

Minutes for UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association General Membership Luncheon w/ Pat Crews comments
(Approved by ERA Board of Directors, Oct. 11, 2022)
Submitted by Kim Hachiya, secretary

A membership meeting and luncheon of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association convened at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 20 at the NU Extension Office for Lancaster County, 444 Cherry Creek Road. Approximately 55 individuals RSVP'ed for the event.

President Pat Crews called the meeting to order. There was a moment of remembrance for those who have died since our last meeting in April.

Memory Moments

Don Kubik, Animal Science
Elvin "Al" Papik, Admissions, Athletics
Patricia Emma Harney, Journalism and Mass Communications
Janet Kepner Jensen, University Child Assessment Program, widow of Donald Jensen, Psychology
Joe McNulty, Educational Administration
Sofia Golovey, spouse of Vitaly Zlotnik, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Jack Pierce, Athletics
George Rejda, Finance
Roger Riefler, Business Administration
Quentin Gessner, Continuing Education
Suzie Sybouts, Education and Human Sciences and widow of Ward Sybouts, Education and Human Sciences
Jane Turner, Conservation and Survey
Norman D. Smith, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Cary Dean Thorpe, Management/Business Administration
Stanley Vasa, Teachers College/Education and Human Sciences
Gerald Duane Tharp, Psychology
Laura Weymouth, widow of John Weymouth and Edgar Pearlstein, both Physics
David Brown, College of Dentistry
Mark Allen Heinecke, University of Nebraska Press
Mary Ann Robertus, Husker Women's Athletics Department
Joe Ruffo, Art and Art History
Charles A. Kingsbury, Chemistry
Susan Welch, Political Science
John Alfred "Al" Fagerstrom, Geology
Michael Stricklin, Journalism and Mass Communications
Richard "Rich" Goodding, Ag Research Farm
Helen Roesler, widow of Theodore Roesler, Economics/CBA
Gertrude "Trudy" Burge, Journalism and Mass Communications

Pat noted that a donation in honor of UNL Emeriti and Retirees who passed away during the academic year was made to the Emeriti & Retirees Scholarship Fund in June.

General Announcements

Pat noted that members should remember that the university terminates access to a unl.edu email address upon the death of the emeriti faculty member. However, Don Weeks pushed for several years for access to unl email by a family member for a period of time following a death. This

access has now been granted and is detailed in the new list of benefits posted on the ERA website. Access for (30-60 days) following a death, may be arranged by contacting Information Technology Services immediately (or as soon as possible) to manage the individual's email account. Information Technology can be contacted at 402-472-3970, 866-472-3970 and support@nebraska.edu. It is always a good practice (and highly recommended) to create and use a different email address for personal matters. We will also publish this information in the ERA website and the spring newsletter.

Earl Hawkey, treasurer, provided a Treasurer's report and noted we will award a scholarship in the spring for the recipient to use in fall 2023 semester.

Lloyd Ambrosius, Chair of the Awards Committee, announced that James Griesen was awarded the Wisherd Service Award for 2022.

Pat announced the following nominees for Association leadership:

****Nominees for President-elect/Vice President and Directors:**

President-elect/Vice President – Larry Dlugosh

Director – Term ending 2023 – Gary Heusel

Director –Term ending 2024 – Roshan Pajnigar

Directors–Term ending 2025 –Nancy Mitchell and Tom McFarland

All of these individuals have agreed to serve if elected.

Pat noted she would notify the entire membership of this slate via email and if other nominees are received, she will announce them at the October meeting.

If no additional nominations are made, then this slate of nominees will assume their roles in January. She thanked to each nominee for agreeing to be nominated and to serve.

Upcoming tours and socials:

****Coffee Chat –Thursday, Sept. 29 – 9:30 am on the deck of Wilderness Ridge**

****Scarlet Hotel Tour and Coffee – Wednesday, October 12 – 9:30 am**

Lloyd Ambrosius introduced Dr. Margaret Jacobs, Charles Mach Professor of History, and Director of the UNL Center for Great Plains Studies, History. Her topic was The Genoa Indian School Digital Reconciliation Project. Dr. Jacobs gave a comprehensive history of this sad chapter in American studies, how it has affected every Native person as nearly every if not all Natives has an ancestor who attended one of the many segregated "schools" in the U.S. These schools abusively stripped Native people of their language, culture and mores; robbed them of parenting. Most today suffer intergenerational trauma due to this treatment. Her center is leading a project to find and restore the names of individuals who attended the school in Genoa, and to create reconciliation efforts.

After Dr. Jacobs' talk, Pat noted that in lieu of a speaker's gift, an honorarium of \$100 will be sent in her name to the Scholarship Fund.

Pat reminded the group to watch for details about our October meeting. It will be held October 18 in the Great Plains Room in the Nebraska East Union. The speaker is President Ted Carter. October 18 is fall break so parking should not be a problem.

Invite your retired colleagues to attend. Since there have been no pre-retirement meetings for the past year or so, we have been challenged to get the word out about the association and its luncheon meetings and speakers.

This meeting is now adjourned.