

Minutes for UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board of Directors (Approved by ERA BOD, 09.08.2022)

April 12, 2022

Submitted by Kim Hachiya, secretary

The UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board of Directors met at 1:30 p.m. April 12, 2022, at the Wick Alumni Association.

Attendance: Lloyd Ambrosius, Pat Crews, Sue Gildersleeve, Kim Hachiya, Earl Hawkey, Alice Henneman, Julie Johnson, Doug Jose, Rita Kean, Linda Major, Nancy Mitchell, Alfred Stark, Don Weeks, David Wilson, Jane Zatechka.

Memory Moments: (Since March 15, 2022)

David Sellmyer, Physics

Sharon Sawyers, Community and Regional Planning and spouse of Keith Sawyers, Architecture

Charlie Green, Student Affairs

M. Rosalind Morris, Agronomy

Approval of minutes for the March board and membership meetings were approved as corrected. Pat suggested we add a notation about attendance at membership luncheons; about 40 attended in March.

Treasurer's Report (Earl Hawkey)

Earl sent this earlier. Fund balance on Scholarship is \$21,661.23

Committee/Activities Reports

Awards (Lloyd Ambrosius), sent reminder for Wisherd service awards, no nominations have been received. And no applications were made for research awards.

Benefits (Sue Gildersleeve), no report

Constitution and Bylaws/Policies and Procedures (Jim Griesen/Julie Johnson), updates were sent to the board by Jim Griesen with the changes suggested at the March board meeting.

We had given them contingent approval. Final version has been submitted. Members attending the membership luncheon next week will vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Only the board needs to approve Policies and Procedures.

Suggestions

Under Policies: Linda wants to change UN Foundation to NU Foundation. Also fix UNL President to UNL Chancellor on page 4. (Julie will investigate whether we need to say President or Chancellor) sponsors the annual luncheon.

Moved we pass policy/procedures and constitution/bylaws with caveat that the luncheon discussion is clarified. Motion approved. Pat thanked the team who worked on this update.

Campus Engagement/OLLI (Rita Kean/Linda Major), Rita reported that Bob Michl said they are working on options to get into Omaha. The summer catalog will be emailed and posted online in April. The annual OLLI Showcase will be Aug. 12 at the Nebraska East Union. If you join as a new member within 72 hours of the showcase, you get a free course. Al said they

looking at having a physical classroom in Omaha but it's not clear whether it would be at UNO or elsewhere.

We discussed that Vi Schroeder has resigned from the board due to family obligations. Linda wants to combine the student engagement/volunteer opportunities chairmanships into a single job with a single set of duties. Pat likes this idea but we need to figure out who might do this. We will explore over the summer.

Digital Communications (Al Stark) We have put a new "contact us" button on the website and scrubbed email addresses of each member; Al thinks UNL's IT is doing a good job in keeping this secure. Al suggests two people receive notification when someone posts to "contact us." Don suggested the IT/Digital Communications and Membership chairs receive the contact us email queries. Board concurred.

Educational Activities (Nancy Mitchell/Don Weeks) (includes OLLI liaison) Nancy reported that everyone seemed to enjoy the great tour of HuskerVision and great talk by Trev Alberts, director of intercollegiate athletics; about 65 attended. Nancy has photos from the event and she will send to Alice. Bruce Mitchell took the images. Kudos to him.

We suggested some tour ideas: Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall; Scarlet Hotel (maybe have a meeting there?), Community Safety Center at Pine Lake Road

Program ideas:

Linda suggested that the Association might underwrite part of an E.N. Thompson lecture to get our members access a behind the scenes reception. She also mentioned a new book by Jean Cahan, history, about her family's Holocaust experiences. Prof. Cahan is also doing a book on how to approach writing a memoir; she is retiring this summer.

Don suggested we discuss at our upcoming meeting Ronnie the status of pre-retirement seminars and what our involvement could be going forward. We noted that these seminars are one way we market the organization. We are unsure if they are permanently canceled, or merely not held this year due to Bruce Currin's impending retirement.

Kim said she is attending an Aging Partners lecture in May with a UNMC gerontologist and she suggested we think about developing a retirement seminar that we host.

Publications (Alice Henneman)

She has met with Charlyne Berens (copy editor), and Doug Jose (assignments editor). Charlyne suggested sharing the story budget and other policies with the board. Alice handed out a document with deadlines and style suggestions.

We did not resolve a question about setting up a google docs or similar process to keep submissions organized.

We talked about how we collect names for Memory Moments; the process essentially is reading the obits in the newspaper and receiving names forwarded to us by members. We will add to the newsletter a disclaimer that we acknowledge deaths and apologize for omissions. And we will list them alpha sort by last name with first name first.

We recommended keeping font size at 9 pt.

Doug noted that Alice has taken over with full enthusiasm. Alice noted that the summary of editing and other writing suggestions may be a little picky but consistency is important and also makes it easier for Charlyne.

Membership (Don Weeks)

Don said Bruce Currin sent out his annual (and final for him) email to potential retirees about membership in ERA; it generated 10 new memberships were generated by that email. Don is meeting with Al so that Al can divest himself of membership duties.

Scholarships (Earl Hawkey/Jim Griesen),

We have \$21,661.23 in the fund.

Social Events (Jane Zatecha/Jim Griesen)

There will be a Coffee chat 9:30 tomorrow (April 13) at Mill NIC.

A Coffee chat has been scheduled for May 17 at Wilderness Ridge deck. More info to come.

Doug asked about the status of the Christmas coffee at Keowns? Jane Z will check with them.

Old Business

No spring pre-retirement seminar this year, however Bruce Currin, Human Resources, sent out a message on our behalf again this spring.

New Business

- Suggested names to replace Monica Norby and Vi Schroeder who have resigned. Board members agreed to check with a couple of folks.
- Discuss increasing size of board by increasing number of directors appointed/elected annually or by adding other liaisons; Pat wondered about trying to add 2 directors each year instead of just 1 (this would require a bylaws change). Three directors currently are at large/appointed. Increasing the number would create a larger pool for our committees and involve/engage more people. Also try to encourage people to self nominate.
- We decided to increase size of board by adding 2 directors per year instead of 1. Motion carried and we will add this to our bylaws change to mail out to membership to vote on next week. Pat will update the bylaws that will be sent out ASAP. (Art 6, No. 1)
- Julie said our bylaws do not seem to indicate how we replace someone who has left/resigned.
- Updated newsletter guidelines and board responsibilities: noted discussion above.
- We agreed to pay registration and travel expenses to Big Ten Retirees Meeting, scheduled for August 1-3 at Northwestern University. Earl noted that we follow the University's travel guidelines so folks need to have receipts for everything (alcohol is not reimbursed).
- Agenda for upcoming meeting with Chancellor Green (Note: Meeting changed to Friday, April 29, 1:30 pm) Planned for in person but could move to zoom?
 - Status of email access for spouse when emeriti faculty member dies
 - Access to email contact list to let new retirees know about ERA and free membership for first year
 - Status of various initiatives before legislature
 - Update on innovation campus – hotel, centers, other?
 - Pre-retirement seminars future status, access to potential retirees? We have difficulty in contacting these individuals.
 - Pat will let Ronnie and Mike Zeleny know what we would like to talk about

- Info on the status of the September meeting?
- How can we be supportive of the Grand Challenges/Strategic Plan

Whole board or just exec? Don suggested the entire board. But could have it be hybrid.

Pat took names of potential attendees.

- Agenda for upcoming meeting with NU President Ted Carter (Note: Meeting rescheduled to June 20)
 - Suggestions included ways we can be supportive of the university; how can we reach out to UNK, UNO, UNMC; General university goals? Challenges and opportunities.

2022 Membership Meeting Dates and Speakers

Update on **ERA membership Meetings** – Linda Major

Thursday, April 21 – Honors Program Director, Dr. Patrice McMahon, and a panel of students participating in the UNL Honors Program After-School Clubs. Red Cloud A, Willa Cather Conference/Dining Center

September TBA – Chancellor Ronnie Green, NU Foundation and Nebraska Alumni Association

Tuesday, October 18 – President Ted Carter, Great Plains Room, Nebraska East Union

Tuesday, November 15 – Jacob Schlange, Assistant Director of Experiential Learning & Global Initiatives, University Honors Program. History of redline policies from a national, state, and local perspective

Thursday, December 15 - Dr. Margaret Jacobs, Charles Mach Professor of History; Director, Center for Great Plains Studies, History. The Genoa Indian School Digital Reconciliation Project

ERA Board Meeting Dates in 2022

April 29, Friday, 1:30 pm – Hybrid meeting with Chancellor Ronnie Green –Exec. Committee will meet with him in-person, board members may opt to join via Zoom

June 20, Monday, 1:30 p.m.–In-person Meeting with President Ted Carter at Varner Hall

June, July, August – No meetings of ERA Board or Membership

Sept. 1, Thursday, 1:30 pm – EXECUTIVE Board Meeting, In Person

Sept. 8-- Board Meeting, Thursday, 1:30 pm – In Person. *Note: At this board meeting we must come up with names of persons to nominate for Vice President/President Elect and Director for 2023-2025 in order to have a slate to present to membership at the September meeting where additional nominations are solicited.)*

October 11, Tuesday, 1:30 pm–Board Meeting -- TBD --In-Person or Via Zoom
(October 18 – Luncheon Meeting (Fall Break) –Nebraska East Campus)

Nov. 10, Thursday, 1:30 pm – Board Meeting -- TBD --In-Person or Via Zoom

Dec.1, Thursday, 1:30 pm – EXEC. Board Meeting – TBD – In person

Dec. 6, Tuesday, 1:30 pm – Board Retreat -- TBD --In-Person