

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2018

Attending: Michael Barron, Nancy Hauserman, Sue Otto, Kris Canfield, Richard Saunders, Dean Borg, Charles Dayton, Benny Hawkins, Penny Hall, Diane Martin

Call to Order – President, Michael Barron

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

In Diane's absence, Sue Otto took minutes for the January meeting. They were distributed to Board members. Dean moved for their approval. Charles seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

New Business – Per request, the Board moved to the Nominating Committee report

Nominating Committee – Penny Hall

Richard Saunders is currently completing two years on the Board after filling an opening created by a resignation. He has agreed to be nominated to another three-year term. Dean Borg is also a current director. He also agreed to be nominated to serve another term.

The Committee has spoken with a potential candidate, but doesn't have a firm nominee for president-elect. Penny asked all Board members to provide her with suggestions for this position. The committee's goal is to complete the slate for the March newsletter. The newsletter deadline is February 21.

The Board moved onto discussion of the Newsletter Editor position. Linda Muston's term in this office is complete at the end of June. This is a key, appointed position. The Board provided suggestions and a discussion of the position.

Reports from Officers

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris reported that there was no new income from membership dues. It was noted that membership dues provide uneven income. There can be no income from membership dues despite membership numbers increasing as first year membership for new retirees is free of charge. Following that year, members have a one year or a three-year membership option. Because attendance at UIRA programs has been high, the Board is optimistic about future membership income.

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$8,878.62 Vanguard GNMA 2.20%

\$3,143.36 Vanguard Short-term Investment

\$12,121.98 Total Reserve Funds

Kris also presented the Budget Worksheet for 2018-2019. The proposed budget shows \$690.00 higher expenses over income. Both income and expenses are difficult to predict. The budget will be monitored as the year progresses to insure that the Association operates within its income. Dean moved and Nancy seconded that both the treasurer's report and budget be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

As Dick Stevenson will no longer be able to provide these services, the UIRA will need to find a new auditor.

President-Elect – Sue Otto

On Feb. 4, 40 UIRA members attended the University Women's Basketball game together. Their presence helped the Hawkeyes win over Minnesota!

Upcoming events are as follows:

February 22 Dr. Peter Damiano, The Current State of Health Care Reform in the United States

February 26 Lena and Michael Hill, The Invisible Hawkeyes

March 14 Dr. Thomas Schulein, The Changing Face of the Pentacrest

April 5 UIRA Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting

Sue will send out the first notice to members now about the April 5 event. Members will need to make reservations and food selections. She'll also begin soliciting door prizes.

Past-President – Nancy Hauserman

Nancy has begun setting up the annual picnic at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area. The Coralville Hy-Vee will again cater the event. Nancy will provide a map to the site as the caterer had difficulty finding the group last year.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Linda Muston

The deadline for the March newsletter is Feb. 21. Linda plans to release that newsletter on Feb. 28.

Membership -Lois Lembke

Lois was absent, but Chuck Dayton works with her and provided the report. UIRA has 662 members representing 511 households. On June 30, 2018, 362 memberships will expire. The renewal rate and choice of a one year or three-year membership will have an impact on the UIRA and its budget.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee – Richard Saunders

At the recent FRIC meeting the primary topic was a discussion of complaints received concerning a practice of the UI Center for Advancement. The Center requests donations from patients after each medical appointment at UIHC. These donations are used to support areas of UIHC that aren't profitable. Patients can opt out of these requests on My Chart. Without taking this option, each patient is automatically opted in. When a patient checks in for an appointment, he/she also has the option of opting out. This practice is very successful as 60% of the patients who receive this request make a contribution.

Old Business

Retiree Access to the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center – Michael Barron

Mike has been in contact with J.T. Timmons, the Vice President for Student Life. Mike has received requests that there be consideration of a retiree rate for use of this facility. The discussion is ongoing.

New Business

UIRA Awards – Pam Willard

Pam reported that the Board will be voting on two awardees.

Other – Michael Barron

Mike has received requests for more options for socializing by UIRA members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17.