

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

January 13, 2015 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Kris Canfield, Dick Johns, Nancy Lynch, Beverly Robalino, Jamie Sharp (representing Emeritus Faculty Council), Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pam Willard

Call to Order- President Ken Starck

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- Gene Spaziani moved and Dick Johns seconded a motion to approve the December minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of December 1, 2014

\$ 1,021.23	Vanguard Money Market
\$13,862.25	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$14,833.49	Total reserve funds

After no deposits in November there was a sizeable deposit in December. Kris found that several more signatures were needed for the Vanguard accounts, and the appropriate paperwork has been faxed. She announced that individuals could get debit cards for our account at Hills Bank for the President, President-Elect and Treasurer. When expenditures are made, the individual should email the other two individuals. Purchases over \$100 need Board approval except for programming expenses.

President-Elect Report – Beverly Robalino

- Beverly has investigated possible gifts in the range of \$20 -\$25 dollars for former UIRA presidents to be given at the April 23 Annual Meeting. It was decided that the UIRA name should be on the gift. A number of ideas were discussed. Bev will continue to investigate possibilities. Rick Walton suggested having 3 or 4 door prizes at the meeting. He will continue to investigate.

President report – Ken Starck

- Ken will distribute the names, addresses and email addresses of the 2014-15 Board and other key contacts.
- At this time compared to last year fewer people have submitted pictures (14 vs. 21), but more pictures have been submitted (71 vs. 54) in the Travel Photo Contest. Twenty-five were submitted in the Iowa category (10 last year); 28 in the USA outside Iowa category (last year 15) and 18 in international (29 last year). There will be a slide show at the Annual Meeting with all the pictures entered. Deadline to enter the contest has been extended to January 31.
- Ken has had indications that 2 persons will be nominated for the Community and University Awards. Pam Willard said that one more person is needed to serve on the nominating committee. There was a discussion about the type of recognition to be given to the finalists. Creating a plaque on the UIRA website was discussed. Flyers to promote the Awards were made available at the January meeting, and information will be posted on the web site.
- Bev offered to take minutes in February and Kris for the March meeting.
- Ken received an email asking about out of date UI ID cards. He investigated and found there are offices that can update ID cards in Room 3 in Jessup and C110 GH. The Iowa One cards are relatively new. This information will be put on the UIRA website.
- Twenty-three copies of the Grey Hawk are now being sent by regular mail. A new editor and webmaster are still needed.
- Kris brought the check book to reimburse Board members for parking expenses during meetings.
- UIRA past presidents will be recognized at the Annual Business Meeting.

- The Budget committee consists of the president, president-elect, treasurer and two other members who have been approved by the Board. This committee prepares the budget for the following year. Suggestions of committee members were made and Ken will call them.

Past-President (Hospitality) – Rick Walton The committee remains hospitable.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee—Beverly Robalino and Nancy Lynch

Forty-four people attended the January meeting on the Beatles. Bev is trying to reschedule the December meeting by Jane Drews on computer security. It had been postponed due to Ms. Drews' illness. Nancy Lynch discussed plans for the Health Fair meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 on March 30. Dr. Victor Strecher will speak from 1:30 to 2:30. Nine groups have agreed to provide displays. Ken will send information to the newspapers. Rick Walton is continuing to work on scheduling a tour of the new athletics building in May.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

Pam is looking for an additional volunteer to review the nominations. For representation, preference will be given to a male from the east side of the campus.

Funded Retirement Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Rick Borchard (absent)

Director at large – Gene Spaziani (efforts to promote volunteerism by retirees)

Gene and Feather Lacy have solidified the list of volunteer opportunities on the UIRA web site.

Newsletter: Ann Ford (absent) Ken was thanked for emailing to members the article from the Ohio State University Retirees Association newsletter regarding colds and the flu.

Membership: Richard Johns - Seven new members and 9 renewals were added in December. The names of 85 people who did not renew their membership were removed from the listserv. Currently there are 561 members, and 216 members have paid for 3 years of membership.

Ad Hoc Committee on Special Interest Groups: Rick Walton-- Rick distributed minutes of the committee meeting. He moved and Dick Johns seconded a motion that the SIG Coordinating Committee be given autonomy within the UIRA to conduct the SIG formation, selections and procedures. The motion was approved unanimously. Members can petition the SIG Committee to form a new group. Three groups have been suggested – Latin American Topics (Spaziani), International Events (Klein) and Cinemafanatics (Walton).

Other reports: Jennifer Dybicz (student intern--absent)

In an email she reported she plans to have a group interview of UIRA past presidents soon. Jean Hood is assisting her. She will have a draft of the history of UIRA by March.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. February 10, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center