

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2014 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Kris Canfield, Jennifer Dybicz (student intern), Dick Johns, Nancy Lynch, Beverly Robalino, Jamie Sharp (representing Emeritus Faculty Council), Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pamela Willard

Call to Order- President Ken Starck

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- September minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of September 1, 2014
 - \$ 2,571.89 Hills CD account matures 10/12/14
 - \$ 1,021.23 Vanguard Money Market
 - \$13,577.35 Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
 - \$17,170.57 Total reserve funds

Copies of the financial record for fiscal year 2014 were distributed and accepted. There was a discussion of where to invest the funds as the CD has rolled over. We discussed setting up a new CD in ICCU or Hills Bank.

President-Elect Report – Beverly Robalino

- Ken Starck was thanked for his help. The April business meeting was discussed regarding date and entertainment. It was decided to add the presentation of the proposed service awards this year and not have the usual entertainment program.

President report – Ken Starck

- Ken spoke briefly at the UI's Human Resources pre-retirees meeting and that the UIRA brochure was included in information packets distributed by HR.
- No negative feedback was reported by Board members to the electronic Gray Hawk distribution. Twenty-nine copies are being sent by regular mail.
- There was general approval to invite other groups to UIRA programs in which there might be related interests and when meeting facilities permit. The names of suggested groups should be sent to the Program Committee chaired by President-Elect Beverly Robalino.
- A policy was discussed on forwarding survey requests to the UIRA members. This was prompted by a request from Ann Brett on behalf of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board. It was agreed to allow this request and consider future requests on an ad hoc basis, preferably with Board members able to inspect the survey in advance.
- Rick Walton discussed initiating Special Interest groups. Ohio State was noted to have many special interest groups, and he will forward a copy of its newsletter to the Board.
- Hills Bank has provided financial support (\$460.68) to fund an exhibit of winning photos from last year. The exhibit with reception will be October 22 at the Coralville Hills Bank 2-4 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed to replace the current archivist, newsletter editor and webmaster. It was suggested that Jean Hood be asked to be the archivist. Feather Lacy has suggested that monthly programs could be Live Streamed for wider distribution.

Past-President report (Rick Walton)

It appears that there is value in having name tags available at programs, including when there is limited time for socialization.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee—Beverly Robalino and Nancy Lynch

Plans for the Health Fair meeting on March 30 were discussed. Nancy Lynch will chair this meeting. The UI Benefits meeting with Richard Saunders will be held November 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Parkview Church Worship Center, 15 Foster Road, Iowa City. Future plans include a tour of the new football facility in December. The January program will feature a presentation on the music of the Beatles and how it was influenced by their environment. The February meeting will focus on the archeological findings during construction on the UI campus. Plans are underway for a program dealing with online privacy.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard (with Nancy Williams and Ann Ford)

Willard distributed a draft copy of a proposal to create two new UIRA member awards—one for outstanding community service and another for outstanding university service. Willard moved and Canfield second a motion that the Board establish the awards. The motion was unanimously approved. Discussion took place concerning the criteria of the awards and the selection process. A final proposal with details will be considered at the November Board meeting. Recipients of the awards are expected to be announced at the April annual meeting.

FRIC – Rick Borchard (absent)**Director at large – Gene Spaziani** (absent)

Starck thanked Spaziana for managing to have results of the recent UIRA survey of how members have contributed to the University after retirement to all UI administrators. Survey results can be found at the UIRA website at this link:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira/news.htm#survey-2014-10>

Newsletter: Ann Ford (interim, absent)**Membership: Richard Johns**

The UIRA has received 441 membership renewals at the end of September with 48 new members since June. A total of 124 members have renewed at the \$25 per person level for three years. Between 128-130 members have not renewed.

Other reports : Jennifer Dybicz (student intern)

Work is continuing on gathering and researching the history of UIRA. Past presidents have been sent a brief questionnaire; 10 have responded to date. Plans are being made to arrange meetings of the past presidents to discuss the origin and activities of the UIRA. A short history has been written and will be forwarded to the Board. The project is being carried out in connection with the 20th anniversary observance of the UIRA's founding.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. November 11, 2014 – Room 427, Levitt Center