

**University of Iowa Retiree Association**  
**2019-2020 Program Committee Report**  
**June 19, 2020**

The program committee for the 2019-2020 year was comprised of Sam Cochran, UIRA President-Elect, Alice Atkinson, Lucy Choisser, Lucille Heitman, and Nancy Williams. The committee held three planning meetings throughout the year. Our first organizational meeting was held on June 25, 2019. This meeting was devoted to brainstorming program ideas for the upcoming year, prioritizing program selections based on perceived UIRA member interests, and assigning a committee member to make contact with potential program presenters to begin the process of firming up a program idea, date and location. The second meeting of the year was held on October 22, 2019. The purpose of this meeting was to review programs conducted to date and to continue to plan for second semester programs. The final meeting of the year was held on January 28, 2020. At this meeting the program committee finalized plans for the programs to be conducted over the remainder of the year.

Following are the programs conducted this year, dates, and attendance.

September 10, 2019	Kent Park Restoration Tour	50 attendees
October 17, 2019	Flu Shot Clinic	20 attendees 6 fitness tests
October 29, 2019	Kinnick North End Zone Tour	125 attendees
November 7, 2019	UI Benefits Program	115 attendees
December 5, 2019	Conversation with Bruce Harreld	57 attendees
January 9, 2020	FilmScene Tour	75 attendees
February 24, 2020	Aging through Technology	60 attendees

At the March 10, 2020 meeting of the UIRA board three programs as well as the UIRA annual luncheon and meeting were cancelled due to concerns related to the emerging corona virus pandemic. Out of a concern for the safety of our retiree cohort, nearly all of whom would be in some 'at risk' category if infected with the corona virus, the board made a unanimous decision to cancel programs for the remainder of the year and through the summer.

Programs that had been scheduled included a March presentation by Connie Mutel on Climate Change, an April presentation by Jason Taylor on the Bur Oak Land Trust, and a May tour of the Iowa City Municipal Airport. As noted, the annual meeting and luncheon traditionally held in April was also cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Cochran  
UIRA President-Elect

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