

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

December 9, 2014 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Rick Borchard, Kris Canfield, Jennifer Dybicz (student intern), Dick Johns, Nancy Lynch, Beverly Robalino, Jamie Sharp (representing Emeritus Faculty Council), Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pam Willard

Call to Order- President Ken Starck

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- Gene Spaziani moved and Pam Willard seconded a motion to approve the October minutes (which had been delayed) and the November minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of December 1, 2014

\$ 1,021.23	Vanguard Money Market
\$13,577.35	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$14,599.59	Total reserve funds

Kris has gone through the 'hoops' to get the Vanguard accounts finalized. She will also get check writing privileges established. The appropriate forms were signed by the treasurer, president and president-elect. There were no deposits for November.

President-Elect Report – Beverly Robalino

- Beverly has met with the staff at the Holiday Inn and made reservations for the April 23 Annual Meeting. It was decided to continue to allow members to select from 3 main courses plus gluten-free meals.

President report – Ken Starck

- Ken reported he had a thank-you email from the State Hygienic Lab College stating that, as a result of the newsletter article, a person had volunteered to assist at the lab.
- In regard to reimbursing parking expenses for staff Board members, Pam Willard suggested reimbursing members at the \$1.20 an hour parking rate which would be about \$22 per year for all meetings during a year. About 6 members will be affected.
- Procedures for payment/reimbursement of UIRA services were discussed. UIRA has a credit card at Hy-Vee that can be used to charge for refreshments. Where possible, it would be preferable to have other vendors bill UIRA. Rick W. suggested adding cookies to programs when possible and relevant.
- Flyers to promote the Community and University Service Awards will be available to members at future meetings. Information will also be sent by email.
- No negative feedback to the electronic Gray Hawk distribution was reported. Twenty-nine copies are being sent by regular mail at a monthly cost of less than \$25. Sending hard copies to all members cost about \$200 per month in the past. Dick sends an electronic Gray Hawk to new members.
- Volunteers are still needed to replace the current newsletter editor and webmaster.

Past-President (Hospitality) – Rick Walton Rick Walton, Gene Spaziani and Phil Klein have met as a committee and have decided to move forward to investigate ways in which interest groups can be formed. Feather Lacy will offer assistance. Emails have been sent to other Big 10 schools with special interest groups to obtain information about the topics of groups, their procedures, organization and technical requirements.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee—Beverly Robalino and Nancy Lynch

Nancy Lynch discussed plans for the Health Fair meeting on March 30 featuring Dr. Victor Strecher, speaker, and shared with the College of Public Health. A copy of his book *On Purpose* is available. Videotaping the UI Benefits meeting with Richard Saunders held November 6 was a success. The program on information security by Jane Drews will be rescheduled. Rick Walton is working on scheduling a tour of the new athletics buildings in May. He will contact the Athletic Director.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

Nancy Williams has agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Community and University Awards. Pam is looking for an additional volunteer to read the nominations. Preference is given to a male from the east side of the campus. Recipients of the awards will be announced at the April annual meeting.

FRIC – Rick Borchard (Funded Retirement Insurance Committee) - The November meeting was cancelled so he has no report. Making the November Benefits meeting available electronically was a good idea to allow more people to gain information from the program.

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

Gene reported that he has created a list of 15-16 volunteer opportunities and this has been posted on the UIRA web site. The site will also be included in the Gray Hawk newsletter.

Newsletter: Ann Ford (absent) Ken has taken a leading role in publishing the Gray Hawk. There will be a newsletter in January. New materials should be sent to Ken by December 20.

Membership: Richard Johns - Last month he sent email reminders to 125 members who had not paid dues for 2014-15. Eighty-seven people did not renew their membership, but in the previous year 143 people did not renew. The two associate members have not responded to repeated reminders. There were 36 renewals and eight new members in November. He will give Kris the number of members who have renewed for three years. This is important for budgeting.

Other reports: Jennifer Dybicz (student intern)

She has set up a YouTube account with the UIRA gmail account and she or others can upload videos. Work is continuing on compiling the history of UIRA.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. January 13 – Room 427, Levitt Center