

**UIRA Board of Directors Meeting  
September 8, 2015 1:00 PM**

**Attending:** Alice Atkinson, Michael Barron, Richard Borchard, Dean Borg, Kris Canfield, Nancy Hauserman, Jean Hood, Lois Lembke, Linda Muston, Beverly Robalino, Ken Starck, Pam Willard

**Call to Order- President Beverly Robalino**

**Reports from Officers**

**Secretary**

- The June minutes were unanimously accepted; Ken moved and Kris seconded the motion.

**Treasurer**

- Treasurer Report as of April 1, 2015

\$15,024.91	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,011.81	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,036.72	Total reserve funds

Kris clarified questions about budget adjustments and also charges by the UI Foundation. There was discussion about implications for budgeting regarding the 3 year memberships. Dick Stevenson has audited the account in the past and Kris will contact him for this year. The report was accepted.

**President-Elect Report – Nancy Hauserman**

Nancy suggested having the 2016 Annual Meeting on the third Thursday in April, April 21.

**President report – Beverly Robalino**

- President Robalino asked Board members to introduce themselves and tell where they worked, when they retired and how long they had been a UIRA member.
- Michael Barron moved and Nancy Hauserman seconded a motion appointing Linda Muston as Newsletter Editor. This is a three year term.
- Jean Hood, Archivist, discussed archival requirements and history. She provided a sheet listing materials to be archived at the end of the year.
- President Robalino reported on the August UIRA BIG Ten Conference at Michigan State University. Various presentations were made regarding the history of University funding, TIAA/CREF programs and each University group gave a short presentation of their association and activities. No other university is having difficulties with University email access for retirees.
- She raised the suggestion of creating an endowed student scholarship fund. Michigan State University has a fund of \$50,000 that yields a scholarship of about \$2,000. If the fund went through the UI Foundation, the gifts would be tax deductible. Nancy suggested that the scholarship be targeted to a student who focuses on retirement issues. Nancy, Beverly and Michael will form a subcommittee to work on creating such a fund.
- A New Member Welcome Reception will be held on September 17 at 10:00 am at the Coralville Public Library. Ken, Nancy Williams, Beverly and Nancy Hauserman will give brief talks regarding UIRA. One hundred twenty-seven people retired last year and 16 people have responded to the Reception invitation. Board members are also invited.
- A thank you letter was received from the Friends of the Iowa City Public Library regarding the donation honoring Nancy Lynch who was awarded the 2015 UIRA Distinguished Service Award.
- A permanent home has been found for the Distinguished University and Community Service Plaques. They will be displayed in the East Lobby outside the Main Hall of the UI Memorial Union.

- A new Special Interest Group – the Gray Hawk Steppers- was proposed by President Robalino. Interested members would meet at 9:15 AM at the Coralville Coral Ridge Mall on Tuesday mornings to walk in the mall.
- Beverly and Nancy are scheduled to meet with Steven Fleagle, Associate VP for ITS Information Services, this week to clarify how retiree email services are changing.
- The Annual UI retirement seminar will be held on September 30. Beverly will be given time to talk about UIRA.
- Three hundred and sixty packets of information regarding the UIRA have been mailed to last year's retirees.
- Four Board members indicated that they pay meters while attending Board Meetings. Kris will reimburse them for parking according to Board policy.
- President Robalino reported that there is campus interest in developing intergenerational housing.

**Past-President (Hospitality) – Ken Starck.** Ken indicated that he plans to be hospitable. Hills Bank will again provide funds for prizes in the third UIRA Photo Contest. He also reported that he, Beverly and Nancy are scheduled to meet with a TIAA/CREF representative and there may be interest in supporting UIRA.

### **Reports from Committees**

#### **Program committee—Nancy Hauserman**

Nancy listed upcoming programs including a picnic at F.W. Kent Park on September 10, and Estate planning with Tom Gelman on September 29. The flu shot clinic will be held in collaboration with the Visiting Nurses on October 8.

#### **Awards Committee – Pam Willard**

The deadline for nominees for the Community and University Service Awards will be January 31. The award will be mentioned in each issue of Gray Hawk.

**FRIC – Rick Borchard** - It will be an interesting year.

**Newsletter: Ken Starck/Linda Muston** - Starck and Muston worked together on the September newsletter. Most copies are distributed electronically, while 22 copies now are being sent via the Post Office.

**Membership: Richard Johns and Pam Willard** - Thirty –one new members have joined UIRA since July1, 2015. We currently have 642 members listed, however 134 of these members have not renewed dues or paid their dues following the first year of free membership. A list of 109 new members who have joined since September 2014 and their email or home addresses was sent to President Robalino and she sent an invitation to the Sept 17 reception at the Coralville Public Library.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Next meeting: 1 p.m. October 13, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center**