

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

September 3, 2019

Attending: Emil Rinderspacher, Diana Harris, Sam Cochran, Billie Townsend, Richard Saunders, Benny Hawkins, Dean Borg, Lois Lembke, Diane Martin

Call to Order – Emil Rinderspacher

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

The minutes from the June meeting were distributed. Benny moved and Diana seconded a motion that they be approved as distributed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer – Emil Rinderspacher

Due to Judy Barkalow's absence, Emil presented the treasurer's report. The report was prepared by Kris Canfield, outgoing treasurer. The report showed:

\$9,677.03	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,346.44	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$13,023.47	Total Reserve Funds

The budget for the year isn't ready yet. It was noted that soliciting membership by paper is expensive and that the registration fee for the upcoming Big Ten Conference will not cover all the conference expenses. Consequently, the Board may have to consider an increase in dues.

President-Elect – Sam Cochran

Sam presented the proposed members of the Program Committee. These are Lucy Choisser, Alice Atkinson, Nancy Williams and Lucille Heitman. The Board approved this new committee.

Upcoming programs include:

- September 10 – Tour of Kent Park
- October 17 – Flu Vaccine and Fitness Screening
- November 7 – University Benefits Review
- December 5 – Conversation with President Harreld

Additional programs being considered are a tour of the new North Kinnick Stadium, smart tech for seniors, a tour of the new FilmScene, a program on local foods, one on land stewardship and possibly NEON training for UIRA members. In May there may be an opportunity to tour the Iowa City airport.

President – Emil Rinderspacher

Sam and Emil attended the Big Ten Retirees meeting in Illinois. The theme of the meeting was "Reinventing Retirement". Illinois is doing a lot of research on seniors and technology.

Emil noted that it will take the entire year to get set-up and comfortable on NEON. This will include screen shots in the Gray Hawk newsletter as well as membership training.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Diana Harris

The September newsletter is out. September 21 is the deadline for articles for the October edition.

Membership – Lois Lembke

We currently have 713 members representing 546 households. Second renewal reminders were sent on September 2 to 177 members whose memberships expired on June 30, 2019. Eighty-five of these were new members for the 2018/19 year.

Sue and Emil sent out 61 letters of invitation and membership forms to new retirees.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC doesn't meet during the summer months. The new health benefits for active University employees have been approved by the University President and the Regents. As there will be substantial changes, Richard indicated that it will be important for retirees to attend the November 7 program at Parkview Church.

Old Business

Update on NEON

Kay Barron, Russ Lenth and Lois Lembke have worked to load our data onto NEON. On September 6, there will be a meeting/class with NEON. Some of the possibilities on this new system include adding and deleting members, accepting payments, creating events, creating forms, emails and letters and basic reports.

Revision of Bylaws

Because UIRA doesn't receive email addresses for new retirees, there are slower and more expensive steps required to recruit members. In addition, the definition of a retiree isn't clear-cut. Considerations include the employee's age at date of termination from U of I employment. These are some of the discussion topics needed to complete bylaw revision. At the October meeting, this topic will be on the agenda. The bylaw revision may require a separate, additional work meeting.

New Business

Big Ten Meeting Planning Committee

Mike Barron as agreed to chair this committee. He will report at the October meeting.

Adjourn – Next Meeting – October 8, 2019.

Lois moved to adjourn, Billie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.