

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

December 10, 2019

Attending: Emil Rinderspacher, Sam Cochran, Sue Otto, Kris Canfield, Chuck Dayton, Lois Lembke, Richard Saunders, Billie Townsend, Diana Harris, Diane Martin

Call to Order – Emil Rinderspacher

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Copies of the November minutes were available. It was moved by Billie and seconded by Chuck that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$9,736.82	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,360.09	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$13,096.91	Total Reserve Funds

President-Elect – Sam Cochran

Sam reported that there were 57 in attendance at the Conversation with U of I President Harreld.

Programs for second semester are well planned with only the March program to be confirmed. Watch the Gray Hawk for more detail and dates. A brief outline included:

January	A Tour of Film Scene
February	Technology and Aging
April 15	Annual Luncheon
May	Iowa City Airport Tour

The agenda for the August Big Ten Retiree Associations Conference is progressing well.

Past-President – Sue Otto

Sue has scheduled the annual UIRA picnic for June 3 at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 2355 Oakdale Road, Coralville.

President – Emil Rinderspacher

At the recent Conversation with U of I President Harreld, the food and cash contributions for the Student Food Pantry were again impressive.

The photo contest chair, Penni Ryan has already lined up judges.

Emil is working on list of documents that will be included in a Policies and Procedures Handbook. Included will be a list of responsibilities and a timeline for the Nominating Committee, Awards Committee and Photo Contest Committee.

Diana and Emil will soon be meeting again with a University ITS representative and a possible IT student to move toward a new UIRA website. They will discuss content for the site, timeline and development cost.

Diana raised questions about how much archival information should be kept on a new website. It was agreed that annual reports, end-of-year treasurer's reports, possibly a list of past programs and 3-5 years of past meeting minutes should be included.

The new website will be linked to NEON so that members can sign-up and pay for events online.

Emil, Sam, Diana and Lois met with Kay Barron and Russ Lenth for a training session on NEON. This session included discussion of training for other board members and the need for documentation to assist with this training.

Reports from Committees

Membership – Lois Lembke

UIRA currently has 612 members from 477 households.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC has spent two years working on the new UI Select insurance option. The response to this new option has been low.

Old Business

Approval of Awards and Nominating Committee Members

Emil presented the following names into nomination for the two committees:

Awards – Rick Walton, chair; Lucile Heitman; Billie Townsend

Nominating – Warren Boe, chair; Sue Otto, Alice Atkinson, Larry Wilson, Dean Borg

Diana moved and Lois seconded a motion to approve these nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

Potential Board Members and Officers

The committee would welcome suggestions from the current board.

Revision of UIRA By Laws

Sue presented the by-law revisions. Kris moved and Lois seconded a motion to approve the revisions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Budget

Emil referred members to the budget proposal that was first presented at the November meeting. Sue moved and Billie seconded that the proposal be approved as presented. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Emil will bring a proposal to the January meeting for a change in UIRA dues.

New Business

An agenda item for the January meeting will be the possibility of a membership recruitment drive.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on January 14, 2020.