

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2015 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Richard Borchard, Kris Canfield, Nancy Lynch, Jamie Sharp, Beverly Robalino, Rick Walton, Pam Willard Guest Michael Barron

Call to Order- President-elect Beverly Robalino (President Ken Starck absent)

Reports from Officers

Secretary

- The April minutes were approved with the change of date from March 15 to March 14. Motion by Pam, second by Kris. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Report as of April 1, 2015

\$15,027.72	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,014.65	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,041.80	Total reserve funds

Kris commented that we lost money on the luncheon, partially due to paying for past presidents and the price of the meals increased slightly. A \$50 restaurant gift card has been sent to Brian Kaskie thanking him for agreeing to speak at the March program at the last minute. After discussion it was decided not to allow individuals to sign up late and pay at the door.

President-Elect Report – Beverly Robalino

Beverly reported that 89 persons made reservations for the April 23 Annual Meeting including 13 past presidents. Four people did not come after making a late reservation but three people came without a reservation. The door prizes were a good addition. A suggestion was made to show the winning photos while the prizes were being announced.

President report – Ken Starck

- Thanks to all (especially Beverly Robalino) who made the annual business meeting a success.
- The Hills Bank and Trust Co. will continue support for the Travel Photo contest. It is not known whether there will be a reception again this year.
- President Starck has recommended the appointment of Lois Lembke to fill the unexpired one-year term of Gene Spaziani and the board concurred.
- Outgoing officers were reminded to return their copies of the Operating Handbook.
- Feather Lacy has been working on the **new** UIRA website. The website is now operational at uira.org.uiowa.edu.
- A new editor and webmaster are still needed.

Past-President (Hospitality) – Rick Walton. The UIRA picnic will be on June 3 at the Terry Trueblood Event Center. It will be catered by HyVee.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee—Beverly Robalino and Nancy Lynch

The final program for the year will be a presentation by Bruce Freidrich on Thursday, May 14. There has been a good turnout this year. Beverly will meet with the in-coming President-elect, Nancy Hauserman to review the program committee responsibilities.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

The question of where to display the Community and University Award plaques has not been resolved.

FRIC (Funded Retirement Insurance Committee) – Rick Borchard The committee met this month and elected new leadership.

Newsletter: Ann Ford (absent) No report

Membership: Katherine Bjorndal and Richard Johns (absent) - Five new members and four renewals were added in April. Katharine's term ends June 30 and a replacement is needed.

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), have each had one meeting and will meet again this month.

Other reports: Jennifer Dybicz (absent) No report

Jamie Sharp, liaison from the Emeritus Faculty, reported that Dr. Jean Robillard, VP for Medical Affairs, made a brief presentation to the Emeritus Faculty regarding the search for a new University President. The Board of Regents is running the search and has hired Parker Executive Search to seek out and vet candidates. The UI Search Committee consists of 21 people including three Regents. It is hoped that candidates will be identified by July/August and then brought to campus for interviews in September. Three or four names will be forwarded to the Regents who will make the ultimate choice. Across the board, people want a president who is charismatic, is a good communicator, has a clear vision for the University and will promote the University positively.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. June 9, 2015 – Room 400, Levitt Center (Note change in room)