

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

March 12, 2019

Attending: Sue Otto, Emil Rinderspacher, Kris Canfield, Benny Hawkins, Dean Borg, Chuck Dayton, Richard Saunders, Lois Lembke, Diana Harris, Carolyn Wanat, Billie Townsend, Diane Martin

Reports from Officers:

Secretary – Diane Martin

The minutes were corrected. Dean moved and Emil seconded a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

Kris distributed the treasurer's report as follows:

\$9,262.45	Vanguard BNMA 2.20%
\$3,223.15	Vanguard Short-term Investment
\$12,485.60	Total Reserve Funds

President-elect – Emil Rinderspacher

Melissa Shivers, VP for Student Life will speak following this meeting.

April 5	UIRA Annual Luncheon
Late April or early May	Kitty Buckwalter

Emil has received feedback that the program following the annual luncheon was too long last year. He's working on making it more compact. He's considering having no verbal reports, but would instead post them on the website. It's desirable to have our scholarship recipients in attendance. They've been contacted by e-mail, but haven't yet responded.

Past-President – Mike Barron

No report.

President – Sue Otto

Report on meeting with Paul Thelen - Diana Harris and Sue met with Paul Thelen of the Iowa Non-Profit Resource Center. According to Paul, we're a social membership organization, appropriately classified as a 501 (c) (7) and not a 501 (c) (3). We can continue to operate as a 501 (c) (7) without filing any additional paperwork. He did, however recommend that we incorporate.

Update on Neon – Sue is in conversation with Neon about the cost to pay them to import our data onto their system. In order to quote a price, they'll need our data. That will necessitate a non-disclosure agreement.

Emil will be asking the Senior College for a contribution of start-up costs, customization and the first three years of subscription. This will total approximately \$4,000. If, after the first three years we don't have the funding to continue, we can exit the program.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Diana Harris

There has been a suggestion that the Board add an Associate Editor. Currently, Diana doesn't feel the need for help, but perhaps an additional editor could help create content. This could include importing articles from other retirees associations.

Membership – Lois Lembke

We currently have 660 members representing 503 households.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC is recommending a big change in health insurance coverage. While active U of I employees will have a choice between two plans, this may not be possible for retirees. The number covered is too small to allow this, so retiree plans may no longer duplicate active employee plans. No final decision has been made.

Old Business

Update on Nominating Committee and Awards Committee Work

The following slate will be presented at the April 5 Annual Meeting:

Sam Cochran – President-elect

Lois Lembke – At-large Board Member

Judy Barkalow – Treasurer

Chuck Dayton – At-large Board Member

Dean moved and Kris seconded that the Board approve these nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

The following awards will be presented:

H.Deer Hoover – University Service

Gay Mikelson – Community Service

Dean moved and Billie seconded that the Board approve these award nominees. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of dues: free first year, amount

Lois reported that at the end of the first year of membership last year, 124 people received a reminder that the free first year was ending. Sixty-six of these did not renew their membership – approximately 50%. When current dues-paying members are reminded that their membership is up for renewal, UIRA has a 75% renewal rate.

The discussion of continuation of the free of charge first year policy will be on the April agenda. One suggestion raised was an increase to \$12/year with no free first year.

Adjourn Next meeting – April 9, 2019