

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

November 14, 2017

Attending: Sue Otto, Michael Barron, Kris Canfield, Richard Saunders, Charles Dayton, Benny Hawkins, Linda Muston, Lois Lembke, Carolyn Wanat, Dean Borg, Diane Martin

Call to Order –President, Michael Barron

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Dean moved that the October minutes be accepted as corrected, Chuck seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Mike mentioned that a \$22/year parking stipend is available for UIRA Board members since many members park at meters in the adjacent lot for Board meetings. Kris collected names of members that can receive the stipend.

Kris reported that \$300 had been received in membership dues.

The treasurer's report as of October 1, 2017:

\$9,107.85	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,159.35	Vanguard Short-term Investment
\$12,267.20	Total Reserve Funds

The financial report was accepted unanimously pending audit.

It was noted that income/expenses is in the red because of the expense of reprinting the UIRA brochure. This is distributed at the day-long HR meeting held for University employees planning retirement. It is well received.

The budget was discussed. When it was drafted, membership dues income was estimated at \$7,900 for the year. To date, \$5,970 has been received. This was the first time that a large number of 3-year memberships expired. It was unknown how many would renew their memberships, renew for three years or only one year.

President-Elect – Sue Otto

The October 12 flu vaccination clinic drew 61 people. This was six more than last year despite hesitation about the need for the program. It's recommended that the program be given again next fall.

On October 24, fifty-eight people heard Christine Grant's excellent overview of The History and Current Status of Title IX.

The UIRA Benefits presentation by Jessica Wade, UI Benefits, and Lora Felger, Health Alliance Medical Plans, was held on November 2 at Parkview Church and attended by 110 people. It was video recorded by the church and uploaded to the UI YouTube account. The presenters' Power Point presentations were emailed to UIRA members along with the link to the video.

Upcoming programs for the semester include:

November 28	Dan McGehee, History and Future of Automated Driving
December 4	President Bruce Harreld, Retrospective on the Year at the University of Iowa

Sue reported that the committee is working on programs for the second semester.

She arranged to receive the Senior College course schedule so that we don't schedule conflicts.

Upcoming tentative plans are:

January 8	Professor Nicole Grosland, Biomedical Engineering This program will include tours of the new addition
February 4	Women's Basketball game (\$5 tickets available)
February	Possible Black History Month program by Lena and Michael Hill.
April	Dr. Susan Duffy on Alzheimers research
April 5	Annual UIRA luncheon and business meeting at the Raddison
June	Picnic at Terry Trueblood

Past-President – Nancy Hauserman

Due to Nancy's absence, her report is deferred to the December agenda.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Linda Muston

The deadline for the November Gray Hawk is November 21.

Linda will be away for the months of Jan., Feb., and March. She will bring envelopes to the December Board meeting to be used to mail paper newsletters to the 30 members who request a mailed copy. Sue volunteered to handle these mailings.

Linda asked if someone has a laptop with Facetime. If so, she can participate long distance in the Board meetings. Sue offered to check to see if her laptop is a possibility.

Membership – Lois Lembke

UIRA membership is currently 626. This number includes 482 households. The names of the 104 expired memberships have been removed. Lois circulated a list of the expired members.

Three fourths of the spring expirations have renewed their memberships. Fifty-five of those contacted personally by Board members have renewed.

We have 48 new members who will receive the latest Gray Hawk.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC met last week. A Task Force has been appointed to do a benefit review. They will look at benefit expense. This review will be completed during the next year with changes recommended to take effect in 2020.

The expense of running the TIAA CREF retirement plans was discussed. It was questioned whether active employees and retirees should pay the same administrative fees.

The late summer/early fall HR programs about health insurance were all “sold out” and very well received.

Old Business

Scholarship Donation Communications – Mike Barron

Nancy wrote an article for the next Gray Hawk. Mike questioned whether we will be awarding another scholarship this year.

HR Relationship update on name availability – Nancy Hauserman and Doug True

The topic was deferred to the December meeting.

New Business

Recreation Services Membership Discounts for Retirees – Mike Barron

Mike has been asked if it's possible for retirees to receive a discount at the University Recreation Services facilities. Emeritus Faculty explored this possibility when the new facility opened, but were told "no". Mike will work with Emeritus Faculty and will go forward with another request.

Nominating and Awards Process – Mike Barron/All

Pam Willard and Penny Hall have been encouraged to attend UIRA Board meetings. We're nearing the time to think about nominees for the Board and possible recipients of the awards given in the spring.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 1:48.

Next meeting – December 12, 2017