provided updates.

Chris Brus will be going off the committee. She has served many years as a BOD and on the Membership Committee and the BOD appreciates all of her years of service to the UIRA.

The Committee will be planning a meet and greet for new members in the fall. The plan is to have one of these in the fall and spring semesters.

Nominations Committee- Jean Florman (Chair), Mike Barron, Lois Cox, Mike Noel, Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash-no report.

Planning Program Committee-Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash(Chair), John Allen, Lois Cox, Jean Florman, Pat Kenner, Diana Lundell, Rachel Stewart, Rick Walton, Cathy Wilcox

May Program - Thursday, May 21, 2026, Speaker: Professor Allan Vestal. Topic: History of the Pledge of Allegiance. Committee members agreed that the presentation was excellent, informative, and enjoyable. Attendees appreciated Professor Vestal's ability to connect the history to contemporary issues.

Membership Recruitment- Jean will contact Kellie regarding obtaining a list of recent retirees. It was agreed that Kellie should create a mail-merged invitation (more personal with member's first name in the salutation) to encouraging attendance at the annual meeting. The invitation should include a reminder to watch for information about the upcoming Barn Party.

Future Programming and Events-Evalyn shared the list of possible locations for social events. She has given this information to Lois Cox who will be the new chair of the Program Planning Committee and to Cindy Seyfer. In addition Evalyn shared the list of future program ideas and will give them to Lois. The annual health insurance update presentation has been scheduled for Friday, October 16.

This was Evalyn's last meeting because she is going off the BOD. BOD expressed appreciation for all the work that Evalyn has done for UIRA.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Explorer's Report-Co-leaders:Lianne Flieher, Marianne Mason –no walks scheduled for the summer.

Website Update Committee- Rachel Stewart (Chair), Lianne Flieher, Carol McGhan-nothing to report

Old Business:

Update on committee chairs and members for next year-Rachel Stewart reported that committee chairs are set. During the meeting, Jean Florman agreed to chair the nominating committee again Some committees have returning members and some will need to recruit new members.

Volunteerism opportunities for UIRA members-there will be further discussions about this in the upcoming year. It was suggested that having co-chairs would make things more manageable than having one chair for this committee. One chair could be responsible for community opportunities and the other for UI opportunities. The co-chairs could identify agencies that could benefit from having UIRA members

as volunteers. Nancy Langguth is already involved with United Way and they have many different areas for volunteering.

Webmaster-In recruiting a new webmaster UIRA could expand its outreach by having a Facebook and Instagram presence. Rachel Stewart has been responsible for creating web forms for various needs throughout the year and it was suggested that this could be handled by Kellie.

Annual Meeting- Tuesday, June 30, 2026, 2520-D UCC; 12:30 PM-social gathering; 1:00 PM, Program begins. Evalyn will order the ice cream based on RSVPs and will purchase bottled water from CVS. Nancy Langguth will pick up the ice cream before the social hour begins. Diana Lundell is working on the Annual Meeting PowerPoint. Committee chairs have provided her with updates. She will include a brief presentation on UIRA history. The historical section will follow the "Year in Review" and precede presentation of awards. Leadership Transition- Lois will deliver farewell remarks. Rachel will be inaugurated as incoming president. New Directors-Jean will prepare a slide introducing new directors, including photographs and Lois will provide brief introductions.

New Business

UI Policy Manual Changes-Chris Brus, from the membership committee provided a draft of the updated description for the section in the manual on the UIRA Charter. One change was made to use "Governance" in place of "Government". A motion was made by John Allen, seconded by Mike Noel to approve the updated description with the one change. Vote was unanimous to accept.

New Board Member Orientation- Jean Florman asked if the Nominations committee members could be involved in the new BOD orientation. This has not been done in the past, but BOD agreed that it would be beneficial to have those committee members present because they are the ones who were involved in contacting/recruiting the new BOD.

September Programming-social event- Since the Barn Party will be in October, the Membership Committee would like to have an event in September. One possibility is to have another campus tree walk in the late afternoon and then gather at a location for snacks or a meal. Nancy Langguth will contact Andy Dahl, UI Arborist.

Barn Party-October 10 (Note: date changed to October 9.). Pam will need help with setting things up as well as food preparation. Rachel Stewart has contacted Nick Westergaard about being the speaker at the event. More details will be discussed at the August 4 program planning committee meeting.

Adjourn: On a motion from Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash and seconded by Rachel Stewart, Lois adjourned the meeting at 2:18 PM.