

**UIRA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 10, 2014 1 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President Ken Starck

**Present:** Katharine Bjorndal, Kris Canfield, E. Ann Ford, Dick Johns, Ken Kuntz (representing Emeritus Faculty Council), Ken Starck, Nancy Lynch, Gene Spaziani, Pamela Willard, Nancy Williams, Roy Justis, Jennifer Dybicz (student intern) and Alice Atkinson

**Reports from Officers:**

**Secretary**

- May 13 meeting Minutes. Spaziani moved, Canfield seconded to approve the minutes as printed. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer**

- Treasurer Report as of June 1, 2014
  - \$ 2,565.52 Hills CD account balance – matures 10/2/14
  - \$ 1,021.23 Vanguard Money Market
  - \$12,997.58 Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
  - \$16,584.33 Total reserve funds

The UIRA will pay off the balance to the Foundation before the end of the fiscal year. There was a discussion of the impact of the 3-year membership. Johns moved, Ford seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Approved unanimously.

**President Elect Report** – Ken Starck reported

- Words of welcome to those joining the Board, Roy Justis and Alice Atkinson, and of appreciation to those leaving the Board, Ann Ford, Nancy Ross and Nancy Williams.
- The Travel Photo Contest will continue into a second year. Sponsorship is being sought with Hills Bank for a possible exhibit and reception in September. Photo albums of the two most recent UIRA programs have been added to the UIRA web site.
- UIRA is seeking replacements for the positions of Newsletter Editor, Archivist and Webmaster.
- Plans for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014-15 with the theme 'Celebrating 20 years of service to university and community.' Suggested a compilation of history of the organization with a printed narrative history including archives and early officers. Also suggested establishing 2 awards to be awarded annually (1) Outstanding Contribution to University and (2) Outstanding Contribution to Community.

**President Rick Walton (absent)** - Hotel Pattee, Perry, Iowa, is offering a 50% discount for UIRA members. Discussion about a method of identifying UIRA membership concluded that there was no easy method and that a paper membership ID may not be necessary. (NOTE: After the Board meeting, it was determined that reservations can be made by calling 515-465-3511 and identifying yourself as a member of UIRA. The hotel's website is: [http://www.hotelpattee.com/.](http://www.hotelpattee.com/))

**Past President - Nancy Williams**

- Feedback from Annual Picnic was positive. People enjoyed the venue. We will need to reserve for next year. There is a \$250 deposit and the site costs \$80 per hour. The question of whether to have entertainment was discussed.
- Visit by author Dr. Victor Strecher (University of Michigan). The College of Public Health has agreed to pay a \$500 stipend. He is expected to speak at the Health Fair next March. This means we will need to solidify plans fairly soon. This will be a community event.

**Reports from Committees:**

**Newsletter** – Ann Ford reported that:

- Jennifer (intern) is willing to work on the newsletter format. Paper copies will be printed and mailed to the 37 people who do not have web access.
- A replacement is needed for Ann, but she would help during the transition.

**FRIC** – Rick Borchard (absent): This committee does not meet in the summer.

**Membership** – Dick Johns reported there have been 167 renewals this year with 81 renewals at the \$25 /person level. There were 9 new members.

**Program committee report** – Nancy Lynch reported that the September program will be at the UI Driving Simulator.

**Director-at-large** – Gene Spaziani reported that 2 surveys are in the works. The first one is ready to be sent. It was decided that it could be sent this summer. We will not use the Emeritus Faculty email address list. The second survey is more complicated and will take longer to finish.

**Director –at-large** – Pam Willard reported that a software discount is not possible for staff retirees. She reported that providing parking permits for persons attending UIRA meetings at the Foundation was complicated, and it would be easier to reimburse non-faculty persons for the cost of parking. She moved, Dick Johns seconded with a friendly amendment by Nancy Lynch to make the payment (to be calculated) retroactive for the current year. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Reports** - Jennifer Dybicz, Intern, reported on web site redesign and gave an example using Word Press (wordpress.com). She is currently using Word Press but this may change depending on the University plans involving Drupal.

- She is working on a history of UIRA with Jean Hood, Ken Starck and Ken Yerington.

**Old business** – Ken Starck reported that amended rules for the Travel Photo Contest have been posted on the UIRA web site.

- He identified an article from the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) discussing suggestions for maintaining and increasing membership.

**New Business** – President Elect Roy Justis asked for clarification about when to start planning for fall programs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, at 1 p.m. in Room 427, Levitt Center.

Alice Atkinson, Secretary