

Minutes for UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association membership luncheon  
April 21, 2022  
Red Cloud Room, Willa Cather Dining Center  
Submitted by Kim Hachiya, secretary  
(Approved by ERA BOD, 09.08.2022)

A luncheon meeting of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association membership was called to order at 11:40 a.m. April 21, 2022, by Pat Crews, association president. About 65 45 members attended the meeting at the Red Cloud Room, Willa Cather Dining Center.

Memory moments were observed for:

Charles Kingsbury, Chemistry

David Sellmyer, Physics

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

Charlie Green, Student Affairs

M. Rosalind Morris, Agronomy

A donation in honor of UNL Emeriti and Retirees who passed away during the academic year will be made to the Scholarship Fund in June.

Earl Hawkey reported we have \$21,661.23 in the Scholarship Fund at the NU Foundation.

Pat noted that there are proposed amendments to three articles of the Constitution/Bylaws. According to Article IX of the Constitution/Bylaws:

“These articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a scheduled meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given not less than one week in advance.”

Jim Griesen, co-chair of the Bylaws and Policy Committee presented the proposed amendments and the motions.

The first changes are to Article V. Officers and Board and Article VI. Election of Vice President/President-Elect and a Director.

The board recommends that the number of Directors be increased to six and the number of directors elected annually be increased to two to expand opportunities for involvement and to strengthen the pool of individuals interested in and willing to serve as officers for the Association.

The other change is to Article VII – Committees:

The proposed amendments bring the names of the standing committees in line with the Board’s new names for the Standing Committees in the revised Policies and Procedures document that was approved by the Board at its March meeting. (Changes in the Policies

and Procedures do not require membership approval only changes to the Constitution/Bylaws).

The new names better reflect the activities and responsibilities of the standing committees as they have evolved over time. The new committees and/or new names for committees are as follow:

Campus Engagement Committee (new committee)  
Digital Communications (formerly Website)  
Educational Activities (formerly Educational Events)  
Scholarships (new committee)  
Social Activities (formerly Social Events)  
UNL Faculty/Staff Relations (eliminated)

The amendments passed.

Wisherd Awards Chair Lloyd Ambrosius reminded the group that nominations for the Wisherd Outstanding Service Awards are due May 15.

It was noted that a social is planned for May at Wilderness Ridge. Watch email for more information.

Linda Major, president-elect and program chair, introduced Honors Program Director Patrice McMahon and a panel of students participating in the UNL Honors Program After-School Clubs. All talked about this ambitious program that connects honors students with after-school opportunities in Title 1 schools in Lincoln Public Schools system. Students related what they had learned from participating.

Pat thanked the group and mentioned that in lieu of a speaker's gift, typically an honorarium of \$100 will be sent to the Scholarship Fund. However, she said, the board will consider contributing the honorarium to the Honors Program to support this effort.

Pat wished everyone a good summer and reminded folks to watch their inboxes for details about the May social and the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned.