

## UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

March 10, 2015 1:00 PM

**Attendees:** Katherine Bjorndal, Kris Canfield, Ann Ford, Nancy Lynch, Beverly Robalino, Jamie Sharp, Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Pam Willard

### Call to Order:

1. President Ken Starck called the meeting to order.

### Reports from Officers

1. **Secretary:** Alice Atkinson (absent) Ken Starck moved and Pam Willard seconded a motion to approve the February 2015 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer:** Kris Canfield
  - a. Budget Committee members Beverly Robalino, Dick Stevenson, Joe Joynt, and Kris Canfield met on February 19, 2015. Kris presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Nancy Lynch moved and Kris seconded approval of the budget proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Treasurer Report as of February 28, 2015 includes:

Checking account:	\$ 7,503.98
Vanguard Money Market:	\$ 0.00
Vanguard GNMA	\$14,926.79
Vanguard Short Term Investment	\$ 2,997.49
  - c. Kris reported the Vanguard Money Market funds in the amount of \$1,021.23 had been transferred to the Vanguard GNMA account at the end of February, 2015. \$3,000.00 from the Hills Bank checking account was used to purchase shares of the Vanguard Short Term Investment Grade fund with an average 2.2% return.
3. **President-Elect:** Beverly Robalino
  - a. April Business Meeting: Beverly contacted Holiday Inn for information on meals and pricing. Prices have increased slightly since last year's meeting. It was agreed that members will be charged the same amount for each of the three entrees as last year with UIRA making up the price difference.
  - b. Beverly distributed a proposed agenda for the April Business Meeting. It was agreed the door prizes obtained by Rick Walton(absent) will be presented at intervals during the meeting in the interest of continuing audience engagement. Rick has obtained five prizes to date. The gifts for the past presidents have been ordered.
4. **President:** Ken Starck
  - a. During the meeting of past UIRA presidents on February 16, Art Canter suggested the board look into an electronic method of voting for new officers, giving a larger number of members the opportunity to participate. Currently, members must be present at the Annual Business Meeting in order to vote. Because of time limitations for this year, the idea has been tabled with the intention of working toward possible implementation for next year's elections.
  - b. Members of the Nominating Committee were announced: Pat Addis, Rick Borchard, Jamie Sharp, Gene Spaziani (chair), and Larry Wilson.
  - c. Term expiration dates will be added to names of officers whenever listed.
  - d. Ken clarified that Rich Borchard is a non-voting member of the FRIC committee.
  - e. The judging of the photo contest entries is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

### **Reports from Committees**

1. **Program Committee:** Beverly Robalino & Nancy Lynch
  - a. A monetary donation to the Coralville Public Library for the free use of their meeting rooms was discussed. It was agreed \$100.00 would be appropriate. Beverly moved and Kris seconded approval of the donation. The motion passed unanimously. Kris will send a check with a thank you note to the CPL this month.
  - b. Attendees of the March 11 "Internet of Things" program are to receive a reminder of the March 30 Health Program.
2. **Engagement:** Gene Spaziani
3. **Newsletter:** Ann Ford (absent) & Ken Starck
4. **Membership:** Dick Johns(absent) & Katharine Bjorndal
5. **Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC):** Rick Borchard (absent)
  - a. Ken reported the March meeting of FRIC was cancelled and the next meeting will be on April 3.
6. **Ad Hoc Committee on Community and University Service Awards:** Pam Willard
  - a. Pam announced the winners of the two awards:  
Nancy Lynch won the Community Volunteer Award  
Al Hood won the University Volunteer Award
  - b. The committee is in the process of contacting the nominees.
7. **Ad Hoc Committee on Special Interest Groups:** Rick Walton (absent)
  - a. The three groups for which responses have been received, Cinemafanatics, Latin American Topics, and International Events, are still organizing and have not yet met.
  - b. Gene contacted the local Sherlock Holmes group and was told they would welcome new members from the UIRA.

### **Other Reports:** Jennifer Dybicz (absent)

1. **History Project**
  - a. Ken said Jennifer is writing a report of the discussion with past presidents which was held on February 16 in the Iowa City Library.
  - b. Jennifer will also work on filling in any missing information in Jean Hood's History document.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:** None

**Adjourn at 2:11 pm**

**Next Meeting: 1:00 pm April 14, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center**