

Emeriti & Retirees Association/Membership Meeting
February 16, 2021 – 11:30 pm – Via Zoom

Kim Hachiya, President, called the meeting to order at 11:30am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Memory Moments:

Ralph Thorp – Teachers college
Nicole Frerichs – CASNR Dean’s office
Norman Krivosha – Law
Mark Koller, spouse of Rebecca “Becky” Koller, Central Administration
Carolyn Johnsen Fowler – Journalism & NET; wife of David Fowler – Math Ed
Barry Moore – Athletics
Shirley Ebeler – International Admissions
Michael Molvar – College of Dentistry
Wendell Gauger, School of Biological Sciences

Kim indicated that she will dispense with Earl Hawkey’s budget, but Earl has indicated that the ERA is solvent. Since expenditures have been so reduced this year, excess funds accumulated in the checking account. Therefore, the board authorized Earl to make some transfers from checking account into savings and other accounts. This was done so the Association would not have such a large balance in checking where it earns almost no interest. As reported last month, dues notices have been sent out electronically or by mail. Appreciate those renewing and paying their dues.

Kim thanked Julie Johnson and her committee for the newsletter. It has been uploaded to the website, so if you did not receive it on your email, you can view it here. Kim commented that she particularly enjoyed the member profiles, which are very interesting.

Kim noted that Chancellor Green’s speech this year was titled “Our University Address”. The name was changed from “the” to “our”. His speech may be viewed on the ERA website along with a YouTube video.

Kim said that one of the things that she is going to attempt to do at the membership meetings in the coming year is to show interesting videos that have been produced by the University Communications of things that are going on campus. As an example, she asked AI to show a video about what is now called the Dinsdale Family Learning Commons, which was formerly known as the CY Thompson Library. Kim noted that one of the questions people often have is “Where are the books?” These will be in place soon. Not all books will be returned to the shelves; some will be stored in the basement.

Kim noted that as more of us receive vaccinations, we hope to return to face-to-face meetings. She reported that Pat Crews made reservations for some fall meetings at the East Campus Union and others at the Lancaster County Extension Office. Zoom meetings will be continued as an option for those who are not able to join in person.

Pat introduced the guest speaker, Chuck Hibberd, professor emeritus from Animal Science and Dean & Director emeritus of Nebraska Cooperative Extension. He retired less than a year ago and immediately joined the emeriti association and also joined the Board.

Dr. Chuck Hibberd 's interesting talk was entitled "Nebraska Extension Responds: Floods, Blizzards, Droughts and Pandemics. "

After a variety of questions for Dr. Hibberd, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Dill, ERA Co-Secretary
February 18, 2021