

Minutes for UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board of Directors

March 10, 2022

Via Zoom

Submitted by Kim Hachiya, secretary

Approved as corrected April 12, 2022

The UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board of Directors met via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. March 10, 2022.

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

Memory Moments: (Since Feb. 17, 2022)

Ronald Roskens, Central Administration

Matthew Cark Kutscher, College of Education and Human Sciences

Minutes of the February board and membership meetings were approved as submitted.

Committee/Activities Reports

* Awards (Lloyd Ambrosius) No report other than a couple of queries on the grants; Wisherd grant applications are due March 15; Wisherd awards nominations deadline is May 15. He will send a couple reminders for the awards nominations.

* Benefits (Sue Gildersleeve) No activity to report

* Budget (Earl Hawkey) reported he's received 168 dues payments and will process six more later this week.

* Tours (Don Weeks/Nancy Mitchell) Don said about 52 people have registered for the March 16 HuskerVision tour. Julie Johnson asked that someone take pictures and get IDs. Nancy Mitchell will enlist her spouse to take pictures. Pat suggested a tour of the new Scarlet Hotel in the fall or late summer. Don said they would pursue that.

* Social Events/Coffee Chats (Jane Zatecha/Jim Griesen) Jane reported May 17 will be a chat at Wilderness Ridge. We voted to pay for coffee and donuts at this event. Last year's expenses were \$225.04. Jim said they were pursuing doing coffee at the Mill at Innovation Campus in mid April; no speaker just chatting.

* Newsletters/Publication (Julie Johnson) Julie introduced Alice Henneman as the new newsletter editor. Julie promised to help her and Alice said she is excited to be part of the team. Doug Jose and Charlyne Berens have agreed to stay on. The board discussed the need for paper brochures, which Don has right now. Because the pre-retirement seminar is now on line, it's hard to distribute brochures (we have since learned they are not doing a seminar this year). HR Director Bruce Currin has agreed to do an emailing to prospective retirees but will not give us direct access to email addresses. Jim suggested we do a print-on-demand brochure. We discussed a bit of a snafu with sending the newsletter to the B1G listserv, however, Doug said he got a request from U of Michigan to reprint his article. Linda has the name of the administrator and she will follow up.

* Membership (Don Weeks/Al Stark) Al said he and Don had yet to meet face to face for Don to take over the membership activities. Al noted a good response to the dues requests. Kim will see about submitting an article to Nebraska Today about memberships.

* Website/Technical Coordinator (Al Stark), we have removed phone numbers and email addresses from the website. We discussed spam emails generated from the president's email address, noting these have diminished after a small blizzard. Al had an issue with resetting the password for the website but he's gotten it updated. We will add a "contact us" form on the website with an email

that would go to the president and Al. Al thanked the board for the decision to merely record the ERA meetings and not live-stream because it's a lot easier to handle.

* OLLI Liaison (Rita Kean) Rita noted that OLLI Director Bob Michl said there are reduced membership fees for the rest of the year (through July) and some changes will be announced soon.

* Bylaws/Policies (Jim Griesen/Julie Johnson) deferred to new business

Old Business

- Report on Glow Big Red fundraiser for student scholarship –Kim Hachiya noted we had a great response and generated almost \$3000 for the scholarship. She will report on final numbers at the meeting next week.

New Business

- Constitution and Bylaws/Policies and Procedures – Recommended changes were put forward by Jim Griesen, Julie Johnson and Don Weeks

Note: Constitution and Bylaw changes must be approved by membership; policies and procedures only need approval by the board.

We had a long discussion of the proposed changes. Among them:

In the Procedures and Policies section: defined the duties of Vice President/President Elect; secretary; and modified president's duties. Added September as a month in which we have meetings. Removed Nebraska East Union as the customary meeting site.

Changed that we give the speakers' honoraria to the Scholarship fund rather than the Libraries fund. Pat Crews asked if we could allow Wisherd recipients to choose their honoraria to go to scholarship, libraries or student emergency fund.

New or renamed committees are Digital Communications; Campus Engagement; Educational Activities. The amended committee names were approved in the Constitution and Bylaws. The amended Constitution and Bylaws will be emailed to the membership at least one week prior to the April luncheon meeting. A formal vote of the membership will be taken at the April membership luncheon meeting.

Jim Griesen will send the corrected amendments of the Policies and Procedures to the board; we will review policy changes made at this meeting and approved pending review of the edited and finalized document. A vote by email will be taken among the board to give final approval of the Policies and Procedures. Jim Griesen reminded us that amendment of the Policies and Procedures requires approval only by the board, whereas changes to the Constitution and Bylaws requires approval by the membership in attendance at a membership meeting.

We created a Scholarship Committee to help raise funds for and publicize the student scholarship. Jim and Earl agreed to serve as chairs for the scholarship committee. Kim will continue to serve as Glow Big Red chair.

We discussed the objectives of the Association and reaffirmed that we exist to be a social and information exchange organization for emeriti and retirees of the University of Nebraska. It was discovered that the bylaws and other governing documents on our website were two iterations old.

And because we had four secretaries in 2020-21, minutes were not taken nor posted in a timely manner. Kim has recreated minutes from her notes, which will be posted on the webpage. We determined we are social and information exchange organization that maintains a relationship with the Institution (this is change from the 2019 language that said Administration). We are affiliated with the University.

Calendar:

2022 Membership Meeting Dates and Speakers

Tuesday, March 15 - Dr. David Harwood, Professor and Stout Chair in Stratigraphy, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. "Steps to Reveal Climate History Beneath Antarctic Ice," Platte River Room, Nebraska Union. Linda will announce that tours of Veterans Success Center will be available afterwards.

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 B-C, 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 12, Tuesday, 1:30 pm –Board Meeting –In Person

DATE CHANGE ON THESE:

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

May 16, Monday, 10 a.m.–In-person Meeting with President Ted Carter

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.