

## **UIRA Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 12, 2019**

**Attending:** Emil Rinderspacher, Sam Cochran, Billie Townsend, Benny Hawkins, Chuck Dayton, Kris Canfield, Sue Otto, Deb Cobb, Diane Martin

**Call to Order – Emil Rinderspacher**

### **Reports from Officers**

**Secretary – Diane Martin**

Revised copies of the September minutes were distributed. Benny moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the revision. The October meeting minutes were also distributed. Sue moved and Billie seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Both motions were passed unanimously.

**Treasurer – Kris Canfield**

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$9,708.54	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,349.23	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$13,057.77	Total Reserve Funds

**President-Elect – Sam Cochran**

On Oct. 17 twenty retirees received flu vaccine and six received fitness screenings. This year there was no high dose flu vaccine available and there was a site change for the event.

On Oct. 29 approximately 125 UIRA members attended the lunch and tour of Kinnick Stadium. The Benefits Program was held on November 7 with 115 in attendance. The semester programming will conclude on December 5 with a Conversation with U of I President, Harreld.

**Past-President – Sue Otto**

Sue announced that the Big Ten Retirees Associations Conference that UIRA will host will be held on August 3, 4 and 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Sue met with a sub-committee to work on revision of the UIRA By-laws. She distributed a copy that noted the changes. She reported that there aren't many substantive changes. One topic of discussion is the possible move from paper to electronic archives. There is also a need to update the list of what documentation (including pictures) goes into the University archives. Sue will send a current list in consideration for archival.

The proposed date for the spring picnic is Wednesday, June 3 at Terry Trueblood.

**President – Emil Rinderspacher**

Emil was pleased with the response at the Benefits Program for food and cash contributions to the Student Food Pantry. The food contributions will be delivered today. Cash contributions totaled \$250.

Emil presented two documents reviewing history of UIRA income and expenses for 2014-2019 and a proposed budget for 2019/2020 based on this review. There will be more discussion of this proposed budget at the December meeting.

Diana and Emil met with a representative of the University about the possibility of an update to the UIRA website. This website will need to allow users to proceed into NEON to sign up for programs, pay for events etc. An update will be needed due to a University system change, so a test site for the new system will be available. A student might be available to design the new site for UIRA at lower expense.

### **Reports from Committees**

#### **Membership – Chuck Dayton**

UIRA currently has 603 members representing 467 households. During the transition, Lois is keeping duplicate membership records in Excel and in NEON. At present, new members and renewing members can be entered on NEON and acknowledging emails can be sent. In the future, joining members who don't want to enter membership information online can print a membership form from the UIRA website to submit with a check for dues.

### **Old Business**

#### **NEON Update**

Kay Barron and Lois are getting membership functions into NEON. A question remains about how long to retain membership information for a former member who hasn't renewed membership. In the future, Kay will conduct an overview of NEON for board members who will use it.

#### **Membership Dues**

At the December meeting Emil will bring a proposal about the needed dues increase. Two possibilities are \$15/year and \$40/3 years or \$20/year and \$50/3 years.

#### **Revision of Bylaws**

Sue noted that work on the bylaws revealed the need for an up-to-date Operations Manual. This will contain more detail than the bylaws, will be more easily updated and add clarity. Board members were asked to come prepared to the December meeting to vote on the revisions.

### **New Business**

#### **Committee Members**

Board members were asked to suggest names for committees including the Nominating and Awards Committees.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on December 10, 2019.