

## UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2018

**Attending:** Sue Otto, Diana Harris, Emil Rinderspacher, Lois Lembke, Richard Saunders, Billie Townsend, Chuck Dayton, Benny Hawkins, Kris Canfield, Dean Borg, Carolyn Wanat, Mike Barron, Diane Martin

### Call to Order – Sue Otto

### Reports from Officers

#### Secretary – Diane Martin

Diana moved and Benny seconded the motion to approve the edited minutes of the September board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer – Kris Canfield

The Board reviewed the report of the fiscal review of the UIRA by Amy An. Amy reviewed the bank statements and spreadsheets for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

To facilitate future reviews, Amy recommended that the treasurer footnote components of each entry that covers multiple cheques and provide the reviewer with a list of the categories of expenses.

Currently UIRA does not have a 501 © status, but is considered tax-exempt under the UI Foundation umbrella and does not file tax returns. The Board discussed the need to go through the process of obtaining this status. Because UIRA has low income and expenditures, it has not been thought to be a necessary step. Because the Big Ten Retirees Association conference will be held here in 2020, Sue will follow up to determine if UIRA now needs to take consider this expenditure.

Kris distributed the treasurer's report as follows:

\$8,838.30	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,153.09	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$12,091.39	Total Reserve Funds

#### President-Elect – Emil Rinderspacher

Emil reported the upcoming programs:

Oct. 11	Flu Vaccination Clinic
Oct. 25	Rob Lehnertz, Transforming the University of Iowa
Nov. 8	UI Benefits Update
Nov. 15	Chris Okiishi, What's Playing, Coming To and Touring from Broadway
Dec. 3	President Bruce Harreld

### **Past President – Mike Barron**

Mike had no report.

### **President – Sue Otto**

Sue reported that she spoke very briefly at the Planning for Retirement program. UIRA was last on the program and the entire program ran over-time, so she didn't use her Powerpoint and abbreviated her comments. Because the UIRA presentation is typically short, she'll request it be moved up in the afternoon.

Sue and Mike held the initial meeting of the core planning committee for the 2020 Big Ten Retirees Conference. Penni Ryan, Penny Hall and Kathy Holeyton met with them. As all are experienced conference planners, Sue felt like they will be able to handle all that's needed with the addition of a few more committee members. They'll meet again soon to schedule the conference for some time in August of 2020 and to select and schedule a venue.

Sue reported that the exploration of an online organizational management system is ongoing. She's considering whether the purchase of a system is advisable or whether someone locally could create what UIRA needs. Existing systems are pricey and have features that we won't use, but they have tech support available. Sue will be checking with the University of Wisconsin Retirees. They use Wild Apricot.

### **Reports from Committees**

#### **Newsletter – Diana Harris**

Diana will need assistance from Board members on write-ups of upcoming UIRA programs. She has a commitment on Thursdays, so will not be able to personally attend some events.

#### **Membership – Lois Lembke**

UIRA currently has 734 members representing 571 households. Forty-nine renewals were received after a second renewal reminder. Sixty-six new members and sixty-nine continuing members have not renewed. Lois will send Diana a list of these names to delete from the Gray Hawk mailing list.

#### **Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders**

FRIC met in September. Last spring a dependent eligibility verification was completed. Only 170 out of 10,000 didn't respond to provide verification documents.

A health benefits survey was completed for U of I employees, but retirees were not included. There will be a meeting for retirees who are on UI Choice insurance to give health benefit opinions. This meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 15.

### **Old Business**

#### **List of Recent Retirees from HR – Sue Otto**

Sue recently talked to Benefits about their agreement to send UIRA a list of new retirees each month. This agreement had been forgotten. Benefits now agrees only to send a new retiree list quarterly. The first list will be sent at the end of October.

### **New Business**

#### **Bylaws – Sue Otto**

Sue distributed copies of the UIRA By-laws. As she has reviewed them, she's found that the purpose of the organization stated in the by-laws, information about associate membership etc. aren't accurate. She proposes a sub-committee of 2-3 people (not necessarily current Board members) to work on updates. As a first step, all Board members are asked to review the by-laws and send suggestions and comments to Sue.

Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items are postponed until the November meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05. The next meeting will be held on November 13, 2018.