

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2015 1:00 PM

Attendees: Katherine Bjorndal, Rick Borchard, Kris Canfield, Nancy Lynch, Beverly Robalino, Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pam Willard

Call to Order:

1. President Ken Starck called the meeting to order.

Reports from Officers

1. **Secretary:** Alice Atkins (absent) Pam Willard moved and Rick Walton seconded a motion to approve the January 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer:** Kris Canfield
 - a. Kris learned checks may be written on the Vanguard GNMA account but not on the Vanguard Money Market account. She recommended the \$1,021.23 in the Money Market account as well as the \$3,000 from the cashed CD be moved to the GNMA account. The Money Market account would be closed. The GNMA account typically earns 2% to 5% interest. New checks with a current address are being requested for the GNMA account.
 - b. Treasurer report as of January 31, 2015 includes:

Checking account:	\$ 7,915.16
Vanguard Money Market:	\$ 1,021.23
Vanguard GNMA:	\$13,862.25
 - c. Ken thanked Kris for facilitating the acquisition of the three debit cards.
3. **President-Elect:** Beverly Robalino
 - a. Ken contacted Joe Joynt and Dick Stevenson to be members of the Budget Committee. Beverly will set up a meeting with Joe, Dick, and Kris Canfield to establish next year's budget. Budget will be presented at the next Directors' meeting.
 - b. April Business Meeting: Of the 20 past presidents, two have passed away. Special invitations will be sent to the other 18 past presidents inviting them and their spouses to the April meeting. Cost of these lunches will be paid by UIRA. Gift options were discussed. A magnifier/paperweight with engraved imprint will be gifted to each president. The engraving shall include three lines as follows:

UIRA (*logo*)
20th Anniversary
1995 – 2015
 - c. Rick has acquired four gift certificates for local restaurants for door prizes for the April meeting. Names of the donors will be noted in the meeting's program.
4. **President:** Ken Starck
 - a. Village to Village is a nationwide organization with 140 Villages throughout the country. The organization provides access to services to assist people in remaining in their homes. Nancy Lynch said the "SAIL" Village in Madison has been very successful. SAIL has sponsored events, provided lists of service providers and access to social services for its members. Ken noted the NYT published an article about Village to Village on November 30, 2014. While there is no Village in Iowa City yet, UIRA gave \$350 as a donation/membership to help motivate the establishment of a local Village. Nancy thought it could take a year or more to establish a Village in Iowa City.
 - b. Ken and Feather Lacy have been in contact with UI ITS. UI is going to a "TIER" (Transparent Inclusive Efficiency Review) program. There is the possibility this program will eliminate all UI non- emeritus e-mail addresses; the UIRA is monitoring the situation. UI will also be changing our website. UIRA has three options regarding this change: 1. UI deletes our website, 2. UI deletes our website and provides us with a zip file, or 3. Move the hosting site to "SiteNow". With option 3, UI ITS will migrate our web content and post our new website address on the old site for the next six months. The migration would begin at the end of February and extend into March. The new website address would be: uira.org.uiowa.edu. Rick Walton moved to proceed with option 3 and Kris Canfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Ken reported the receipt of 95 photo entries. There were 54 entries last year. The photographer judge has not yet been selected. Keith Jones, VP at Hills Bank and photo sponsor as well as the photo judge will be invited to the April business meeting.
- d. Ken continues to search for a newsletter editor and webmaster. The webmaster position, it was discovered, is not listed in the current UIRA Bylaws.

Reports from Committees

1. **Program Committee:** Beverly Robalino & Nancy Lynch
 - a. The computer security program has been rescheduled to March 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Coralville Library. The Office of the State Archaeologist program is on February 17 at 10:00 am in the Coralville Library.
 - b. The March health program on March 30 currently has 18 booth/stations planned.
2. **Engagement:** Gene Spaziani
 - a. Ken reported the receipt of an e-mail advertising for a paid position as a greeter at UIHC. He will notify UIRA members of this opportunity.
3. **Newsletter:** Ann Ford (absent) & Ken Starck
 - a. 19 members are currently receiving hard copies of the newsletter.
 - b. Information for the March newsletter must be submitted to Ken by February 20.
4. **Membership:** Dick Johns(absent) & Katharine Bjorndal
 - a. Eight new members have been added this past month.
5. **Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC):** Rick Borchard
 - a. UI's third early retirement program offer has been approved. There are 1,400 employees eligible for the program. UIHC employees are not eligible. Deadline for the employee request is March 6th and the employee must retire by the end of March 2015.
 - b. TIAA/CREF will be reducing their fees. Refunded fees will be deposited in individual accounts. TIAA/CREF has \$7 billion in UI accounts alone.
6. **Ad Hoc Committee on Community and University Service Awards:** Pam Willard
 - a. January 31 was the last day for nominations.
 - b. Nominations for both awards have been received. Nominations are in review.
7. **Ad Hoc Committee on Special Interest Groups:** Rick Walton
 - a. Have received responses from three members for the Cinemafanatics, eight for the Latin American Topics, and four for the International Events group.
 - b. Gene mentioned the existence of two local interest groups (Sherlock Holmes and Opera) outside the UIRA interest groups.

Other Reports: Jennifer Dybicz (absent)

1. **History Project**
 - a. Ken said a discussion with past presidents will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on February 16 in the Iowa City Library.
 - b. This discussion will be the basis for the report of the organization's history.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. A nomination committee needs to be formed. Gene Spaziani and Rick Walton volunteered to be the two representatives from the Board. Ken will select three other UIRA members.

Adjourn at 2:16 pm

Next Meeting: 1:00 pm March 10, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center

