

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2024
Submitted by Linda Major, secretary pro tem

President Larry Dlugosh welcomed the group and read the Memory Moments since the April meeting.

Lloyd Ambrosius	College of Arts and Sciences
Joan Sampson Anderson	College of Education and Human Sciences
Karen Sue Amen,	Wife of James Goeke, School of Natural Resources
Robert Broman	Chemistry
Christine Marie Thiesfeld-Carranza	Wife of Miguel Carranza, Sociology
Dave Dolezal	University Printing
Dorothy Duey	Wife of Doug Duey, UNL Extension
Judy Fredrick	Wife of Roy Fredrick, Ag Economics
Jerome Frobom	University Libraries
Ted Hartung,	IANR associate VC, Dean CASNR
E. Charles Healey	College of Education and Human Sciences
Barbara Howard	spouse of Dan Howard, Art and Art History
Richard Hoover	College of Education and Human Sciences
M. Colleen Jones	College of Business Administration
Patricia Lacquement	Admissions and Greek Affairs
John Lambert	UNL Extension
Aloysius 'Al' Mach	Custodial Services
Marilyn T. McDowell	University Administration
Lloyd 'Bruce' Meyer	Agronomy and Horticulture
Venita Joan Mittelstaedt,	wife of Robert Mittelstaedt, College of Business
Ann Nickerson	Wife of Ken Nickerson
Roger Spiehs,	Purchasing and Procurement
Dean Waddel,	Libraries

Larry welcomed new members and first-time attendees

Dale Fangmeier
Terrie Fangmeier
Wendy Horacek
Kate Shaner
Keith Zaborowski

ERA Coffee Update: Jim Griesen and Jane Zatechka

Educational Activities - Nancy Mitchell

Larry - Strategic Planning Update

- The Event Registration and online payment software process will be implemented in October. You can register and pay online with a credit card for the October Membership Meeting and the rest of the membership meetings.

- The Nominations Committee is seeking nominees for Vice President, and One Board of Directors Position beginning in 2025. (three year term)
- The Marketing and Branding committee, the Diversity of Membership committee, and the Mentoring and Partnership committee have met during the Summer months and will have reports coming soon.
 - o One of the ideas that has emerged from committee meetings is for the ERA to seriously examine sponsorships from organizations throughout the community to help boost income and improve marketing opportunities.
 - o Also – a mission statement is being considered to accompany the objectives of the organization as read in our by-laws (this will add clarity to the questions – Who are we and what do we stand for?)
 - o Last, but not least – we welcome ideas from members about recruitment, retention, and engagement of members so we can continue to grow and provide more services to members.

Following the business meeting, Stan Campbell introduced Dee Dee Anderson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Anderson joined UNL in September 2023. She came at the behest of Chancellor Bennett with whom she worked at Southern Mississippi University.

Recently, VCSA Anderson, in collaboration with Chancellor Bennett, announced that the Division of Student Affairs would be renamed Student Life. The name change is consistent with other Big 10 institutions, resonates well with students, and better reflects their experience. The mission of Student Life is to 'Foster POWERful experiences of communities fundamental to student success'.

Currently, Student Life employs 700 full—and part-time employees and 1500 student employees. Supported by a 120M dollar budget, Student Life is divided into four focus areas: Auxiliary and Operations, Student Life and Leadership, Marketing and Communications, and Advocacy and Support. Less than 1% of Student Life's budget is supported through state aid and they anticipate further reductions soon.

Division-wide initiatives for the 2024-2025 academic year include the following: student well-being, expanding partnerships with Academic Affairs, Husker Student POWER (foundational elements of the Husker student experience – Purpose, Ownership, Well-Being, Engagement, Relationships), OASIS/JGMC, Mapping the student experience, and developing a stronger relationship with the University Foundation.

Dr. Anderson concluded her presentation with a question-and-answer period covering topics such as campus partnerships, DEI, and student housing.

Larry thanked her and said that a \$100 honorarium will be given in her name to our scholarship fund.