

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

February 11, 2020

Attending: Emil Rinderspacher, Sue Otto, Kris Canfield, Sam Cochran, Richard Saunders, Benny Hawkins, Diana Harris, Lois Lembke, Deb Cobb, Diane Martin

Call to Order – Emil Rinderspacher, President

Reports from Officers

Secretary – Diane Martin

Lois had a correction to the minutes as distributed with the meeting agenda. In the section of the minutes on membership recruitment, it was noted that potential members who have recently retired from the University are contacted by mail to encourage membership. Current members whose memberships are expiring are contacted by email (with the exception of those who don't use email).

Diane will email a corrected copy of the minutes to all board members.

Treasurer – Kris Canfield

The reserve fund figures reported were:

\$9,729.50	Vanguard GNMA2.20%
\$3,371.21	Vanguard Short Term Investment
\$13,100.71	Total Reserve Funds

President Elect – Sam Cochran

The following are upcoming programs:

February 24	Aging Successfully Through the Use of Technology
March 11	Climate Change Update: Where Did We Come From and Where Are We Going?
April 15	Annual Meeting and Luncheon
April 22	Bur Oak Land Trust: Protecting Vulnerable Species and Native Land In East Central Iowa
May 5 & 12	Tours of the Iowa City Airport
June 3	Annual Potluck

UIRA programs are open only to UIRA members. There is usually no pre-registration required and no sign-in, so how often non-members attend is unknown. Another organization asked if their members could attend the upcoming tech program. The answer was no, because members are footing the expense of these programs. It's a puzzling question as publicizing our programs might result in an increase in membership, but these programs are a benefit of membership.

Past President – Sue Otto

Sue reported that the Nominating Committee is working, but struggling to get candidates for the open officer's positions for the UIRA Board. Possible names were mentioned. Sue asks that Board members ask potential candidates personally as a personal relationship more often leads to acceptance of a nomination.

President – Emil Rinderspacher

The Center for Advancement will be holding a One Day for Iowa Fundraising Campaign on March 25. The UIRA scholarships will be included in this campaign. This opportunity will be included in the next Gray Hawk with a link allowing members to donate.

There will continue to be opportunities for UIRA members to donate non-perishable food items and/or cash to the University Student Food Pantry. A reminder of this opportunity will be included in the Gray Hawk announcement of the upcoming programs.

Emil will include announcement of the plans for the Big Ten Retirees Conference on the March agenda.

Reports from Committees

Membership – Lois Lembke

Current UIRA membership is 617 members representing 479 households.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

The FRIC meeting included a discussion of what is driving the increased cost for medical insurance. Research shows that increased use is the primary driver of increased premiums. The Committee is considering separating pharmacy coverage from other medical coverage as a possible way to control costs.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on March 10, 2020.