

Report of the Past-President of UIRA for 2012-2013

For the past three years my work as a UIRA board member has varied. During the 2010-11 academic year I was busy serving as President-Elect which found me chairing a hard-working program committee. This was a splendid way of jumping into the work of UIRA. During the 2011-12 academic year I served the UIRA board as President, finding it necessary for me to grasp the UIRA in its totality.

During the present academic year I've served as Past-President. I've spoken in an advisory capacity at our monthly board meetings. I've stood ready to answer questions that our current president, Nancy Williams, might raise. Since Nancy is thoroughly versed on UIRA matters and so well connected with the University of Iowa, she's had little need of me. I've chaired the hospitality committee whose main function is to secure greeters for our monthly programs. Currently I'm in the throes of planning our annual picnic in City Park on June 4.

Finally, I've requested the relevant person in our sister Big Ten Retiree organizations to put me on their newsletter mailing list. I've found the newsletters of Indiana University, Michigan State, University of Wisconsin at Madison especially helpful in disclosing concerns and monthly programs that I've shared with our own university retirees' association board in the hope that UIRA might become a more vibrant organization. It's been a pleasure to serve on the board of UIRA. I leave the board with many fond memories.

- Ken Kuntz