

UIRA Board of Directors Meeting

November 10, 2020

Attending: Deb Cobb, Sam Cochran, Chuck Dayton, Ed Dove, Dave Fitzgerald, David Hamilton, Diana Harris, Benny Hawkins, Lois Lembke, Pat Mason-Browne, Emil Rinderspacher, Richard Saunders, Billie Townsend, Stephen Vlastos

Call to Order -- Sam Cochran, President

Sam welcomed those attending today's meeting.

Reports from Officers

Approval of Minutes

Emil moved and Chuck seconded to approve the October 13 minutes as amended for spelling. The motion was approved.

Treasurer – Dave Fitzgerald

Income for October includes \$265 in dues, with expenditures of \$76.32 (newsletter). Net income: \$188.68; checking balance: \$11,350.00.

Past President – Emil Rinderspacher

Sue Otto has delivered UIRA records to University Archives. Emil has been working on updating the Operations Manual. Similarly, he will update the by-laws for officer job descriptions, and forward them to the Board. Lois noted that current by-laws do not contain detailed officer duties.

President – Sam Cochran

Human Resources has sent 457 names and addresses of retirees for the period July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. They have been mailed invitation letters and membership applications.

Reports from Committees

Membership – Lois Lembke

We currently have 557 members representing 435 households. One hundred and two members did not renew. Chuck reported that 15 membership applications were received today.

Program – Emil Rinderspacher

The Program Committee met last week. Emil will cohost, with Sam moderating, the joint UI Benefits (Sonatina Fernandes) and Health Alliance (Lora Felger) presentation. Power point slides are ready for posting. UIRA programs, including SHIP, have been well attended; Emil will prepare a final report. Upcoming: a December 3 meeting with UI President Bruce Harreld; a January program on Covid-19 with Dr. Jorge Salinas, UI Hospitals & Clinics Epidemiologist.

Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) – Richard Saunders

FRIC met last Friday. The open enrollment period for active UI employees is October 22- November 13. UIHC still has beds available for Covid-19 patients but could see transfers from other hospitals.

New Business

Sam announced deferral (until the December meeting) of a full discussion on the second-semester UIRA timeline for annual meeting, nominations, elections, and awards. In the meantime Emil will convene a meeting with Sam and David Hamilton to map out a proposal for suitable meeting formats.

Emil opened a general discussion about listserv policy. While non-UI agencies have asked to have their announcements included, there have also been complaints about excessive UIRA emails. The consensus is that the listserv, and the Gray Hawk, should continue to publish notices and links to UI-connected, kindred organizations like the Emeritus Faculty Council (EFC). Sam noted that an expansion to include EFC announcements is in keeping with a Board decision two years ago to have the website and Gray Hawk list only UI-related volunteer opportunities.

Dave Fitzgerald will complete UIRA mailbox renewal by the end of December.

Adjourn

Sam moved to adjourn and Ed seconded. The meeting was adjourned.