

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2018

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

Call to Order – Michael Barron

Secretary – Diane Martin

Sue moved and Benny seconded that the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes and the minutes for the April Board Meeting be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris continues to contact people to recruit an auditor for the UIRA Board. Two names were mentioned as possibilities.

Kris reported:

\$8,972.36	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,129.96	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$12,102.32	Total Reserve Funds

President Elect – Sue Otto

Upcoming programs include:

May 10	Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz, "Stranger in a Strange Land: Personal and Philosophical Reflections of an EU National in Brexit-Referendum in Britain."
June 6	Annual Picnic at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area

Sue had hoped to line up a spring tour of the NADS, but that hasn't been possible.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter - Linda Muston

Linda will be training Diana Harris, the incoming newsletter editor during summer months.

Linda posed the question of charging a fee when paper copies of the Gray Hawk are requested/needed. There are extra expenses for paper, envelopes and

postage. After a discussion, the Board decided not to ask for reimbursement for this service.

Membership – Lois Lembke

We currently have 683 members from 530 households. On June 30, 57% of those memberships will expire. Lois will begin sending out notices asking members to renew.

The 2018-19 membership form is on the website. Sue will put a summary of this year's programs on the back of the form. Richard will ask for permission to put this document on the tables at the upcoming U of I retirement dinners.

As in the past, in July the Board will receive the names and mailing addresses of all the University retirees for the past year. Incoming President, Sue Otto, will write a letter which will be sent to these new retirees inviting them to join UIRA. This will be accompanied by the membership form.

In the fall, Lois will bring a list of those who haven't responded. Board members can then contact those that they know personally to encourage membership.

U of I Human Resources can continue to provide this information annually or it could be received monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. The months with the highest number of retirements are December and June. It was suggested that contact closer to the actual retirement date might result in higher response to the offer of membership. The possibility of a test run of more timely contacts to be done next year was discussed. Mike will contact HR and request that new retirees be sent to Lois Lembke monthly for a six month period, July-December 2018.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

The FRIC meeting concentrated on the use/cost of specialty drugs for users of U of I insurance. 97% of those drugs used by this population are prescribed by UIHC. It was decided that UIHC will now be the provider for all these specific drugs.

Rates for health and dental coverage will be determined in the fall.

Old Business

Annual Reports to the Archives

Copies of all the Annual Reports must be sent to Jean Hood to be added to the UIRA Archives.

Endowed Scholarship for 2018-19

Our available scholarship funds currently stand at \$2,330. It's recommended that we utilize 90% of that fund or \$2,100. Any dollars not awarded will go back into the endowment. The Board was given two options. \$1,000 could be awarded to two students or the entire \$2,100 could be awarded to one student. After discussion, Dean moved and Lois seconded that we award two \$1,000 scholarships and put the excess into the endowment. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference 2018

This conference will be held August 3-5 at Penn State. Sue will check with Emil Rinderspacher about the possibility of attending this conference with her.

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference 2020 at Iowa

The UIRA Board will need to establish some committees next fall to begin planning this event that will be held in Iowa City in 2020.

Search for New Chairs for Awards and Nominating Committees

Both committees will need new chairs for next year. The request for volunteers will go into the Gray Hawk. Members of the Board were asked to be thinking of possible chairs to recruit.

Adjourn – Next Meeting – June 12, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07.