

**Minutes submitted by Kim Hachiya, board secretary**

Approved by the Association Board of Directors, March 9, 2023

**UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board meeting**

February 16, 2023, 1:30 PM

Convened via Zoom

**Attendance:**

**Pat Crews, Larry Dlugosh, Kim Hachiya, Earl Hawkey, Alice Henneman, Gary Heusel, Julie Johnson, Doug Jose, Rita Kean, Linda Major, Tom McFarland, Nancy Mitchell, Roshan Pajnigar, Al Stark, Don Weeks, David Wilson, Jane Zatechka.**

**Memory Moments:** (Since January 12, 2023)

**Betty June Olson**, (Women's Physical Education Department) College of Education and Human Sciences

**Lynn Walsh**, partner of Deb Mullen, College of Education and Human Sciences

**Lyle Gene Robeson**, Animal Science

**Dave Fitzgibbon**, University Communication

**The Michigan State University Campus Community**

**Betty Dasenbrock**, widow of Wilbur Bud Dasenbrock, Landscape Services

**Approval of minutes** for the January board and membership meetings

Approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Earl Hawkey

The report was sent to the board earlier. Earl noted we have exceeded \$40K on the scholarship and will invest other funds so it will come to \$42K; donations from Glow Big Red will push us over \$44,000. He reinvested funds as he reported earlier this year.

**Committee/Activities Reports**

Awards: No report

Benefits: No Report

Bylaws/Policies:

Pat said the updated constitution and bylaws have not been uploaded to the web. Al will follow up with Jim Griesen.

Campus Engagement/OLLI: Rita Kean

-Catalog available at [olli.unl.edu](http://olli.unl.edu)

-Term 4 catalog is in production and will be online in late February. Registration begins March 7

-OLLI is committing resources to update technology and lighting to improve Zoom course experience. Projects will be completed over the summer months.

Rita sent Andrew Brown the association newsletter and will follow up with him in a couple of weeks.

Digital Communications: Alfred Stark

Al reported about 50 are registered for the February meeting. He intends to set up to do a Zoom and Youtube meeting. He wants to try to streamline a new set up on campus as each room has different set up needs regarding mics. He would like to have our own equipment. It seems valuable to our members and they enjoy it live. Al said he is not asking us to purchase equipment but noted that if we continue to have remote involvement, it's important that sound quality be good. Linda suggested we have further conversations about this as a smaller tech committee.

Educational Activities: Nancy Mitchell suggested some possible ideas for tours and others educational activities. They included a tour of Varner Hall and discussions with folks at Varner about how we interact with them. Afterwards, we could go to the Union for coffee and ice cream. Other possibilities: Massengale Hall, Global Initiatives office in Pound Hall (formerly CBA). A fall tour of Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall hosted by CEHS Dean Sherri Jones.

Publications: Alice Henneman

Linda thanked Alice for her efforts. Alice made some revisions and recommendations going for the newsletter including adding the university's non-discrimination statement, using the wordmarks and N. She has sent a document about how newsletter should be written, how it is edited, deadlines, etc. Alice will join the the website maintenance team.

Memberships: Donald Weeks said 83 percent of current members have paid dues and December recruitment efforts have yielded new memberships. He will work with Kim to prepare for the Feb. 23 UNL Pre-retirement seminar.

Scholarships: Earl Hawkey (see report above)

Social Events: Jane Zatechka

They have a coffee set up for Feb. 28 at the Landing. They want to return to the plan to meet at different retirement facilities, and possibly have a coffee event in May at Wilderness Ridge. She and Jim will schedule for the rest of the year. We talked about having one of our luncheon meetings at places like Landing, Legacy, Eastmont, etc. Al said having a Zoom format coffee chat is also helpful.

Oral History: Doug Jose No report.

### **Old Business/Announcements**

- Connecting with emeriti and retirees from sister campuses: Don, Kim, Larry, and Linda are working to reach out to these campuses. There is no central database on retirees at the CA level. We will continue to pursue this. Larry did chat with someone at UNMC and chatted with David Crouse at UNMC; they are interested in collaborating with us. Larry will touch base with him in March.

- Glow Big Red – Kim reported Glow had just concluded at noon and we had 30 total donors, unlocked the challenge and raised \$3,035.

### **New Business**

- Big 10 Retirees Virtual Conference – Thursday, January 19, 2023
  - We talked about membership management software; B1G groups that use these find them helpful. We are trying to figure out if we can use this independently or work with Alumni or Foundation in moving this direction. The software some other groups use is called Wild Apricot. It's costly but apparently does work well. Earl noted that the biggest issue is cost vs. benefit. He noted that we are relatively small, and once one gets engaged with a software company, it can be hard to get unengaged and it can be hard to reconstruct a new system. Al also noted that training is key. We need to chat with folks at the Foundation and Alumni about member management. It was mentioned that Olli just got new software for membership management. They might have some ideas about advantages/disadvantages.
  - Hospitality Committee: some groups have a hospitality committee that greets and hosts new members. Don said that offering rides, hosts/greeters at the luncheons, etc. would be welcoming.
  - Other?
- Standing Committee information sheets:
  - Linda suggested creating committee information sheets that would clearly delineate committees' roles, responsibilities, and expectations.
  - Linda has started to create worksheets that describe roles and expectations for committees, posts, etc.– a succession planning lists. Create these for all the committees and what folks need help with. How to take over a position when necessary. Linda will share what she's done with committee chairs and once they are completed, we could create a place on the website called "Committee Resources." What's available, what needs to be created, where does it live (is there a central repository)? Website? Shared drives like Google docs? Send documents to Linda for her to collect.

### **2023 Membership Meeting Dates and Speakers: Larry Dlugosh**

January            Thursday, January 19, 2023, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Laurie Bellows

February        Friday, February 24, 2023, Mike Boehm VC IANR, USDA Center for Resilient and Regenerative Precision Agriculture project.

March Thursday, March 16, 2023, Charlyne Berens, The Unicameral – Creeping Partisanship; East Union

April Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Invited: Heath Mello, VP for External Relations, University of Nebraska  
No location yet as both East Union and Lancaster Extension are unavailable.

**No Programs are held in May, June, July, and August**

September Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Maybe: Lunch meeting with Chancellor

October Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Maybe: CEHS Dean Sherri Jones at the Carolyn Pope Edwards Education Building.  
Topic: The Future of Public Education

November Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Maybe: Julia Torquati. Buffett Early Childhood Professor at UNL. Topic: Early Childhood Education

December Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Possibly Patrice McMahon on women’s orgs helping in Ukraine.

Looking into: Global Food and Water Security, Place Matters data (emphasis Senior Citizens), Citizen Awareness of Cybersecurity, and Population Trends in America (The migration of citizens)

**2023 ERA Board Meeting Dates in 2023**

Thursday, February 16, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (by zoom)

Thursday, March 9, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (by zoom)

Thursday, April 13, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Location TBA

Meeting with Chancellor Ronnie Green – Date, Time and Location TBA

Meeting with President Ted Carter – Date, Time and Location TBA

**2023 ERA Executive Committee Meeting Dates**

Thursday, May 4, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Location TBA

Thursday, August 31, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Location TBA

Thursday, December 7, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Location TBA

**2023 ERA Strategic Planning Retreat – Thursday, December 14, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Location TBA**

meeting adjourned at 2:39