

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

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

Call to Order- President Beverly Robalino

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Alice Atkinson

- The November minutes were unanimously accepted; Dean moved and Ken seconded the motion.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

- Treasurer Report as of December 1, 2015

\$15,101.46	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,021.77	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,123.23	Total reserve funds

The financial report was accepted pending financial review. Ken moved and Dick seconded the motion. Kris has talked with Joe Joynt and Dick Stevenson about the origin of the UIRA reserve fund. The fund seems to be left from a grant used to fund a Big 10 Retirees conference held at the University of Iowa several years ago. Beverly suggested that if Reserve funds are used, an amount two times the usual yearly expenses should be kept in the Reserve.

President-Elect Report – Nancy Hauserman

Nancy presented information about a program TRAIL (Tools and Resources for Active Independent Living) that is designed to help people age in their own homes. The program would provide access to essential services and socialization opportunities and be funded by membership fees. A survey has been developed to gauge local interest and the local committee would like to send the survey to UIRA members. There were several questions about people already living in retirement homes and those living outside of Iowa. Ken moved and Kris seconded a motion to allow the survey to be sent to UIRA members. Motion passed unanimously. The survey will be sent by the UIRA Board and the member list will not be given to the TRAIL group.

President report – Beverly Robalino

- President Robalino distributed a revised membership form. The form was developed by Pam and Beverly with the intent of simplifying the form. Pam reported that rental of a small Post Office Box would cost around \$60 a year and would provide a stable address for returning membership renewals. Mike moved and Dick seconded a motion to rent a small P.O. Box for UIRA business. The Board gave informal approval to the changes in the membership form including using both a 0 and the words 'is free' in Membership Dues and keeping the semicolons in the list of retiree status.
- Ken presented the concept of creating a President's Award given to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the UIRA. Nominations would be approved by the entire Board. Ken moved that the UIRA create an award for outstanding service to the UIRA. It was seconded by Dean and passed unanimously. Details of the award will be developed.
- There was discussion of how to promote the Community and University Service Awards. Ken and Pam will work on promoting the Awards at UIRA meetings. It was suggested that the previous year's winners be asked to serve on the committee to select new awardees. Mike volunteered to also serve on the committee.

- Beverly presented results from a survey given to Board members. Members support starting with a non-endowed scholarship fund with a minimum deposit of \$12,500 and working towards an endowed scholarship that requires \$50,000. Beverly will discuss the Board's decision with Duff Ridgeway at the UI Foundation and report back to the Board at the January meeting. Any amount raised over the \$12,500 could be used for scholarships and/or added to the \$12,500 with the goal of reaching \$50,000. A decision will be made at the January Board meeting regarding the allocation of UIRA funds to the scholarship fund.

Past-President (Hospitality) – Ken Starck.

- Ken reported 25 photos have been received thus far for the photo contest.

Reports from Committees

Program committee—Nancy Hauserman

- Nancy reported on the upcoming program schedule. The reception for UI President Bruce Harreld will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 21 at the Coralville Library. A program on the Virtual Soldier will be held on January 28 at 2 pm in the Iowa Theater on the first floor of IMU. The Iowa Political Stock Market program will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on February 26 in W401 Pappajohn Business Building. Nancy is working on a possible program by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and the tour of the new athletic facility.

Newsletter: Ken Starck/Linda Muston –

- Linda sent our December *Gray Hawk* to the Big Ten list serve for distribution to the presidents of the other Big Ten Retirees Associations.

Membership: Richard Johns and Pam Willard –

- Nine new members and two renewals were received in November. Ninety eight members have yet to renew their membership. Dick will send a final email to these members reminding them of the December 31, 2015 membership payment due date.

FRIC – Rick Borchard –(absent)

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

- Pam suggested moving the deadline for submissions from January 31, 2016 to February 29, 2016.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. January 12, 2016 – Room 427, Levitt Center