

**UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**Submitted by Kim Hachiya, Feb. 8, 2024**

The UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association met Jan. 23, 2024, at the Nebraska East Union. Approximately 75 members attended. Many members brought coats and other items to donate to the student care closet.

President Larry Dlugosh welcomed members and thanked Al Stark for his work managing the technology that allows us to record today's meeting and presentation.

Larry read the Memory Moments list, noting we do our best to identify as many deceased UNL emeriti and retirees as possible and that a year end donation is made to the scholarship fund in their honor.

Today's list included:

**Quentin Faulkner, School of Music**  
**Marvin Frey, Veterinary Sciences**  
**Steve Gaines, Nebraska Public Television**  
**Roy F. Keller, Computer Science/College of Engineering**  
**Rick Konecky, (spouse of Joan Latta) Libraries**  
**Doug Metzger, UNL/NET**  
**Tracy L. Oehlerking, Custodial Services**  
**Maribeth Stodola, UNL Administrative Assistant**  
**George Tuck, College of Journalism**  
**Steven E. Tucker, Ag. Technology**  
**Richard Voeltz, University Libraries**  
**Kristin Peterson Wulser, spouse of Kurt Wulser, Chemistry**

Earl Hawkey delivered a treasurer's report noting we are solvent although we did spend more than we took in in 2023. This was because we sent members to the BIG Retirees Associations meeting this past summer (previous meetings have been virtual); and we gave out four Wisherd awards this year.

Kim Hachiya reported on the upcoming Glow Big Red fundraiser event with information about how to donate to our Scholarship fund.

Hugh McDermott, program committee member, introduced Frances Hayes, communications director at the Daugherty Water for Food Institute, who delivered the program.

Frances reported on the history of this international program. Its mission is to help humans have more food security with less pressure on increasingly scarce water resources. The institute does this by focusing on scientific and policy research; engaging with producers, policymakers, investors and others; and sharing knowledge. In 2023, the DWFI was named a Feed the Future Innovation Laboratory member by USAID. In the coming years, DWFI intends to focus on small agricultural producers, look at high-tech solutions for sustainable and precision agriculture, explore the nexus between climate and health, and focus on how food insecurity also includes the idea of nutritional content of foods.

We had a robust Question and Answer period, especially regarding nitrate pollution.

Larry announced the next general membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20. Heather Rasmussen, Associate Professor and Director of Professional Studies in the Dietetics Graduate program, will speak on the topic of Nutrition and Brain Health.