

**UIRA Board of Directors Meeting  
October 13, 2015 1:00 PM**

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

**Call to Order- President Beverly Robalino**

**Reports from Officers**

**Secretary – Alice Atkinson**

- The September minutes were unanimously accepted; Ken moved and Dick seconded the motion.

**Treasurer – Kris Canfield**

- Treasurer Report as of April 1, 2015

\$15,111.00	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,022.61	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,133.61	Total reserve funds

The financial report was accepted. Beverly suggested recording the acceptance of the treasurer's report as "pending financial review."

**President-Elect Report – Nancy Hauserman**

Nancy reported that the Kent Park program was well attended and included a report on new Conservation Board activities. The Kinze tour is full with 40 reservations and there is a waiting list. The meeting for new members was positive and this topic led to a discussion of how people learn about UIRA. Beverly commented that 360 letters about the UIRA were sent to new retirees. Michael suggested consideration of an 'opt in or opt out' system, where all new retirees would be considered to be members during their first year after retirement unless they opt out. Dick, Beverly, Pam and Michael will form a committee to discuss ways to improve the membership process.

**President report – Beverly Robalino**

- President Robalino reported that she, Nancy and Ken met with a regional TIAA/CREF manager. TIAA/CREF may offer a meeting on retirement here next year to address the financial aspect of retirement as well as the social and emotional aspects. There are 111 TIAA/CREF retirees from the University of Iowa who are over the age of 100.
- Beverly, Nancy and Michael have met with UI Foundation staff regarding the proposal to create an Endowed UIRA Scholarship Fund for students. There was discussion regarding the criteria for recipients. Ken moved and Dick seconded that the Board proceed with further development of plans and the motion passed unanimously.
- There is no new information regarding the retiree email situation. Beverly has attempted to contact several people in the administration who will make policy decisions to express our concerns.
- Twenty-four people attended the New Member Welcome Reception and three door prizes of a three-year UIRA membership were awarded. A suggestion from that group was to develop a UIRA Facebook page and have UIRA t-shirts. The meeting was judged to be a worthwhile effort and should be repeated.
- The search for a new Webmaster continues and a member has expressed interest. Beverly will contact him.

- Four people have responded to the notice of a new Special Interest Group, the Gray Hawk Steppers. Walks at the Coralville Coral Ridge Mall will begin on October 27 at 9:15 a.m.
- There was general agreement that UIRA programming should be initiated by the Program Committee and not in response to offers by commercial entities.
- The Board supported sending monthly electronic copies of the Gray Hawk to the presidents of other Big 10 retiree associations.

**Past-President (Hospitality) – Ken Starck.**

### **Reports from Committees**

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

Nancy listed upcoming programs for the spring semester. There will be a program on athletics, the Virtual Soldier project in the College of Engineering, the Iowa Political Stock Market in the Tippie College of Business, and the annual meeting will be on April 21. Pam suggested that fewer hours are needed for the flu shot clinic next year.

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

Pam will provide a description of Community and University Service Awards for publication in the November issue of the Gray Hawk.

**FRIC – Rick Borchard** – It appears that there will be an increase in health care premiums in January.

**Newsletter: Ken Starck/Linda Muston** – Linda thanked Ken for his work with the September issue of the Gray Hawk. Articles to be included in an issue of the Gray Hawk must be submitted to the editors by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

**Membership: Richard Johns and Pam Willard** – Fifty-four new memberships were received in September which may be a record. There were 31 renewals and 101 individuals have not yet renewed their membership. Dick will send these individuals a reminder regarding renewal.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

**Next meeting: 1 p.m. November 10, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center**