

Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 6, 2017

Present: Abe Bassett, Frieda Bennett, Marlene Bireley, Peggy Bott, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Larry Prochaska, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams, Mary Gromosiak, Gary Barlow, Carol Stevenson, Gary Pacernick, & Gail Whitaker; Special Guest Judy Engle (jaengel12@earthlink.net)

Absent: Mary Kenton, Frieda Bennett, Jim Sayer, Dan Abrahamowicz, and Ruth Schumacher

President Schlagheck called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 2,
2017.

President—Donna Schlagheck

1. With thanks to Gail Whitaker, a new student office assistant was hired. EMILY ROSS will work T 12:30 TO 2:30, WR 2-5PM. Her personal email is ross.248@wright.edu. Her training is underway. She is a business major, sophomore.
2. Board member parking permits are ready to pick up. Please complete and return information sheet to University Parking, now in 065 Allyn Hall.
3. UCIE “host” program is recruiting for fall semester. Application online. 1 activity per month with international student/staff/faculty. Orientation can be scheduled, THURS 2-5 is available 775-5731 with Katherine Hernandez
4. Professor Emeritus Jake Dorn (HST) died this weekend following a heart attack and surgery.
5. Fall Open House reception moved to Sept 21, 2017. Please attend! RSVP!
6. Excused: Sayer, Abrahamowicz, Kenton, Schumacher, Bennett.
7. Judy Engle COMMUNICATION strategy, Joyce Howes agrees to chair working group
8. Risacher Memorial 10-11 Endeavor Room Friday Sept 8
9. Paul Leonard 1st Brown Bag Oct 13 12-1:30
10. No Exec Meeting 9/20/2017
11. An extra set of office keys will be available on a sign up basis.
12. Please note e-mail d.schlagheck@wright.edu 937 901-2019

President Elect—Joyce Howes-No report

Past President—Mary Kenton-No Report

Secretary—Larry Prochaska

Larry will miss the October 4th meeting. Marlene Bireley has graciously agreed to take the minutes.

Treasurer—Sheryl Provens

1. Treasurer’s Report for August, 2017 is attached.

Communications—Frieda Bennett-No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities—Mary Gromosiak—

1. Retiree Reception 9-21-17 – invitation sent twice *Will be posted on website, due date for responses is 9/14*
 - A. Yes response as of 9-5 – five and one possible
 - B. Suggested appetizers from Kroger & Chick-Fil-A
 - a. Kroger

Egg salad tea sandwiches	\$24.99/12-16
Vegetable tray	\$26.99/12-16
Small cubed cheese tray	\$14.99/6-
Mini cookie tray	\$ 9.99/12-16
 - b. Chick-Fil-A

Chick-n'-Minis Tray	\$31.50/40
Large cookie tray	\$27.00/24
 - c. Nametags for board members
 - d. Blank stick-on nametags for guests
 - e. Handouts for list of 2017-18 Activities & Events
2. Dayton Hollywood Racing Night + Dinner – 10-12, 5:30 pm
3. Open discussion forum – TBD – Paul Leonard – 12 noon *Friday, October 13, October 5 for responses*
4. Health and Wellness Fair – Wednesday, October 25, 10 am – 2 pm, Student Union
5. Sunday Matinee – Fiddler-on-the-Roof – November 19, 2-5 pm [17 of 24 tickets assigned] checks must be made out to Wright State University Theater
6. Volunteer needed for December Dining-in Holiday Brunch [suggested dates 11 am on either Sunday December 3 or 10]. Due to space restriction, this event is not open to general retiree list. All board members are welcome to add their name to the dining-in group. Bob & Lorraine Wagner hosted last year and have since moved to Louisville. The Listermans are busy with family affairs this year and unlikely to be available to host. *A host(s) is(are) needed and format is bring a dish.*
7. January Dining-out-Brunch – open to all retirees [Last year we followed up w/a visit to the newest WPAFB museum hangar].
8. WSU Men's Basketball Game [Alumni Affairs Box available in Nutter Center] Horizon schedule not yet out. Our game night may be in January.
9. Visit Frank Lloyd Wright home in Springfield, OH. Cost \$12/senior citizens; 1-hour tour; 11 am – 12 noon followed by lunch somewhere. (15/group can add extra group if needed) Date: TBD possibly February

10. Airstream Factory Tour – Jackson Center, OH. Tour: 1 ½ - 2 hrs. No cost. Date: TBD possibly March
11. Annual Retiree Luncheon – May 10, 2018
12. Dennis Loranger – WSU Music Historian article
13. History, Mystery, Mayhem and Murder Tour – Woodland Cemetery [every night sold out in August] Maybe next year!

Benefits----Carol Stevenson

Ad Hoc Benefits Committee Worksheet

WSURA	WSU Retirees
<p>WSU REC Center – application for use must be made through WSURA Office and is free to WSURA members</p> <p>Members must contact WSURA Office student assistant to start the process. Student assistant may be contacted in person during scheduled office hours, by telephone, or e-mail at WSURA@wright.edu.</p>	<p>Wright One Card – Students, Faculty, Staff and Affiliates, but not clear as to Retirees. Issue to discuss: First one free; 5% discount at local restaurants; feature article in Extension on use and process Carol to schedule meeting on or after June 15 due to Bursar vacation.</p> <p>9/6/17 – Meeting scheduled with Bursar, Steve Sherbet, this afternoon. Verifying process. This can be accomplished.</p> <p>11/1/17 – At the November 1, 2017 regularly scheduled WSURA Board meeting to be held in the Foundation Conference Room, Steve Sherbet, Bursar, and Steve Adams, One Card Manager, will be present. A brief demonstration of the Wright One Card use to include the website, how to add money to the card, and use of the card at local restaurants and the WSU Bookstore.</p>
<p>Tri-annual Newsletter – by hard copy and on-line</p>	<p>WSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore - Wright One Card Retiree Card Holders 20% Discount</p> <p>WSURA Brochure lists 10% Carol to confirm amount of discount. Confirmed with WSU Bookstore Manager there is a 20 % discount for trade books, clothing, gifts; a 10% discount for textbooks.</p>

<p>Biennial up-dated membership directory</p>	<p>WSU Educational Benefits-Elegibility See Policy 8320.2 Leaving the university addresses process and insurance issues – There is no mention of WSURA; address the need for co-ordination and cooperation with this unit. Develop a one-page graphics publication to be handed out to retirees by HR. Donna to schedule meeting with HR</p> <p>Progress Report Needed</p> <p>Due to current departmental priorities, WSURA Board Chair has not been able to meet with this supervisor.</p> <p>*General discussion followed: 1. HR allowed WSURA promotional material to be displayed in the past. 2. Possible display units were suggested. 3. Responsibility for replenishing the display could be assigned to the WSURA Office student assistant.</p>
<p>Parking Currently WSURA Board members are provided with on-campus parking decals. Donna will address with the new president the possibility of this benefit for all WSURA members in addition to a general discussion of benefits to and service from WSURA members. Donna to address with new president after July 1.</p> <p>Progress Report Needed</p> <p>Due to current university priorities, WSURA Board Chair has not been able to address this specific issue with the president.</p>	<p>Nutter Center Sporting Events – Faculty and Staff discounts specifically mentioned, but not retirees Mary Kenton to be requested to review this topic with Athletic Director</p> <p>Progress Report Needed</p> <p>Larry Prochaska to follow-up on this matter.</p>
<p>Up-to-date information on statewide political activities that may impact retirement benefits – on line at www.??????</p> <p>Retiree Website or Link to PERS/STRS</p> <p>Abe to investigate.</p>	<p>Alumni Office – Travel and tours open to all retirees Jim Sayer and/or Dick Williams to clarify if this is open to all retirees or WSURA members.</p> <p>9/6/17 - Dick Williams confirmed that this</p>

<p>Website Links</p> <p>Additional Suggested Links: Nutter Center; WSU Policy 8320.2 Eligibility for Benefits (to see complete information);</p> <p>General promotion of the website to be the “aggregate news source across the spectrum” for retirees. The single source for up-to-date and up-to-the-minute information.</p> <p>Abe to continue work on achieving this.</p>	<p>benefit is available to all retirees.</p> <p>Human Resources</p> <p>Under wright.edu/human-resources/benefits/retirement/overview – there is no mention of WSURA</p> <p>E-learning – what is it, who can use it? Joyce will check into this course offering.</p> <p>After reviewing the E-learning program, it was determined that no further development of this option would be especially beneficial to retirees, or should be advertised as a retiree benefit through WSURA.</p>
<p>WSURA Liasons</p> <p>Add alumni/WSURA affiliation (Summer Alumni College and Tours) and benefit to website – Marlene to draft brief statement regarding each Liason (Friends of the Library, International, Alumni, Athletics) and the relationship between the unit and WSURA</p> <p>See Attached</p>	<p>IT Services</p> <p>Purchase of computer Hardware and Software and Customer Support (add website, phone number or link); Free e-mail for all retirees and notice that this service must be renewed every 5 years. Joyce to review</p> <p>Computer Purchase through CaTS – It seems that anyone with a w123abc logon can access the purchase site. That would include all retirees except those who choose not to renew e-mail privileges after 5 years.</p> <p>https://www.wright.edu/information-technology/services>Services>Hardware Purchases> Personal Purchases> Dell or Apple Online Store-->WSU Dell or Apple Page (previous generation models and provide access to help desk for hardware problems).</p>
<p>Activities</p> <p>Additional off campus activities such as DSO, Victoria Theater, for posting in the Extension and on-line. Broader scope of current events. Carol to contact Mary Gromosiak.</p> <p>Additional Information Needed.</p> <p>9/6/17 – Proposed Activities & Events for</p>	<p>Theater</p> <p>Marlene to discuss with Abe a review of current senior citizen discount policy and if there is any potential additional benefit for WSURA members.</p> <p>WSU Theatre</p> <p>1. WSU retirees may purchase single tickets (Wed.-Friday performances only)</p>

<p>2017-2018 distributed to WSURA Board. Schedule shows variety of events, tours, and activities.</p>	<p>for \$15.00 (senior rate is \$18.00). Applicants must identify themselves as WSU retirees when contacting the Box Office.</p> <p>2. Retirees who volunteer as ushers can attend that specific performance for no cost. Contact Vicki Oleen, (victoria.oleen@wright.edu) to sign up for this option.</p> <p>3. Rehearsals are not open to the public but some classes and presentations could be available with prior arrangements through Vickie Oleen.</p>
<p>OCHER Receive information and updates concerning OPERS and STRS from WSURA representatives to the Ohio Council of Higher Education regarding current issues affecting retirement systems STRS/PERS. PEGGY AND DICK WILLIAMS</p> <p>Summary of purpose and reporting as stated above.</p>	<p>WSURA Promotional Brochure Currently under revision. Marlene to work with Frieda Bennett.</p> <p>Progress report needed.</p> <p>9/6/17 – After presentation of the Benefits Committee's report Marlene confirmed this completed the information she and Frieda were waiting to receive and include in the Extension.</p>

Liaisons:

WSURA has four liaisons with other university organizations or units for the purposes of communication, mutual benefit and service. Briefly, the benefits to retirees in each case include:

Alumni Association: The Alumni Association has opened their tours and their Summer College to all retirees.

Friends of the Libraries (FOL): (membership required). This organization supports the University Libraries and provides workshops and speakers each year for FOL members and guests for free or for a reduced rate. More information is available at wright.edu under libraries. Members also support student scholarships and recognition programs.

University Center for international Education.(UCIE). Part of the mission of UCIE is to “promote cross-cultural understanding.” Our Board member facilitates communication with the UCIE. Retirees are encouraged to serve as hosts to international graduate students, researchers or visiting faculty through invitations to their homes or other community activities. No housing is involved and the commitment is a minimum of one contact per semester. More information available: ruth.schumacher@wright.edu.

Athletic Council: The WSURA member on the Council represents the viewpoint of our organization and brings news of the various sports teams to the members. No specific benefits are available for retirees.

Bylaws and Elections—Gail Whitaker—No Report

Historical Preservation—Dan Abrahamowicz-No Report

Membership Development – Marlene Bireley

The WSURA booth at the October 25 Benefits and Wellness Fair will have volunteers; 10 am-noon, Mary Gromosiak, and noon-2 pm Cheryl Provens, and Peggy Bott. Carol Stevenson also volunteered for the 10-2 shifts.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WSURA SPEND \$150 FOR EXPENSES FOR THE WELLNESS EVENT.

OCHER—Peggy Bott and Dick Williams

There will be a meeting 9/26 and Peggy and Dick will report on the outcome of that meeting. OPERS members are reminded to return their survey by 9/8.

Sunshine—Peggy Bott

Deaths:

Jacob Dorn, Professor of History

G. Mieke

Scholarship Committee—Gary Pacernick

Mary Kenton will report on the scholarship awardees for 2016-17 at the next meeting. She will also write short bios for the Extension.

Webmaster – Abe Bassett

Board Members photographs and contact information for 2017-2018 brought up to date.

Website Pageviews: 254

Postings:

News stories: 11

Obituaries: 0

In Memoriam: 0

Reflections: 1

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Treasurer's report for June 30

Events: 2

LAISIONS

Alumni— Dick Williams

The Homecoming and 50-year Celebration Committees have been merged to expedite communication in planning. The Alumni board is in the process of deciding the fate of the Alumni house (past Presidential residence) on campus whether to remodel or demolish. There will be a brunch on 9/30 at 11 am celebrating the 50 year of WSU. There will be an online registration. There will also be a panel discussion on 10/1 concerning the history of WSU.

Athletics Council—Mary Kenton/Larry Prochaska

Athletics Council Steering Committee met with President Schrader. The President is committed to intercollegiate athletics and will appoint working groups to examine longitudinally program health and overlap. Larry will ask Bob Grant, Director of Athletics if discounted tickets for athletic events can be made available for WSURA members.

International—Ruth Schumacher—No report

Friends of the Libraries—Gary Barlow

Friends of the Library annual luncheon will occur on April 20, 2018 at noon.

Communication Strategy Working Group- Donna Schlagheck

For the last 1/2 hour of the meeting, a vigorous discussion about how to improve the visibility and membership in the WSURA was discussed. Abe and Judy were asked to give their ideas about publicity for the association and then a general discussion with the committee occurred. One focus was improving communication with the membership via snail mail and email. Also enhanced recent retirees list from human resources was discussed. Another focus was also that a central theme or mission of the WSURA was lacking and that a central message for the association be development similar to a mission message or campaign slogan. A working group was established to brainstorm putative ideas for the central message for the association. Joyce volunteered to lead the group along with Judy and other members including Gary, Abe, Larry, and Donna as ex-officio. Mary and Marlene also expressed interest.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday October 4, 10:30 a.m.

Meetings take place in the WSURA offices:
210 University Foundation Building, 3070 Presidential Drive

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J Prochaska". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lawrence" being more prominent than the last name "Prochaska".

Lawrence J Prochaska, Ph.D.,

Secretary