

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2019

Attending: Sue Otto, Diana Harris, Emil Rinderspacher, Billie Townsend, Carolyn Wanat, Mike Barron, Richard Saunders, Dean Borg, Kris Canfield, Lois Lembke, Diane Martin

Call to Order – President, Sue Otto

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Diana moved and Mike seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$9,229.71	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,191.55	Vanguard Short-term Investment
\$12,421.26	Total Reserve Funds

A discussion followed. UIRA doesn't have an Investment Committee to recommend long-term goals. In the past, the organization had an investment advisor. It was agreed that this is a volunteer position that is needed.

President-elect – Emil Rinderspacher

Emil outlined the second semester programs as follows:

January 16	Jean Donham, Fake News and Alternative Facts
February 25	John Rapson, Hot Tamale Louie
March 12 or 13	Melissa Shivers, title to be announced
April 5	Annual UIRA Luncheon
April or May	Kitty Buckwalter, The Aging Brain

Past-president – Mike Barron

No report

President – Sue Otto

Update on plans for the 2020 Big 10 Retirees Association Conference

The 2020 Big 10 Conference will take place in Iowa City/Coralville. A contract has been signed with the Radisson in Coralville for this meeting. Sue is checking with Illinois about the budget for the 2019 Big 10 Conference to determine if there are plans for any increase in registration fees.

Ongoing exploration of online organizational management systems

Sue reported that Neon is a front runner in this exploration. Sue has recruited a group to assist with the review of Neon and perhaps with the transition to online management if UIRA can obtain the needed funding. A demonstration will be set up soon for the following committee members and Board members who are interested.

Online Management Committee

Russ Lenth	Emil Rinderspacher
Kay Barron	Sue Otto

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Diana Harris

Diana is planning the inclusion of some graphics for the February newsletter. She encourages Board Members to take photographs at UIRA programs to send to her to add interest to the newsletter.

Membership – Lois Lembke

UIRA currently has 647 members from 492 households.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

Richard reported that FRIC will hold a special meeting on Jan. 11. The U of I Administration is asking FRIC for input on changes for 2020 retirees insurance benefits/costs. It's anticipated that there will be changes in the coming year.

Old Business

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

Sue has recruited the following to be members of the two committees:

Nominating Committee

Warren Boe, chair	Jamie Sharp
Alice Atkinson	Larry Wilson

Mike Barron also agreed to serve on this committee.

Service Awards Committee

Sam Cochran, chair	Dean Borg
Beverly Robalino	

The Board unanimously approved these committee members. Sue has asked for more suggestions for members for both groups.

Discussion or the Final Revisions to the UIRA Bylaws

The by-law revision discussion continued. Sue will provide a final copy of the proposed revisions at the February UIRA Board meeting.

Adjournment – Next Meeting February 12, 2019