

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES
March 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Rick Walton

Persons Present: Richard Borchard, Kris Canfield, Dick Johns, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Ross, Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pamela Willard, Nancy Williams, and Charlie Anderson

Reports from Officers:

Secretary

February 11, 2014 meeting Minutes

Lynch moved, Johns seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as printed.
Approved unanimously

Treasurer

Treasurer's report as of March 1, 2014

\$2,328.46 Total checking account balance

\$2,559.28 Hills CD account balance – matures 10/2/14

\$1,021.23 Vanguard Money Market

\$12,997.58 Vanguard GNMA @2.20%

\$16,578.09 Total Reserve Funds

Spaziani moved, Willard seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report
Approved unanimously

President Report

Rick Walton reported that:

- The University Club is not interested in changing their By-laws at this time to accommodate persons outside their organization to be members of their Interest Groups. On the upcoming UIRA questionnaire our members will have the opportunity to express their desire to form Interest Groups in our organization
- there is a policy in our By-laws for filling vacated unfinished terms on our Board.

Nominating Committee Report

Charlie Anderson reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee which included Ruth Dawson, Richard Walton, Larry Wilson, and Gene Spaziani

UIRA Slate of nominees for 2014

President-Elect	Roy Justis
Secretary	Alice Atkinson
Board Member-at-Large	Pamela Willard
Board Member-at-Large	Richard Borchard

Past President Report

Nancy Williams reported that:

- a note in the upcoming Gray Hawk will remind the membership that there is the option of an Associate Membership to UIRA.
- all but one of the five remaining Senior College classes are full.
- the Annual Picnic in June will be held at the Terry Trueblood Park Lodge.

President-elect Report Ken Starck reported that:

- plans for the Annual Meeting Luncheon at the Holiday Inn on April 24th are moving forward. The three menu options are in place, and there will be an open bar. Ruth Dawson will be in charge of reservations. The Photo Contest entries have been judged

and winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Luncheon. A TV monitor in the lobby will run a slide show of all the entries to the contest. Entertainment for that day is still being worked out.

- photos from the UIRA February meeting held at Film Scene have been posted on our website. It was very successful meeting on a bitter cold day!
- a Strategic Communication Internship is being established. The job description and qualifications have been distributed to students in the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication. One application has been received thus far. Ken Starck and Rick Walton will interview the candidates.

Reports from Committees:

Newsletter

In her absence Ann Ford stated through Rick Walton that there is currently nothing new to report.

Membership

Dick Johns reported that:

- since our last meeting there has been an increase of 7 members - 3 of them new memberships - bringing our total membership to 573.
- he is still researching the use of an outside source to maintain UIRA membership records.

Motion: Beginning next year UIRA annual memberships will be \$10 per person or \$25 for three years.

Moved by Johns, seconded by Starck

Approved unanimously

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Rick Borchard reported that:

- Dental 2 Coinsurance; the orthodontic benefit is increased to 50% from 30%. Premium will increase approximately \$1 per year.
- UIHC Choice Levels: UIHC has developed an alliance with Mercy Care of Cedar Rapids, Mercy Des Moines, and Genesis Quad Cities. The new primary care providers will be incorporated into Level 1 allowing a \$5 co-pay rather than the Level 2 \$20 co-pay. Goal is implementation effective 1, 2014.
- UI Health and Wellness presented savings realized as the result of various programs e.g. smoking cessation, weight management, and exercise. All UI retirees are eligible for participation.

Programs

Nancy Lynch reported that:

- March 26th a UIRA health event will be held at the Coralville Public Library. There will be some tables of health-related displays and information. Several door prizes have been secured as well. The program will be a speaker talking about the Blue Zone Project. She will need some help setting up and tearing down.

Directors at Large

Gene Spaziani reported that he will finalize the format of the first of two planned surveys and bring it to the Board in April for their approval.

EFC Contact

Pam Willard reported:

- the following is the response she received regarding software discounts for retirees. "We simply have no licensing options for retirees. Microsoft does not offer any. Here is

a link to some options:<http://its.uiowa.edu/news/what-software-options-do-retirees-have>.”

- parking privileges for retirees those, other than Emeriti, while they’re engaged in “University–related business” is still being pursued.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 1:00 PM Ken Starck presiding.

Nancy Ross, Secretary