

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2020

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

Call to Order – Emil Rinderspacher

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Copies of the December minutes were available. Lois pointed out that she was present at the meeting, but not listed. Billie moved and Benny seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$9,729.50	Vanguard GNMA 2.20%
\$3,371.21	Vanguard Short-Term Investment
\$13,100.71	Total Reserve Funds

There will be a need to add income and expense lines to the report for the upcoming Big 10 meeting.

President-Elect – Sam Cochran

Sam was traveling, so couldn't attend the meeting. He sent a report to Emil. Seventy-five people attended the January tour of Film Scene. Upcoming programs include:

February 24 – Smart Tech for Seniors

March – the program is still pending

April 15 – the annual UIRA luncheon and business meeting

May – tour of the Iowa City Airport

Past President – Sue Otto

The Nominating Committee is still working to fill upcoming open slots on the UIRA Board.

President – Emil Rinderspacher

With the addition of food and \$ contributions at the Film Scene program, UIRA has now donated \$406 and 218 pounds of food to the U of I Student Food Pantry.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter – Diana Harris

Diana will include a request for nominees for the UIRA Board in the February Gray Hawk. In addition, there will be a link to a survey being distributed by a social work student asking seniors to indicate how they use the library.

Membership – Lois Lembke

UIRA currently has 613 members representing 476 households. Lois has been working with both Excel spreadsheets and NEON. There are 62 members who share email addresses or don't have email. She's working to determine how to communicate with these members in the future.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

There was no report as FRIC didn't meet during semester break.

Old Business

Membership Dues Proposal

Emil has researched expenses and income and found that in three of the past five years expenses have exceeded income. The costs for the spring luncheon and travel to the Big Ten meeting have been items that contributed to this. Emil distributed a table showing dues costs for other Big Ten Retirees Associations.

Sam and Emil had met to discuss the April luncheon. In the past, income has not covered expenses for this event. Consequently, the cost to attend the event will increase this year.

This year UIRA will host the Big Ten meeting. The expense of sponsoring this meeting will greatly exceed the income from registrations. The committee is working to line up sponsorships to offset this shortfall.

In the future, UIRA will transition to NEON and add expense for credit card processing. The Board discussed maintaining the reserve funds.

Emil distributed two proposals for an increase in membership dues. Following the discussion, Chuck moved and Dean seconded a motion to increase dues to \$15/year or \$40/3 years. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Recruitment

Emil distributed a table with income projections based on membership renewal rates. UIRA currently spends money on printing and postage to communicate with potential members who have recently retired from the University. In addition, the UIRA brochure is distributed at the Preparing for Retirement workshops held at the University.

The Board discussed the need for a better way to consistently get names of retirees from Human Resources and to create a bigger public presence.

New Business

Scholarship Fundraising

UIRA currently awards two \$1,000 scholarships that are presented at the April luncheon. Emil will contact the U of I Center for Advancement to ask that they create a webpage for our scholarships. This could be sent out to UIRA membership to give them an opportunity to support these scholarships.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on February 11, 2020.