

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

November 11, 2014 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Rick Borchard, Kris Canfield, Jennifer Dybicz (student intern), , Nancy Lynch, Beverly Robalino , Jamie Sharp (representing Emeritus Faculty Council), Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Jean Hood, Phil Klein (guest)

Call to Order- President Ken Starck

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- October minutes were distributed. Email the secretary by Friday if there are corrections.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of October 1, 2014
 - \$ 2,571.99 Hills CD account has matured and is in checking account
 - \$ 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. Kris has talked to Richard Stevenson who suggested several Vanguard accounts that are liquid. She will deposit the CD funds in one of the accounts before the next meeting. There was a discussion of the effect of three-year memberships. Kris will discuss this with Dick Johns to see if there is a way to identify these funds.

President-Elect Report – Beverly Robalino

- The UI Benefits meeting was taped. It will be available on line and also broadcast at an unknown time. Beverly is meeting with the staff at the Holiday Inn to make reservations for the April 23 Annual Meeting. It was decided to ask members to bring a can of food for the Crisis Center Food Bank at the program on December 3.

President report – Ken Starck

- Ken introduced the new Archivist, Jean Hood. Jean discussed the UIRA materials that should be saved and sent to her at the end of the year. She will meet with the past Archivist to aid in the transition.
- Board members reported no negative feedback to the electronic Gray Hawk distribution. Twenty-nine copies are being sent by regular mail.
- Two responses were received about the survey from the Local Homeless Coordinating Board. One response questioned whether it fit with the UIRA goals and mission, and the second response felt that the survey was poorly constructed. Gene Spaziani volunteered to serve as a screener if a future distribution of surveys is requested. He will read it first and give his comments to the Board for further discussion.
- Ken reported he has received a request from the State Hygienic Lab College for volunteers to help with meetings at the facility. He also received a request from the College of Public Health to post a part-time, temporary, salaried position to assist the College in updating CV files. It was decided to include this information in the next Gray Hawk.
- Rick Walton discussed initiating Special Interest groups and has been investigating how other groups establish them. He suggested forming a committee to handle details of organization. Various ideas were discussed including using the web site. Rick Walton, Gene Spaziani and Phil Klein will form a committee to discuss ways in which interest groups could be formed. Feather Lacy, who currently is traveling, will also be invited to join the committee. The Annual Meeting in April was set as a goal to have a working organizational plan and encourage members to sign up for group membership.
- Volunteers are needed to replace the current newsletter editor and webmaster.

Past-President (Hospitality) – **Rick Walton**. Rick reported that he has purchased 300 blank identification labels for future meetings. Amazon was suggested as another source of labels.

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 was held November 6 at Parkview Church Worship Center, with about 300 attendees. Plans include a program December 3 on information security by Jane Drews and a January 9 program featuring a presentation on the music of the Beatles and how it was influenced by their environment. The February 17 meeting will focus on the archeological findings during construction on the UI campus. The March meeting will share a speaker with the College of Public Health (Dr. Victor Strecher.) The April meeting will be the Annual meeting. In May a tour of the athletics buildings is planned. Discussions also are underway with Bruce Friedrich about a presentation on energy. Tom Gelman has been contacted about leading a program on financial trusts. This may be scheduled in September.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

Ken distributed an outline of the two new UIRA member awards (Outstanding Community Service and Outstanding University Service) as approved last month.

Recipients of the awards will be announced at the April annual meeting. Ken will include information about the awards in the next Gray Hawk.

FRIC – Rick Borchard (FRIC) Information about a new early retirement incentive was shared at the September meeting. Additional options are available this year in the UI Health Benefit options. It was suggested that the tape from the UI Benefits presentation could be put on YouTube.

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

Gene reported that the Participation survey has been completed and all UI administrators have been notified. Gene and Feather Lacy removed obsolete items in the News and Announcement section of the UIRA web site. They also added an additional 15 UI websites that welcome volunteers as well as sites outside the University. This work will be completed next month. He is also starting to develop a Common Interest survey with the help of Feather Lacy. An initial list of potential group activities has been developed and Board members are welcome to add to the list. This information will help in establishing Special Interest Groups.

Newsletter: Ann Ford (interim, absent)

Membership: Richard Johns (absent—submitted written report)

The UIRA has received 11 membership renewals at the end of October and 5 of those renewals were at \$25 for three years. Three new members joined. Email reminders are being sent to those who have not paid dues for the 2014-15 year.

Other reports: Jennifer Dybicz (student intern)

Work is continuing on gathering and researching the history of UIRA. A short history was distributed to the Board. The project is being carried out in connection with the 20th anniversary observance of the UIRA's founding.

Old Business: Deferred discussion of what amount to reimburse Board members for parking

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. December 9, 2014 – Room 427, Levitt Center