

**Wright State University Retirees Association  
Minutes of the Board Of Directors  
November 4, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Gary Barlow, Abe Bassett, Frieda Bennett, Marlene Bireley, Peggy Bott, Mary Gromosiak, Mary Kenton, Gary Pacernick, Gerry Petrak, Judy Rose, Lew Shupe, Carol Stevenson, Bob Wagley, Gail Whitaker, Dick Williams Paul Wolfe  
**Absent:** Donna Curtin, Elizabeth Harden, Jim Sayer

President Williams called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**MOTION: KENTON MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2. SECONDED BY BARLOW. THE MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**KENTON MOVED TO APPROVED REVISION OF THE PROCEDURES MANUAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY WHITAKER. SECONDED BY BARLOW. THE MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

**PACERNICK MOVED TO COMMEND WHITAKER FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB IN BRINGING THE PROCEDURES MANUAL UP TO DATE. SECONDED BY SHUPE. THE MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President—Dick Williams**

The Second Annual Retirees Luncheon has been set for Friday, May 6. The Berry room has been reserved and the committee continues to meet to discuss the format and other issues.

The student office assistant has resigned. An extended discussion ensued to determine how to proceed in securing an office assistant. An Office Assistant position for a work-study eligible student has been posted with the student employment office.

**Vice President—Mary Kenton**

**Kenton** reported on her assignment to see if a retiree may be hired as an Office Assistant 2. Such a hire is possible as “part-time on call” at \$10 per hour plus benefits. Under this format, a retiree could be hired for approximately 400 hours during the year, or up to 14 hours per week. The University has previously allowed such hires through the Crown Temp Services. Kenton has undertaken the task of drafting a job description that will be circulated to Executive Committee for input.

Miscellaneous comments: **Whitaker** – A speaker will come to the December board meeting to discuss values of contemporary students and how to best supervise them. **Wagley** – hiring students supports the university mission, while hiring a retiree supports the association mission. **Barlow** – It is time to change nameplate identifying the retiree office and the building sign that does not show our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor offices. **Williams** – will contact Bill Shepard in University Foundation to remedy this omission.

**Past-President—Jim Sayer**

Absent; no report. [Father-in-law passed away in Arizona.]

**Secretary—Abe Bassett**

**Bassett** thanked members for their quick response to the draft of the September minutes, and asked members respond to the November meeting within 24 hours. It is expected that a draft version will be posted to the website in about 48 hours. Members who make reports are also asked to provide the secretary with a written report.

Former retiree president James Uphoff will be released from prison a week Friday (Nov. 13.) Friends, former colleagues, and neighbors plan an informal luncheon. Board members interested in attending a

luncheon should inform Bassett, Williams, or Pacernick.

The Presidents Club of Dayton has designated Dr. Clark Beck for the 2015 Citizen Legion of Honor Award.

University Foundation reported that retiree giving has now reached \$176,852 for the year. This amount comes from 173 donors with an average gift of \$955. The retiree Phonathon will continue for another week, and funds received through the end of December will increase total giving for 2015.

\$8,965 has been committed to the Nick Davis Scholarship Fund and it now stands at \$63,000.

#### **Treasurer—Gail Whitaker**

The Treasurer's report for October 31 was distributed and has been posted online. Expenditures for the month of September were moderate with expenses of \$360 and income of \$260. **Whitaker** reported the current dues structure would be in effect for the remainder of 2015.

#### **Communications—Marlene Bireley**

The next *Extension* will be prepared on November 30 with **Bennett** assisting **Bireley**. Members are encouraged to submit stories and their biographies, which several members have agreed to do.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Activities—Mary Gromosiak**

20 retirees attended the La Comedia Dinner Theatre on October 29, finding the play entertaining and the food good. 14 retirees had dinner at Dayton Hollywood Casino on November 4.

New upcoming events include:

- December 17, WSU Raiders vs. Charleston Southern. WSU Alumni is providing use of their box and 12 free tickets.
- December 6, Dining-In Brunch at the home of Tom & Helen Listerman.
- Wednesday, December 2, Luncheon at Holiday Inn with scholarship recipients as guests.
- January 17, Dining-Out Brunch at Yankee Trace.

#### **By-laws and Elections—Judy Rose**

President **Williams** and Past-President **Sayer** will join the elections committee this year. All board members are encouraged to aid in finding suitable retirees for board duty.

Miscellaneous comments: **Wolfe** urges more forceful advertising for new board members. **Bireley** reported few responses from appeals in *The Extension*. **Whitaker** requests choice of service be added to Membership Application form on website. [This has been done. Go to the Membership Application accessed on the website.]

#### **Historical Preservation—Lew Shupe**

**Shupe** noted that University Archives Head Dawne Dewey expressed interest in helping the Historical Preservation Committee identify other areas that may be of interest to WSURA pertaining to the history of the organization and or the university. In discussions regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon, a montage of portions of the interviewee videos is possible for presentation. **Shupe** reported the unease among the Archives staff that results from not knowing when or where they may be moved from the library to another location.

#### **Membership—Gerry Petrak**

Petrak reports that 220 people were contacted at the October 21 Health Fair. Thus far, there are seven new members of which three are new retirees. Eight board members called 18 new retirees to invite them to join the association. Of the 7 new members, 6 joined as lifetime members.

#### **Scholarship Committee—Mary Kenton**

No report.

#### **Sunshine—Peggy Bott**

Deaths: Benjamin H. Richard, Professor of Geology, Oct. 20, 2015.

## LIAISONS

### **Alumni—Elizabeth Harden**

Absent. No report

### **Athletic Council—Mary Kenton**

Roderick Perry, Associate Athletic Director, has been appointed Athletic Director at IUPUI – Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. WSU will now provide selected athletes a monthly cash stipend beyond their scholarship, to cover the “cost of going to college.” To be covered are members of the men and women basketball teams, the women volleyball team, and a few other selected athletes. The amount of the stipends will vary but may be up to \$2900 per athlete. The cost of this program may come from new University funding. With some schools providing as much as \$6000 per athlete (i.e., Detroit), Wright State was forced to follow suit if future recruiting would be successful.

### **Friends of the Libraries—Gary Barlow**

There are three campus organizations that are seen as doing important and essential work, including the Friends of the Libraries, the Alumni Association and the Retirees Association. It is important that WSURA maintain tight contact with the other two organizations. The Friends are offering a series of learning workshops dealing with aspects of the digital age:

- November 7 - Holiday Memories (recording favorite holiday memories)
- January 16 - Cloud Computing
- February 9 - Exploring the Archives
- March 12 - Mobile Mania (for users of mobile devices)

### **International—Bob Wagley**

Wagley attended the Wright State University Theatre production of *Chicago*, which was described as outstanding. [Bassett interjected that this was a superb production of the highest quality.] Several of the foreign students and scholars attended. Wagley expressed disappointment that there seems to be a lack of interest among the foreign scholars, but he will continue his association with the LEAP program.

### **OCHER—Paul Wolfe**

No report as there has been no OCHER meeting since the last report.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO CONCLUDE THE MEETING MADE BY **WAGLEY** AND SECONDED BY **WOLFE**.  
MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

**The NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 2, 10:00am, 210 University Foundation Building, 3070 Presidential Drive**

Respectfully submitted,  
Abe J Bassett, Secretary

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