

**UIRA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 10, 2015 1:00 PM**

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

**Guests:** Phil Klein, Feather Lacy

**Call to Order- President Beverly Robalino**

**Reports from Officers**

**Secretary – Alice Atkinson**

- The October minutes were unanimously accepted; Ken moved and Linda seconded the motion.

**Treasurer – Kris Canfield**

- Treasurer Report as of April 1, 2015

\$15,014.90	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,010.92	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,025.82	Total reserve funds

The financial report was accepted pending financial review. Pam moved and Dick seconded the motion.

**President-Elect Report – Nancy Hauserman**

Nancy has discussed an 'opt-out' membership process with Deb Hughes from Staff Benefits. Deb indicated that she needs to discuss the idea with others. Nancy will continue to explore the idea.

**President report – Beverly Robalino**

- President Robalino welcomed Phil Klein who has volunteered to act as webmaster. The committee gave sincere thanks to Feather Lacy who has served as webmaster since 2009.
- Beverly announced that key administrators have agreed at a policy level to continue to provide email services for retirees. She and Nancy will meet with Steve Fleagle on Thursday to work out the details of the agreement.
- The Special Interest Groups are functioning. The Gray Hawk Steppers have met three times at the Coral Ridge Mall with 6 - 8 people attending. Phil reported that 6-8 people have attended the sessions discussing international events and world politics. Rick Walton reported that the Cinemafanatics are on hiatus this fall. Gene Spaziani reported that the group discussing Latin America has met twice and he is looking for someone else to take leadership.
- There was considerable discussion regarding the idea of a UIRA Endowed Scholarship fund. Mike, Nancy, and Beverly have met with Foundation Staff members Duff and Natasha. Most groups do not reach the desired goal of \$50,000 within 5 years. A second option is a non-endowed scholarship which requires a \$12,500 minimum deposit. Any amount raised over the \$12,500 could be used for scholarships or added to the \$12,500 with the goal of reaching \$50,000. Contributions could be made in honor of someone retiring or as a memorial. Beverly has prepared and distributed a survey for Board members to indicate their opinion about support for a scholarship fund. The idea of using funds from the UIRA reserves for the Scholarship program was also discussed. Kris will talk with Dick Stevenson and Joe Joynt regarding the history and source of current UIRA finances. Beverly will talk to Nancy Williams as well.

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**Past-President (Hospitality) – Ken Starck.** Ken reported that everything continues to be going well. He gave name tags and printed information about UIRA to Nancy to be used for the Kinze program.

## **Reports from Committees**

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

Nancy reported that there is space for 2 people for the trip to Kinze manufacturing this week. All those on the waiting list have been accommodated. Rick Walton is working on a program on athletics, the program on the Virtual Soldier project in the College of Engineering is definite but a date has not been set, and the Iowa Political Stock Market program will be in March. She is trying to set a meeting with the new University of Iowa President, Bruce Harreld. The UIRA will send \$100 to the Parkview Church as a thank you for hosting the Benefits meeting. Nancy will see if the video from that meeting can be viewed on the UI You Tube.

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

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

**FRIC – Rick Borchard** – FRIC has met but no items of interest to retirees were discussed.

### **Newsletter: Ken Starck/Linda Muston –**

Linda commented that more people want mailed version of the Gray Hawk although the number is still low. Linda will be gone from mid-January to mid-March. She can do the editing electronically but will need help with the hard copies. Lois volunteered to do the mailings for the February newsletter and Nancy volunteered to do the March mailings.

**Membership: Richard Johns and Pam Willard** – Dick reported that there were 12 new members and 9 renewals as of November 1. Sixty-six new members have joined since September. Nancy raised the question of why retirees don't join. Possible reasons are that people are not interested in the programs or they just forget to join after the first free year. Beverly mentioned that some individuals had suggested creating a UIRA Facebook page. After discussion, Michael moved and Lois seconded creating a Facebook page open only to UIRA members. Motion passed. Phil Klein, volunteered to create an initial Facebook page but asked for volunteers to assist him.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Ken suggested creating an award for service to the UIRA in addition to the awards given for service to the University and the community. The award would not be granted yearly but as warranted and would be the President's recognition for extra effort supporting the organization. Ken will write a description of the award and present it at the Board's next meeting.

Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**Next meeting: 1 p.m. December 8, 2015 – Room 427, Levitt Center**