

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 2014 1:00 PM

Attending

Alice Atkinson, Katharine Bjorndal , Richard Borchard, Kris Canfield, E. Ann Ford, Jamie Sharp (representing Emeritus Faculty Council), Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Pamela Willard

Call to Order

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- June 10 meeting Minutes. Spaziani moved, Ford seconded to approve the minutes as printed. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of September 1, 2014
 - \$ 2,565.52 Hills CD account matures 10/12/14
 - \$ 1,021.33 Vanguard Money Market
 - \$13,577.35 Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
 - \$17,164.20 Total reserve funds

Copies of the financial record for fiscal year 2013 and for 2014 were distributed. There was a discussion of where to invest the funds when the CD rolls over next month. A suggestion was made to put all the funds into the Vanguard GNMA Fund. Another suggestion was made to seek advice from others, such as Richard Stevenson.

President Elect Report – Beverly Robalino (absent)

- The program committee will meet September 24 at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room (sixth floor) of the Jefferson Building.

President report – Ken Starck

- Ken represented UIRA at the annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference and the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) in Minneapolis in August. The themes of the conferences were retirees' relationships to their institutions and building connections.
- Plans for the 20th year of UIRA were discussed including an awards program for outstanding contributions to the University and to the community. Jennifer Dybicz, intern, is working on a history of UIRA and submitted a short report of the interviews she is conducting with past presidents.
- Volunteers are needed to replace the current archivist, newsletter editor and webmaster.
- The UIRA is the only group in the Big 10 holding a Travel Photo contest. Hills Bank is willing to support UIRA's contest financially and to fund an exhibit of winning photos from last year. An exhibit and reception sponsored by Hills Bank will be held 2-4 p.m. October 22 at the Coralville Hills Bank.
- No policy seems necessary to use discounts such as the 50% discount at the Hotel Pattee in Perry Iowa. Such discounts are welcomed by UIRA.
- Volunteer opportunities are available at CIVIC (Council for International Visitors to Iowa Cities) and the Friends of International Students.

- Paper copies of the September newsletter, along with a membership form and cover letter inviting them to join UIRA, were sent September 4 to the UI's nearly 200 new retirees. Paper copies of the newsletter also were sent to 30 UIRA members who do not have email addresses.

Past-President report: Rick Walton (absent)

Program sessions for the Driving Simulator filled up rapidly. There is a waiting list and a third session could be scheduled if there is sufficient interest. The Board decided that it is valuable to have name tags available at programs.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee report:

Plans are being developed for a program October 6 on the new Music Building. Flu shots will again be available at the Coralville Hills Bank. The reception for the photo exhibit/reception will be held October 22 at the Coralville Hills Bank.

Awards – Pam Willard

Pam is looking for volunteers to help develop criteria for selecting UIRA members who have made outstanding contributions to the University and to the community. Two such awards are expected to be made annually by UIRA.

FRIC – Rick Borchard reported on the first FRIC meeting on the year.

Director at large – Gene Spaziani reported on the results of a survey of UIRA members asking how they have contributed to the University after retirement. There was a 22% return from a wide variety of previous appointments and showed participation in a wide spectrum of areas. Gene will distribute the results to UI departments and put the information on the UIRA website.

Newsletter: Ann Ford thanked Ken for his assistance in editing and rethinking the newsletter format this summer. In return, Ken thanked Ann for continuing as editor until a new person could be found.

Membership: In a written report, Dick Johns (absent due to illness) reported that the UIRA had received 409 membership renewals at the end of August with 35 new members added since June. A total of 163 members have renewed at the \$25 per person level for 3 years. If everyone currently on the membership roster pays their current dues, UIRA will have 626 members.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 2:20. The next meeting will be held at 1:00 on October 14 in Room 427, Levitt Center.