

## **UIRA Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 12, 2017**

**Attending:** Nancy Hauserman, Richard Saunders, Michael Barron, Dean Borg, Kris Canfield, Doug True, Sue Otto, Linda Muston, Lois Lembke, Carolyn Wanat, Diane Martin

**Call to Order – President, Michael Barron**

**Introductions –**

All Board members present introduced themselves for the benefit of new members.

### **Reports from Officers**

**Secretary – Diane Martin**

The June minutes were accepted with correction of the date of the meeting. Approval was moved, seconded and it was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer – Kris Canfield**

The Board approved the budget for 2017/2018.

Treasurer's report as of August 1, 2017

\$9,144.51	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,168.07	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$12,312.58	Total Reserve Funds

The financial report was accepted unanimously pending audit.

**President & Membership – Michael Barron & Lois Lembke**

Because membership impacts the budget, the Board reordered the agenda to hear the report from Membership following the Treasurer's report. We currently have 721 members representing 548 households. Invitation to Join letters were sent to 217 newly retired people in August.

There are still 164 memberships that were due for renewal in June that haven't been received. These members have now received two notifications. At the October meeting, we will look at this list of non-renewals and perhaps make some reminder phone calls. The question of discontinuing the Gray Hawk newsletter to these people wasn't answered. It will be discussed again in October.

Currently the University doesn't provide us with a list of upcoming retirements. Doug and Nancy will contact the University to explore this possibility. Membership in UIRA is free for the first year following retirement. At some universities, new retirees are automatically provided membership for the first year, then can opt out the following year.

### **President-Elect Report – Sue Otto**

Sue provided a written report. Her Program Committee consists of Lucille Heitman, Billie Townsend and Dave Martin. They have met and programs are lined up for first semester.

September programs are as follows:

Friday, September 15            Breakfast & Tour of Elizabeth Catlett Hall

Wednesday, September 27   Iowa Raptors & Raptor Rescue, Joan Schnabel

The previously announced program for October 9 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts for the speaker. Sue will try to reschedule Raj Rajagopal.

Monthly programs have been scheduled through December. In addition, UIRA will host a Flu Immunization Clinic on October 12 and a UI Benefit program on November 2.

### **Past President – Nancy Hauserman**

Nancy has scheduled the picnic at Terry Trueblood for June 6, 2018. She may consider different options for catering for that event.

There was brief discussion about use of the member survey results. Perhaps there needs to be a sub-committee to review and report? This will be a topic for the October agenda.

### **Reports from Committees**

#### **Program Committee – Sue Otto**

See Sue's report above.

#### **Newsletter – Linda Muston**

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 21. Linda's goal is to get the newsletter out by September 28.

Linda has new envelopes with the complete return address printed on them.

Linda presented a written draft of a policy concerning guidelines for content for the Gray Hawk. There will be further consideration of the policy at the October meeting.

#### **Membership – Lois Lembke**

See report above.

#### **FRIC – Richard Saunders**

FRIC met. There is a proposed 5% increase in the health insurance rates for retirees, but no increase in dental insurance rates. These numbers have been submitted to University Central Administration for approval.

Currently there are informational sessions being provided by the University Benefits Office for retirees. These require registration and have filled quickly.

As of January 1, Merit employees will be added to the Faculty/P & S Staff benefits. For some Merit employees, this change has resulted in large cost increases.

#### **Committee on Community and University Service Awards –**

This committee hasn't been formed for the 2017/2018 year.

#### **Old Business**

Mike and Sue attended the Big Ten Retirees Annual Meeting at Purdue University. Mike reported that the structure and funding of the associations vary widely. There has been some research on Retirees Associations. Sue has a PDF of that report that she'll share.

The UIRA is scheduled to host this meeting in 2020. The Board will need to determine dates and possibly facilities for this meeting in the near future.

There was no report on fundraising for the scholarship. This will need to be a topic for the October meeting.

#### **New Business**

RetirementLiving.com has requested a listing as a resource in the Gray Hawk. This has not been permitted in the past. We'll take this request under advisement.

There are many volunteer opportunities and programs for retirees that are referred to the Board. Officers have decisions to make about passing these along to the membership. One of the considerations is that some members prefer not to receive too many emails.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 10, 2017.