

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

June 12, 2018

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

Call to Order – Michael Barron

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Linda moved approval and Sue seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that future distribution of the meeting minutes will be sent out to the entire board one week prior to an upcoming meeting for edits.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris reported:

\$8,976.56	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,133.81	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$12,110.37	Total Reserve Funds

Lois moved approval of the report. Benny seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The search for an auditor continues. Nancy had a suggestion. She'll ask the person and if interested will refer him/her to Kris for more conversation.

President-Elect – Sue Otto

The last program of the year was "Stranger in a Strange Land: Personal and Philosophical Reflections of an EU National in Brexit-Referendum in Britain." Sixty-seven people attended this presentation on May 10 by Rabbi Esther Hugenholtz. The crowd gave the Rabbi a standing ovation!

Sue has met with Emil to transfer materials and orient him to the President-elect position.

John Moyers will not chair next year's photo contest, but will assist a new chair. Sue is open to suggestions for someone to fill this position.

UIRA Board meetings for next year will begin in September, and will occur on the second Tuesdays in the Jacobs Buffet Room of the Levitt Center.

Past-President – Nancy Hauserman

The Board extended thanks to Nancy for the excellent job organizing the year-end picnic. Leftover food was delivered to D.V.I.P.

Nancy suggested that prior to the picnic next year, the Board should discuss the charges for set-up and take-down of tables etc. at Terry Trueblood. The possibility of musical entertainment or a magician is an agenda item for next year too.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Linda Muston

The Board extended thanks to Linda for her excellent work on the Gray Hawk. The next issue will include request for volunteers for the Nominations, Awards and Photo Contest Committees.

A suggestion was made for a future agenda. The Board might consider a deadline after which there would no longer be an option to receive a paper copy of the Gray Hawk.

Membership – Lois Lembke

Current membership is 694 members from 539 households.

Renewal reminders were sent out to 387 members whose memberships expire June 30. Renewals have been received from 158 for a response rate of 41%. There are many one-year renewals. There has been no response from 226 members. Ninety-one of them were new members.

Michael has requested that University HR send the names of retirees from July 1, 2017-December 2018. Sue and Lois will prepare a mailing to all new retirees who haven't already joined.

University HR will send a list of UI retirees to Lois at the end of each month from July 2018-December 2018. These retirees will receive the letter of invitation from Sue and a membership form. At the end of this six months, it can be determined if a more timely invitation to UIRA is more effective.

Lois noted that these mailings will incur some additional costs.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC did not meet in June and will not meet again until September when recommendations will be made for insurance renewal rates for active UI employees.

Old Business

Endowed Scholarship for 2018-2019

Per the Board's decision, Michael gave direction to the Center for Advancement that UIRA will award two \$1,000 scholarships for the coming year. The small balance over the \$2,000 expenditure will go back into the UIRA endowment. Profiles of the two scholarship winners can be included in a fall Gray Hawk.

New Business

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference 2018

The Conference will be held at Penn State. Sue is planning to attend. Emil is uncertain as he has a conflict on those dates.

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference 2020 at Iowa

As UIRA will be hosting the 2020 conference, committees will need to be formed in the fall. There was a review of the varied formats that have been experienced at past conferences.

Search for New Chairs for Awards and Nominating Committees

Any suggestions for these positions should be forwarded to Sue.

UIRA Membership Form

The wording on the membership form for UIRA was discussed. It indicates that the new retirees first year of membership is free of charge. Realistically, this free membership may be for more-or-less than a year depending on the date of retirement. All memberships expire on June 30. To be fair to spring retirees, UIRA has extended the "year" until the following June 30, but fall retirees receive less than a year of free membership. It would be too complex to have memberships expiring each month of the year.

Richard presented a suggested new wording for the membership form. This discussion will continue into the September UIRA Board meeting.

Adjournment – Next Meeting September 11, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.