

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

March 13, 2018

Attending: Michael Barron, Nancy Hauserman, Sue Otto, Richard Saunders, Dean Borg, Charles Dayton, Benny Hawkins, Carolyn Wanat, Penny Hall, Linda Muston, Lois Lembke, Diane Martin

Call to Order – President, Michael Barron

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Corrections to the February minutes included a change in the deadline for the March newsletter and notation that the UIRA Board votes on the awardees for the UI and Community Service awards. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris was absent due to illness. She had sent out the complete treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting. Dean moved and Sue seconded acknowledgement of the receipt of the report.

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$8,938.58	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,131.34	Vanguard Short-term Investment
\$12,069.92	Total Reserve Funds

President Elect – Sue Otto

Sue reported two excellent programs in February. Dr. Peter Damiano gave an overview of The Current State of Health Care Reform in the US, attendance - 55. Lena Hill and Michael Hill presented The Invisible Hawkeyes, attendance – 33. The Board discussed the possibility that the attendance for the presentation by the Hills was lower due to the difficulty with parking when an event is held in the UI Main Library. A question was raised about the possibility of shuttling from a parking ramp/area when the Library is the best location for a program.

Upcoming programs are:

March 14, 2018	Dr. Thomas Schulein, The Changing Face of the Pentacrest
April 5, 2018	UIRA Luncheon and Business Meeting
May 10, 2018	Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz, Stranger in a Strange Land: Personal And Philosophical Reflections of an EU National in Brexit-Referendum Britain
June	Possibly a tour of NADS

Sue also reported on plans for the April 5 luncheon at the Radisson. She currently has 62

reservations, but expects more by the deadline. She is working on obtaining door prizes.

Past-President – Nancy Hauserman

The food for the June picnic has been ordered. Nancy raised the question of adding entertainment or background music to the event. The acoustics might be difficult, but with weather permitting, the performers might be out on the patio.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Linda Muston

Linda's term as Newsletter Editor expires in June. The new Newsletter Editor will be Diana Harris.

The deadline for the April newsletter is March 21. Mike will try to obtain the name of the UIRA scholarship recipient so that information can be included. The May newsletter will include reminders about upcoming membership renewals.

Membership – Lois Lembke

Current membership is 666, representing 515 households. Last year 450 members were due for renewal in May or June; this year that number is 360.

The Board discussed how to reach new retirees to inform them of the UIRA programs. In April, 90 will attend a one-day seminar. Their packets will include the UIRA brochure. Richard will check with HR to see if enrollment forms, a brochure and a list of this year's programs can be on the tables at UI retirement dinners.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

At the recent FRIC meeting, the discussion of the Center for Advancement and UIHC continued. Physicians at UIHC automatically receive information at a patient appointment that indicates if the patient has donated to the Center. The amount given isn't included. There has been concern about this possibly resulting in preferential treatment for donors.

FRIC discussed the numbers for health insurance for next year. The out of pocket maximum may be doubled.

The University may create a new investment committee. This would change the role of FRIC.

Old Business

UIRA Awards – Pam Willard

The nominees are:

Service to the University – Val Lembke

Service to the Community – Joyce Summerwill

Sue moved and Nancy seconded approval of the nominees. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Board will need a new chair for the Awards Committee for next year.

Nominating Committee – Penny Hall

The slate put forward by the committee:

Emil Rinderspacher – President-Elect

Dean Borg – 3-year term

Richard Saunders – 3-year term

Sue moved and Benny seconded that the Board accept the slate. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Board will also need a new chair for this committee for next year.

Annual Reports Reminder

Annual reports will be on the tables at the April 5 luncheon and business meeting and they'll appear on the UIRA website.

After the luncheon, there will be a press release with pictures and CV's of the newly elected UIRA Board members.

New Business

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, 2018

This year's conference will be at Penn State. Often the President and President-Elect attend.

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, 2020 at Iowa

UIRA can set the date for the conference for 2020 when Iowa hosts. The Board will need to appoint a committee to put this meeting together. The committee will be responsible for hotel space, meals, entertainment and the program. This is a meeting for approximately 30 people.

Mike added an update on the question raised about the possibility of a lower retiree's rate for use of the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Due to IRS rules, no special rate is possible. Mike raised the possibility of an article for the newsletter outlining all the recreation benefits there are for retirees when they have memberships at the regular rates.

Next Meeting – April 10, 2018