

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2017 1:03 PM

Attending: Michael Barron, Dean Borg, Kris Canfield, Penny Hall, Nancy Hauserman, Lois Lembke, Linda Muston, Beverly Robalino, Richard Saunders, Jamie Sharp, Pam Willard

Call to Order- President Nancy Hauserman

Reports from Officers

Secretary –Jamie Sharp sitting in for Alice Atkinson

The January minutes were accepted; Linda moved and Pam seconded the motion.

Treasurer-Kris Canfield

Treasurer Report as of February 1, 2017

\$8,954.20 Vanguard GNMA @ 2.20%

\$3,109.11 Vanguard Short-Term Investment

\$12,063.31 Total reserve funds

Kris reported that she corrected/omitted the year which was pointed out at the last meeting. Dean noted that the Income/Expenses Sum should be in the positive/black not as a deficit in red. Kris will fix.

The financial report was accepted pending audit; Pam moved and Michael seconded.

President-Elect Report – Michael Barron

The Annual Meeting on April 3 will follow the general pattern of last year. The contract has been signed; prices are similar to last year.

- It was agreed that the registration form will have the prices as presented by the hotel. UIRA will not subsidize the meals this year (motion passed: Dean moved and Beverly seconded).

- There was no information on the photography contest.
- A review of draft copies of the program, registration form and list of Presidents took place.
- Michael will provide content and work with Linda for items to be placed in the March newsletter.
- The luncheon program will be similar to last year and will also include short reports from the Sr. College and from AEF (Association of Emeritus Faculty).
- Michael will ask Rick Walton if he would be willing to secure door prizes again.

President report – Nancy Hauserman

Nancy reported that 270 surveys have been returned. She is working on tabulating the responses and plans to have a report in the April newsletter.

Nominations Committee Report – Penny Hall

The committee consisted of: Penny Hall; Ken Atkinson; Dean Borg; Billie Townsend; and Nancy Williams

The proposed slate of officers:

- Vice President – Sue Otto
- Secretary – Diane Martin
- Directors – Doug True, Benny Hawkins

The slate, as presented, was accepted; Mike moved and Beverly seconded the motion.

Issues that came up during the Nominations process:

- Long absences during winter months would prohibit someone from serving
- Availability of membership list to committee – redacted list w/ just names was helpful. Lois provided a complete list when phone numbers were needed. The Committee thanks her.
- UIRA website not current
- Tax status of UIRA – was discussed in the Fall and will not be pursued again. UIRA is a volunteer organization.

- Must be cognizant of balance in the nominating process:
faculty/staff/gender/race
- Current board members are a great influence on future candidates

Past-President (Hospitality) – Beverly Robalino

Beverly reported that the scholarship fund will receive an anonymous donation of \$22,000. Added to the current \$29,450, the scholarship will now become endowed. It will take one year for interest earnings to become available for spending.

Reports from Committees:

Program committee—Michael Barron

- Samantha Chan will do a program on the Writers Workshop – date TBD
- March TBD
- April – Annual meeting on the 3rd
- April 25th – Karen Ann Baker
- June – Picnic at Terry Trueblood Recreation Center
- June – The Iowa Prairie and Wetlands presentation about land near Sutliff Bridge will be in June date tba
- Other topics under consideration: Johnson County Comprehensive Plan; Solar Energy; Local Food Coordinator

Newsletter: Linda Muston – Newsletter deadline is 2/21. There have been a few more requests for mailed newsletters – now at 26 or 27.

Membership: Lois Lembke

We currently have 652 members, 450 households, 9 new members, 4 renewals, 1 dropped and 1 spouse request to be removed from list

FRIC – Richard Saunders

At the recent meeting, UI Choice was discussed – which providers at which levels of the plan? Levels 1, 2, & 3 has morphed to additional providers at hospitals other than UIHC e.g. Genesis, Mercy. UI allows employees to get care at discounted rates at their area providers. However, The UI is looking at discontinuing discount-sharing. There is interest in moving to a 2-tiered system.

University dental only allows 2 cleanings/year. Exception would be for periodontal patients who are granted permission to have 4 cleanings/year. The person needing the additional coverage needs to contact Delta Dental directly to request additional cleanings.

It was noted that Delta Dental provides a discount on glasses at designated providers – usually the chain stores e.g. Lens Crafters. This was a surprise to everyone. The customer must show their Delta Dental Card and ask if the provider gives a discount.

Awards Committee – Pam Willard

The committee reported that one member of UIRA has been selected for each of our award categories.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Beverly reminded the Board that a Budget Committee needs to formulate next year's budget before the March board meeting.

Upon further review of the by-laws, the Assistant to the Treasurer does need to be a director Business: The President-elect is the committee chair plus the treasurer and two others.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting: 1 p.m. March 14, 2017– Room 427, Levitt Center