

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 2018

Attending: Sue Otto, Kris Canfield, Mike Barron, Richard Saunders, Chuck Dayton, Benny Hawkins, Lois Lembke, Diana Harris, Dean Borg, Diane Martin

Call to Order – Sue Otto

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Benny moved and Richard seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November UIRA Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris reported that there wasn't much change in the finances of the UIRA. A thank-you and check was sent to Parkview church for the use of their building for the benefits program.

Sue reported that a thank-you gift certificate will be sent to Amy An for doing a very thorough review of the UIRA finances.

Kris distributed the treasurer's report as follows:

\$9,045.24	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,159.27	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$12,204.51	Total Reserve Funds

President-Elect – Emil Rinderspacher

Emil was unable to attend the meeting due to Senior College duties, but sent a written report.

The December 3 program with President Bruce Harreld speaking drew a crowd of 50 to the Center for Advancement. The presentation and question period that followed were spirited and well-received.

On January 16, 2019 Jean Donham will speak on Fake News and Alternative Facts.

The planned date for the April UIRA luncheon conflicts with a Senior College class. Emil will explore a possible change for that date.

Past-President- Mike Barron

Mike and Sue reported on progress on planning the 2020 Big Ten Retirees Associations Conference that will be held in Iowa City/Coralville.

The committee has agreed to contract with the Radisson for housing and the meeting site for this event. Sue will check with Illinois to ask what the registration fee will be for the 2019 meeting. With that information the UIRA committee can set the registration fee for 2020. Twelve institutions will send representatives. The tradition has been for the UIRA President and President-elect to represent us.

President- Sue Otto

Sue reported on the ongoing exploration of online organizational management systems. No decision has been made yet. For one of the possible systems, there is a \$600 set up fee. Combining that with the first-year operational expense, UIRA will need approximately \$1,140 for the first year. In addition to the that expense, we'll need ongoing IT support. We probably can't depend on the Center for Advancement for that support.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Diana Harris

The December issue of the Gray Hawk has been distributed. The January issue will include information about the 2019 photo contest. There will also be a reminder of the contest sent by email in mid-December.

Membership – Lois Lembke

Current membership is 634 members representing 483 households. The names of 125 members who had not renewed membership were removed from the list serve and will no longer receive the Gray Hawk.

We received a list of 66 new retirees for the period August 1-October 20. Five of these had already joined UIRA. Letters of invitation and membership forms have been sent to the 61 new retirees who have not yet joined UIRA.

A question was raised about the possibility of having UIRA membership forms available at Senior College classes?

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC met. There is an ongoing discussion about either having health insurance cover more (and policy holders would pay more) or having insurance cover less (and policy holders would pay less). The University Administration will decide soon about the direction of University coverage. Due to the need for recommendations to the Administration, FRIC will meet in January. There has been discussion about combining the three state university health coverages. There are enough drawbacks that this doesn't seem likely.

Old Business

Discussion of Revisions to the UIRA Bylaws

Sue led a discussion of the proposed revisions that had been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting.

There were questions and discussion of proposed changes. Therefore, this agenda item will be continued during the January meeting.

Suggestions for Alternate Venue for Board Meetings

Due to parking issues at the Center for Advancement, this meeting was held at the Coralville Public Library. Meetings at this library can only be scheduled a month in advance. Sue will try to schedule the January meeting for the UIRA Board at the Library again.

New Business

Recruitment of Nominating Committee Chair and Members, Awards Committee Chair and Members

This is ongoing and suggestions for all positions are needed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2018.