

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2016 1:00 PM

Attending: Alice Atkinson, Rick Borchard, Kris Canfield, Lorraine Dorfman, Richard Johns, Lois Lemke, Linda Muston, Beverly Robalino, Ken Starck, Pam Willard

Call to Order- President Beverly Robalino

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Alice Atkinson

- The December minutes were unanimously accepted with the correction of a typo; Dick moved and Ken seconded the motion. Pam volunteered to take minutes in February and Kris in March.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

- Treasurer Report as of January 1, 2016

\$15,161.24	Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%
\$ 3,019.27	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$18,180.51	Total reserve funds

The financial report was accepted pending financial review. It was decided to add Linda and Nancy to the officers having a debit card. Anyone making a purchase should email the treasurer and the president with information about the purchase.

President-Elect Report – Nancy Hauserman (absent)

Nancy has checked with arrangements for the Annual Meetings that will be held at the Holiday Inn in Coralville. The prices for the luncheon appear to be about the same as last year but the definite prices will not be available until the end of January.

President report – Beverly Robalino

- Pam and Beverly have rented the smallest size post office box for one year at a cost of \$56. They both have a key to the box (PO Box 1952). Discussion is still ongoing on how to improve the UIRA website by allowing members to check their membership status and pay dues.
- Members for a new Budget Committee will be Joe Joynt, Dick Stevenson, Kris Canfield and Nancy Hauserman as Chair of the committee. They will report to the Board in March. The question of the source of the reserve funds has not been resolved but appears to be a combination of an initial anonymous donation, funds left from a Big 10 conference meeting and the interest that has been added to the original amount.
- Gene Spaziani will chair the Nomination committee this year. Other members include Dean Borg and Ken Starck as Board members and Larry Wilson and Penny Hall as non-Board members.
- Ken provided a set of criteria for the new President's award for service to the UIRA. Linda moved and Dick seconded a motion to approve the criteria as modified and this was approved. A \$100 gift to the awardee was suggested and several possible names were identified.
- Beverly reported on further conversations with Duff Ridgeway from the UI Foundation. Once the \$12,500 level has been reached, the funds can be used for scholarships. If the Board decides not to support the fund in the future, the balance of the fund can be used for scholarships. The Foundation will assess yearly fees for management of the fund. The UIRA and the Office of Financial Aid will select the students and amount of the scholarship. Board members will vote to approve the details of the Fund by email after receiving a copy of the proposal by email.

Past-President (Hospitality) – Ken Starck.

- Ken reported that so far, 33 photos have been received for the photo contest from 8 eight individuals. He will send a reminder about the contest to UIRA members and will find a judge for the contest. Hill's Bank supports the contest with a gift of \$500 and an officer from the Bank will be invited to the Luncheon. Improved AV resources at the Hotel may make it possible to show images of the winning photos as they are announced.

Reports from Committees

Program committee—Nancy Hauserman

- A report from Nancy indicated that she is working with the athletics department to provide a tour of the new athletic facility during spring break. The reception for UI President Bruce Harreld is scheduled for January 21. The Iowa Political Stock Market program will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and may be changed to the Coralville Library for easier parking. She is working on a program by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for March or early April.

Newsletter: Ken Starck/Linda Muston –

- Linda asked for volunteers to mail hard copies of the Gray Hawk when she is out of town; Lois volunteered. She and Dick Johns would like to listen to the February and March meetings when they are gone and the use of Facetime or telephone was suggested. Ken felt that the newsletter is in good hands and he no longer needs to be listed as co-editor. There has been no response to the request for a volunteer to set up a Facebook page and the idea will be dropped for now.

Membership: Richard Johns and Pam Willard –

- Twelve renewals have been received in December and no new members. One new membership was received in January using the new Post Office box. Eighty-two members have not renewed their membership and have been removed from the list. Dick feels that we are on track for a solid membership year.

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FRIC – Rick Borchard -The FRIC committee will resume meeting in February.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

- The Committee has been formed with Pam Willard as chair, Tom Kruckeberg, Beverly, Ann Ford and Mike Barron as members. She has received 2 nominations and expects several others.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. February 9, 2016 – Room 427, Levitt Center