

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board
1:30 p.m., February 10, 2022 via Zoom
Minutes, respectfully submitted, by Kim Hachiya

Attendance: Lloyd Ambrosius, Pat Crews, Jim Griesen, Kim Hachiya, Earl Hawkey, Julie Johnson, Rita Keen, Linda Major, Nancy Mitchell, Viann Schroeder, Al Stark, Don Weeks, David Wilson
Those RSVPing no: Sue Guildersleeve, Monica Norby, Doug Jose

Pat Crews called the meeting to order 1:32 p.m.
The following individuals were mentioned during Memory Moments:
(Since Jan. 25, 2022)

Sharon Seagren, widow of Alan Seagren, Education Administration
Dorothy Masters Haskins, widow of Francis Haskins, Agronomy & Horticulture
Norma Ellington, widow of Earl Ellington, Animal Science
David Beukelman, Barkley Center
Ian Newman, Educational Psychology

Earl said he's received 15 dues Payments.

Minutes of both the January Board and Membership meetings were approved as submitted by Kim. Kim and Al will post the minutes to the website.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Lloyd, no report other than noting the report in the Newsletter and **promise he will follow up with email to members on deadlines**

Benefits: no report/updates

Budget: Earl – to date 124 dues payments, \$2,275 (including 15 he had received this week but yet to process).

Tours and Educational Events: Welcome Nancy Mitchell who will be taking over as Tour Director. Don Weeks said the tour of HuskerVision set up for March 16 at 9:30 includes parking at Champions club. We will set up an RSVP to help Athletics know numbers and how many tour guides to enlist.

Social Events: Jane Zatechka said she and Jim Griesen will meet next week to solidify plans.

Publications: Julie reported the newsletter was sent out to the membership. She will be sending to administrators and B1G folks. She reiterated that this was her last newsletter as editor and we need to recruit her replacement. Here are the writers for speaker summaries for the rest of the year:

Feb: Tom Hoegemeyer

March: Vi Schroeder

April: Linda Major

September: Lloyd, advancing awards recipients

Oct: Nancy Mitchell
Nov.: (Perhaps Monica?)
December: Dave Wilson

When you write your summaries, send them to Julie and Doug Jose.
We thanked Julie for her long-term efforts and said the recent newsletter really helps keeps members informed and engaged.

Pat: forwarded info via email on how to add your name to the B1G email list to receive newsletters from other B1G schools. She noted there are many similarities; some are monthly, some biannual.

Membership: Al – no new members since the last meeting. Al thought he'd sent out about 275 dues reminders and he will send reminders to those who have not yet renewed. He said there's a significant number of life members, spouse members and first-year "free" memberships. Earl noted there are a few optimists who pay 2 years at a time. Al is looking at how to hand off the membership duties to Don.

OLLI: Rita said the term for spring will be on line Feb. 15, lots of travel opportunities coming; she will let the membership know.

ByLaws and Policies:

Jim said he and Julie will meet tomorrow (Feb. 11) and present preliminary ideas at the next board meeting.

Among ideas are changing names of some committees/chairs (Olli relations, Fac/Staff relations; volunteer activities; Electronic media (replaces Website and adds concept of online streaming and social media) (Pat: should it be website and electronic media?) Al: the critical issue is having more than one person involved; it's a team effort and not a one-person effort. Suggestion: Digital Communications.

Julie: Volunteer Activities to describe campus units that are not Student Affairs oriented, and Student Interaction. Plan is to create a web database that would list opportunities and include student affairs things. Linda: opportunities for our members to be engaged in both short-term and long-term engagement, service to campus and deeper engagement with grad and undergrads.

Key: idea of Engagement Opportunities: one time and long term
Olli: Rita said she is more a liaison than a committee but they would like more emeriti to teach OLLI courses.

Do we need a fundraising committee? Permanent or Ad Hoc?

Rita: what are we raising funds for?

Vi: how do we keep people aware of things like GlowBigRed?

Pat: I think we do need a permanent committee. A good idea for us to continue to raise funds for financial support for these scholarships. Having someone responsible for sending reminders, etc. would be good and help expand board membership to help with this. Nancy: Scholarship support? Development? Advancement?

Don: who might we approach to be involved in this? He suggested folks think about who we might add to be part of the effort.

Upcoming meetings

Ronnie Green hybrid meeting with exec board at 201 Canfield April 20 and everyone else via Zoom. Pat asked that we submit ideas for the agenda at the March meeting. The last meeting was very helpful for all of us. Don: I think including everyone is a good idea.

Meeting with Ted Carter. This meeting will be May 4. Carter wanted to meet after the Legislature adjourns. Carter is our speaker in October. Ronnie is speaker at the September meeting. We will meet in person with Carter. Pat will assume all on the call today will be attending. (Nancy and Jim G. will be out of town)

Miscellaneous:

Kim: Talked about Glow Big Red and asked folks to promote it via social media.

Al: 274 renewal notices were sent out.

Linda: Speakers list has been solidified for 2022.

Some members are disappointed about not meeting F2F

Linda is working to solidify the annual meeting for September

Pat thanked Linda for the line up and the new locations. Linda thanked Al for posting the program lineup on the website.

Any other business?

Hearing none, meeting adjourned 2:17 p.m.