

## President's Report, UIRA Annual Meeting

April 23, 2013

- I'd like to recognize the past presidents here today: Kathie Belgum, Karole Fuller, Penny Hall, Jean Hood, and Dick Stevenson.
  - This is a good time (while you're imagining your face here) to describe a model that we're instituting, which I'm calling the strong program committee model. We'll have a standing program committee in place for the president-elect. It will make the first year as program chair easier for the president-elect to step into.
- Your board has been hard at work this year. Will all board members stand up so we can thank you. I'd like to recognize our archivist, Ken Yerington, and our webmaster, Feather Lacy, too.
- I'd especially like to thank Ruth Dawson, outgoing Assistant to the Treasurer/Board Director, and Joe Joynt who served 6 years as our Treasurer. Thank you!
- Our time is short, but I'd like to list some of the things we've been working on this year:
  - Promoting UIRA to attract new members. We send every new retiree a letter and copy of the Gray Hawk. You have an example of our efforts at promotion on the table, Ken Starck's UIRA brochure.
  - We've made an effort to energize our website, adding materials of relevance and importance to all members, along with agendas and minutes of our Board meetings. Hopefully we'll have a whole new face to the web in the near future.
  - We began the year Ken Starck and I attended the Big Ten Retirees meeting in Columbus, Ohio and then Ken represented UIRA and EFC at AROHE in North Carolina. We picked up ideas and shared our success, too.
  - We've tried to forge friendships and partnerships this year – we've joined forces with the Emeritus Faculty in many ways:
    - We send representatives to each others' board meetings.
    - As we chronicle the many ways that retirees contribute to the University and the community, Ray Muston and I met with Lynette Marshall, President and CEO of the University of Iowa Foundation. We all concurred that the data show that members of the UIRA continue to be a vital group in the life of the University.
    - We're working on a conference for next year: Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise

for the coming year.

- EFC and UIRA members have met several times over the past few years with Brian Kaskie, Associate Professor in the College of Public Health. Professor Kaskie is an expert in wellness programs, retirement readiness services, workplace exit pathways, and livable communities for older adults. He's particularly interested in these within the context of universities in general, and The University of Iowa in particular.
- And most important, we've met many times with Emeritus Faculty Council as they explore the concept of merging with UIRA. I'd like to thank Jerry Rose and Laird Addis, along with Pam Willard, Ken Starck and Ken Kuntz for the many hours they've worked on this. A majority of the EFC support proceeding toward merger. Now they will ask the member of the emeritus faculty association if they agree. If so, the EFC and UIRA board will work on details in the coming year.
- Before I ask Charlie Anderson to present the slate of new officers for election, I'd like to thank the Nominating Committee: Sharon Scheib who chaired the committee, Charlie Anderson, Bill Oglesby, Ruth Dawson and Nancy Lynch.