

**WSURA Minutes**  
**August 1, 2012**

Present: Gary Pacernick, Leone Low, Marlene Bireley, Mary Gromoziak, Gerry Petrak, Bob Wagley, Blair Rowley, James Uphoff, Paul Wolfe, Lew Shupe, Mary Kenton, Jim Sayer, Gary Barlow, Gayle Whitaker, Abe Bassett, Guest: Jan Austin  
President Pacernick was presented the WSURA gavel. The minutes of the June 21 meeting were accepted.

**Officers' Reports:**

**President:** The September 5 Board meeting will be held in 156 A Student Union and will be followed by Dr. Sayer's talk at 11:30 in 156 B Student Union. Jan Austin will assist Chair Mary Gromoziak with the Activities Committee. Oris Amos Cross's estate donated \$1000 to the WSURA Scholarship Fund. Marlene will send a letter of thanks.

**President Elect:** Abe Bassett announced that he had conducted a wedding.

**Secretary:** Dr. Low said that she will resend the May 2 minutes. They were obviously sent, since some members responded to them. After all, we are all getting older, and sometimes absent-minded, including me.

**Treasurer:** Gayle Whitaker reported for Carole Stevenson, Treasurer, that the University Account was \$1208.94, with some expenses pending, and the Dues Account was \$10,516.16. An annual report will come soon. The University subsequently deposited our annual subsidy of \$6200.

**Communications Coordinator:** Marlene Bireley is working on the new directory. The deadline for the next *Extension* is August 17.

Note: (Thank you to Marlene for taking the minutes in my absence. LYL)

**Past President:** Jim Uphoff reported that there were 51 responses to the survey. He will be retiring (again) on September 7 and will be honored for 46 years of service. He requested permission to use the WSURA office for about six weeks after he moves from his present office and until he is given a permanent office as a member of the Strategic Planning Team. Gary Pacernick moved and Leone Low seconded a motion to approve the request. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Activities:** Mary Gromosiak announced that Jim Sayer will speak to the Board and general WSURA membership following the September Board meeting. His topic will be the American Presidency. To accommodate non-board members, the September Board meeting will be held in 156A Student Union followed by the talk at 11:30 in 156B Student Union.

Mary urged Board members to sign up for the October 16 bus trip to The Wilds and to recruit members and friends to join the outing. At this point, only seven people have signed up.

She also announced that she is working on plans for attending the WSU play about the 1913 Dayton Flood and the annual holiday brunch. She will work with Bob Wagley on the latter that has been a part of the dining in group's activities. Stuart MacDowell, co-author of the Flood play, may be invited to speak to the group about the play.

**Bylaws and Elections:** No report

**Historical Preservation:** Lew Shupe reported that twenty oral histories are now accessible online and five additional ones are in the transcribing phase. He passed out a page giving directions for accessing the histories. This will be published in the next *Extension*. Archives has lost one staff member and would welcome volunteers to assist them.

**Membership Development:** Gerry Petrak announced that the Health Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 24. She asked for volunteers and for permission to spend up to \$100 for a raffle basket. Paul Wolfe moved and Gary Pacernick seconded a motion in that regard. Motion passed.

**OCHER:** No report.

**Scholarship:** Paul Wolfe announced that two \$1200 scholarships have been awarded for next year to Brooke Davis and Erin Dorsten. Both are relatives of WSU retirees to whom we give preference. Brooke is the granddaughter of Nick Davis for whom our scholarship is named. This is the first year that our funds have allowed awarding two scholarships.

**Sunshine:** Marlene Bireley announced four deaths. Paige Mulhollan, President; Betty Jung, School of Professional Psychology; John Hildebrecht Sr., business manager; and Joseph Bitzko, Director of Chemistry Laboratories. President Mulhollan and his family were on campus to attend the dedication of the new Mulhollan Field for campus and club sports when he suffered a stroke.

**Liaisons:**

**Athletic Council:** Mary Kenton reported that the full council had not met over the summer, but that the Gender Equity that she chairs has been meeting. Mary was complimented for her work and for the leadership that WSU has shown in gender equity. She will relay a date at a later time when there will be a tour of athletic facilities scheduled.

**Friends of the Libraries:** Gary Barlow noted that there will be a traveling exhibit concerning the Dayton Flood that will start at the Dunbar Library, then move to several Dayton Schools, at about the same time that the play concerning that subject is playing in the Creative Arts Building. Dawne Dewey, Head Archivist, may be invited to the Board to speak briefly about the exhibit. He also requested ideas for short term workshop topics that the Friends will sponsor this year in lieu of quarterly speakers.

**International:** Bob Wagley will set a date for the Welcome Club to meet with visiting international faculty once he receives the list from Steve Lyons. He may also plan something for

the 21 visiting students from our sister universities some of whom he met while recently teaching in Germany. If some of these faculty or students need assistance with furnishing apartments, he will let the group know. He brought an oral history book from an Italian professor that had been completed after Lew Shupe and the archivists had shared their project procedures with them while they were visiting the Wagleys. Bob is also planning to speak to the WSU community regarding his experiences in teaching abroad. The date and place are not yet finalized.

**New Business:**

Marlene Bireley requested permission of the group to send the credenza and two lamps that are not needed in the office to ESPM. She so moved and Gary Pacernick seconded a motion granting permission. Motion passed, but the furniture will be kept in the office while Jim Uphoff needs it for his computer.

**Old Business:**

None

Meeting adjourned following a motion by Gerry Petrak, seconded by Mary Gromosiak.