

## UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2018

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

### Call to Order – Sue Otto

### Reports from Officers

#### Secretary – Diane Martin

Benny moved and Carolyn seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris distributed a financial report for the close of the 2017-2018 fiscal year and a report of the fiscal year 2018-2019 to date. This report includes the new budget for the current year.

Kris reported:

\$9,050.53	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,158.06	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$12,208.59	Total Reserve Funds

Amy An will do a financial review of the years 2014-2017/2018. It was agreed that results of this review will be sent to all board members.

#### President-Elect – Emil Rinderspacher

Emil reported that he's been working with a very strong Program Committee. Their goal this fall is to get programs set up for the entire year. They're aware that because of parking, the venue is a critical decision in programming and that timely email reminders of upcoming programs are important.

Upcoming programs for the semester include:

Sept. 20	Tour of Miracles in Motion Equestrian Center
Oct. 11	Flu Vaccination Clinic
Oct. 25	Rod Lehnertz, Transforming the University of Iowa
Nov. 8	UI Benefits Update
Dec. 3	Meet Bruce Harreld

There will be an additional program in November. Dr. Chris Okiishi will present a program about what's playing, what's coming and what's on tour from Broadway. The date hasn't yet been determined.

Sue and Emil met with Heather Wilensky from the UI Center for Advancement. They wanted to explore hiring assistance with membership dues, course registrations, the UIRA website, etc. This assistance isn't available, but the Center may assist in fund raising for the UIRA scholarship fund.

#### **Past President – Mike Barron**

Mike has set up the date and place for the UIRA end-of-year picnic. It will be on June 5, 2019 at Terry Trueblood.

#### **Reports from Committees:**

##### **Newsletter – Diana Harris**

The first fall newsletter is out. Diana stressed the need for all to assist by taking pictures at UIRA programs as these will help make the newsletter more interesting.

##### **Membership – Lois Lembke**

Lois reported that we currently have 712 members representing 555 households.

Sue wrote a welcoming invitation to join the UIRA to U of I retirees during the fiscal 2017-18 year. This invitation plus a membership form was sent to 572 retirees. In addition, second renewal reminders were sent to 190 current members. Last May renewal reminders were sent to 387 members.

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

FRIC met to recommend health and dental rates for active U of I employees. They base their recommendations on actual premiums and claims. For active employees, FRIC recommended that dental rates remain the same and health insurance rates rise by 2 ½ %. This recommendation will go through University Administration to the President, then on to the Board of Regents.

However, FRIC receives no claim data on retirees.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Big Ten Retirees Association meeting at Penn State – Sue Otto**

Sue Otto and Diana Harris attended this meeting in August. Twelve of the fourteen Big Ten institutions were represented. The primary purpose of the meeting is to compare organizations' governance, finances, member benefits and engagement strategies and get ideas on ways to expand or improve what we offer our members.

Of interest was the fact that our dues are the lowest of any organization that charges dues. Some charge no dues.

Ideas from the meeting that UIRA might pursue:

Soliciting sponsorships – perhaps for a professional brochure?

Providing workshops/seminars in addition to current programs?

Improving our web presence – perhaps with sponsorship? Could the website then be used for membership renewals, luncheon fees, etc.?

The next meeting will be at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in August 2019.

In 2020, the University of Iowa will be hosting this meeting. Sue has received offers of planning help for this meeting from Mike Barron, Penny Hall, Penny Ryan and Kathy Holeten. All of the volunteers have experience with event-planning.

### **Rotating Year Membership Confusion**

New retirees can join UIRA whenever they retire during the year, but memberships expire at the end of June. The first “year” of membership is free-of-charge. However, this may not be a full year due to differing retirement dates. This is a topic to be revisited in the future.

### **New Business**

#### **Replacement of Doug True**

Doug has resigned from the Board, but there are two years remaining on his term. The Board made a list of suggestions for members to replace Doug for that remaining time. Sue will extend the invitation to the agreed-upon first choice.

#### **Additional Agenda Items**

Due to the length of the meeting, the remaining agenda items will move to the October agenda.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07. The next meeting will be on October 9, 2018.