

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2015 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Katherine Bjorndal, Kris Canfield, Beverly Robalino, Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pam Willard

Call to Order- President Ken Starck

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- The March minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of April 1, 2015

\$15,027.72	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,010.09	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,037.81	Total reserve funds

Kris commented that we are now making money on our invested funds.

President-Elect Report – Beverly Robalino

Beverly reported that 70 persons have made reservations for the April 23 Annual Meeting including 12 past presidents. Beverly will send a 'last chance to reserve' mail and individuals can pay at the luncheon. Ken Kuntz has volunteered to play keyboard before the luncheon. The gift for past presidents was admired – a combined paperweight and magnifying glass with UIRA emblazoned on it. Door prizes will be given during the luncheon.

President report – Ken Starck

- Ken thanked the Nominating Committee of Gene Spaziani (Chair), Pat Addis, Rick Borchard, Jamie Sharp and Larry Wilson for their good work.
- At the last minute, Dr. Strecher, the speaker for the March Health Fair, was unable to come to Iowa City. Brian Kaskie agreed to speak in his place. An excellent video has been made and is available on YouTube. Captions were required to be added to the video for a charge of \$60. We agreed to thank Brian Kaskie for agreeing to speak with an honorarium or gift card.
- Not many changes have been made in the UIRA website so far.
- Written reports by officers were discussed for the Annual Meeting. Awards for the 2014 Travel Photo Contest will be made at the meeting. Ken has sent an email to everyone who will receive an award encouraging them to attend the meeting (but not letting them know what award).
- A new editor and webmaster are still needed. Bev suggested having a short description of these positions available at the Annual meeting to encourage volunteers.

Past-President (Hospitality) – Rick Walton. The UIRA picnic will be on June 3.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee—Beverly Robalino and Nancy Lynch (absent)

An estimated 70 people attended the Health Fair and about 20 people participated in the health screening.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

The plaques for the Community and the University Service awards have been engraved with the names of the awardees and these will be displayed at the Annual Meeting. There was a question of where the plaques could be displayed. The UI Foundation and the Alumni Association were suggested as locations.

FRIC (Funded Retirement Insurance Committee) – Rick Borchard (absent)—The committee did not meet in April.

Director at large – Gene Spaziani

Gene will be leaving the Board this year but offered to chair the nominations committee next year.

Newsletter: Ann Ford (absent) Ken announced that Jane Drews has submitted an article for the next newsletter and the photo contest judge also will contribute a short article.

Membership: Katherine Bjorndal and Richard Johns (absent) - Six new members and two renewals were added in March. Currently there are 573 members and 227 members have paid for 3 years of membership. It was decided that the year of membership for renewals or members added late in the fiscal year, could be made in a flexible manner.

Ad Hoc Committee on Special Interest Groups: Rick Walton The three current special interest groups; Latin American Topics (Spaziani) , International Events (Klein) and Cinemafanatics (Walton), are meeting.

Other reports: Jennifer Dybicz (absent)—A mock-up of a booklet recounting the history of the UIRA was passed around. Former UIRA President Jean Hood wrote the history. Intern Dybicz prepared a report of a past presidents meeting for the booklet. Ken did the editing and design. Copies will be distributed at the annual meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. May 12, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center