

UIRA Annual Meeting
Radisson Hotel, Coralville

April 5, 2018

The luncheon began at 11:30 a.m. with 103 members present.

President Michael Barron opened the meeting at 12:50. He reported on a very successful year with well attended, thought-provoking and entertaining programs. Improving communication with members and the University has been a focus. Currently new retirees “opt-in” to UIRA membership for their first year of retirement with no membership fee. The goal is to move to an automatic membership for that first year. Following that year, retirees would have the opportunity to continue membership by paying the one or three-year dues. In 2020, UIRA will be the host for the Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting. Planning for this event will begin in the coming year.

Reports were submitted by Board members: (see reports attached)

President – Michael Barron

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Program Chair & President-elect – Sue Otto

Gray Hawk – Linda Muston, Editor

Lois Lembke, Membership Chair, reported that UIRA currently has 676 members. This number represents 523 households and is a 3% increase over last year. Members may join for one or three years. In May/June of this year, 57% of the membership will be due for renewal. Lois described her job and that of Chuck Dayton, Assistant to the Treasurer.

Kris Canfield described the Treasurer’s position as she’ll be completing the last of her second three-year term in office in spring of 2019. She encouraged those present with financial skills to consider the position in the future.

Penny Hall, Chair of the Nominating Committee, named the committee members – Ken Atkinson, Dean Borg, Billie Townsend and Nancy Williams. She presented the slate of nominees:

President-elect – Emil Rinderspacher

Directors at Large: Dean Borg (3-year term) & Richard Saunders (3-year term)

President, Michael Barron called for nominations from the floor. It was moved that the slate be accepted and the motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Barron described the evolution of the UIRA Scholarship fund. This is the second scholarship to be awarded from that fund. Madison Stonewall, a human physiology major will receive the scholarship. She and her mother were present and were introduced to the UIRA members.

Pam Willard was chair of the Volunteer Service Award Committee. The committee included Pam, Alice Atkinson, Kris Canfield, Chuck Dayton, and Michael Barron. Pam was visiting family in California, so Alice Atkinson gave the committee report. The Outstanding University Service Award was given to Val Lembke and the Outstanding Community Service Award was given to Joyce Summerwill.

The President's Award is given at the discretion of the President of the UIRA Board. This year that award was given to Linda Muston, Editor of the UIRA Gray Hawk.

The Senior College Report (see attached) was given by Nancy Williams.

The Emeritus Faculty Council Report was given by Carolyn Wanat. She reported that the College of Emeritus Faculty currently has 700 members. They provide a monthly lecture series.

The winners of the UIRA Travel Photo Contest were presented by John Moyers. Special thanks were given to Keith Jones of Hills Bank and Trust for sponsoring the contest. Judges were John Moyers, Lois James and Roger Christian. There were 100 photos submitted. Here are the complete results for the three categories:

Iowa – First, Dave Reynolds; Second, George Schrimper; Third, Lucy Luxenborg,
Honorable Mention, Linda Muston, John Donelson, Nancy Hauserman, Grace Tully

Outside Iowa – First, Russ Lenth; Second, Nancy Hauserman; Third, Jan Lawler;
Honorable Mention, John Donelson, Jan Lawler

International – First, John Donelson; Second – a tie, Beverly Robalino & Ken Stark,
Honorable Mention, Nancy Hauserman, John Donaldson

Throughout the meeting, Sue Otto, President-elect, awarded door prizes from Akar, Basta. Blackstone, Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, FilmScene, Lucky's Market, Moss Plants, Gifts & Décor, Prairie Lights, Riverside Theatre, Ten Thousand Villages and Willow & Stock.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.

Diane Martin, Secretary