

Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 2, 2017

Present: Abe Bassett, Frieda Bennett, Marlene Bireley, Peggy Bott, Joyce Howes, Mary Kenton, Sheryl Provens, Larry Prochaska, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams, Dan Abrahamowicz, Mary Gromosiak, Gary Barlow, & Gail Whitaker

Absent: Gary Pacernick, Jim Sayer, Carol Stevenson, and Ruth Schumacher

President Schlagheck called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 7,
2017.

President—Donna Schlagheck

1. Donna met with President Cheryl Schrader July 1, 2017. Pres. Schrader agreed to address WSURA Annual Luncheon in April/May 2018.
2. Assoc. Provost Berberich has requested we delay any panels for fac/staff until Human Resources is fully prepared to participate. Donna will meet with Steve again soon. Dick and Peggy will report on the OCHER meeting at the next Board meeting.
3. WSURA is experiencing serious information delays from the University, including BANNER access for Treasurer and receiving a list of recent retirees.
4. Letter of welcome for new retirees is ready.
5. Delays in hiring a new student assistant have been encountered. The job has been reposted. Thanks to Gail Whitaker for her assistance in training new Treasurer and with Student Employment.
6. Paul Leonard agreed to host a brown bag but teaches T/Th and requested an alternate date.
7. Additional office keys have been requested from the Foundation.
8. It was suggested that WSURA office hours be in at least three-hour time block multiple days of the week.
9. Joyce has volunteered to attend all WSU Board of Trustees meetings that are public.
10. The Executive Committee will meet on a day other than Aug 16 in order for Judy Engle to attend.
11. Parking passes will be requested for WSURA board members.
12. Please note e-mail d.schlagheck@wright.edu 937 901-2019

President Elect—Joyce Howes

The Board thanked Joyce for volunteering to attend the WSU Board of Trustees meetings this coming year. There was a discussion about appointing Joyce as the WSURA liaison to the WSU BOT and making that position formal in WSURA with this activity possibly being part of the job description for the President Elect position. The WSU BOT could recognize the liaison position, but would need to make changes in their bylaws to formalize the appointment.

Past President—Mary Kenton

There was a discussion whether WSURA should send a representative to USAC, CSAC, and the faculty Senate. Mary and Joyce volunteered to attend USAC meeting when appropriate. It was decided that attending the Faculty Senate would be time prohibitive. Community outreach and mechanisms to interact with the Dayton regional community to enhance WSURA presence in the community were discussed. A

suggestion was made that perhaps WSURA could join with the Alumni Association to enhance our community partnerships and visibility. There was a discussion concerning wall art in the Boardroom/office. Gary Barlow and Barb Weinert McBee were mentioned as possible lenders of their work.

Secretary—Larry Prochaska

The updated WSURA Board List is attached. Thanks to Abe Basset for providing the templates for minutes, lists, etc.

Treasurer—Sheryl Provens

1. Treasurer's Reports for June and July 2017 are attached.
2. The WSURA received its University allocation of \$10,000 for 2017-2018 on July 1.

Communications—Frieda Bennett

1. Tentative Dates for Extension submissions, 8/15 (fall), 12/15 (winter), 4/15 (spring). The Board members suggested that only materials submitted by the deadline should be included.
2. New Board members should send to Frieda pictures, brief bios, accomplishments/job responsibilities at WSU, life after retirement, interests, and family. Abe volunteered pictures of Board members that he had on website.
3. The standard content of Extensions was discussed. The October 25, wellness/benefits fair should also be included.

BASSETT MOVED THAT THE FALL ISSUE OF THE EXTENSION BE DISTRIBUTED BY MAIL ALL RETIREES, INCLUDING THOSE RETIREES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. SECONDED BY KENTON. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Frieda presented an overview of WSURA publications; WSURA brochure, the directory of members, the by-laws, and the handbook of WSURA Office Procedures.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities—Mary Gromosiak—

1. The WSURA open house will be 3-5 pm on September 14 in 210 WSU Foundation Building. RSVPs will be due September 7. Please include names of any guests on your RSVP.
2. The Fiddler on the Roof matinee (2 pm) at the WSU Theatre will occur on 10/18/2017. The cost is \$15 per ticket.
3. The University Presidential Lecture series has been cancelled for 2017-2018.
4. The Health/Benefits Fair at WSU will occur on Wednesday, 10/25/17, 10 am to 2 pm.

Benefits---Carol Stevenson---No Report

Bylaws and Elections—Gail Whitaker—No Report

Historical Preservation—Dan Abrahamowicz

Dan reported that interviews were completed with Ken Davenport and Kathy Alexander (Suzanne Walker). He will continue to move through last year's list of interviews. He recognized the passing of

long-time WSU supporter Terry Tobey.

Membership Development – Marlene Bireley

Marlene reported that she is assisting with planning on the Open House, the Benefits Package and the revised brochure. She solicited workers for the WSURA booth at the October 25 Benefits and Wellness Fair. There were volunteers; 10 am-noon, Mary Gromosiak, and noon-2 pm Cheryl Provens, and Peggy Bott volunteered. One additional volunteer is need for the 10-noon shift.

OCHER—Peggy Bott and Dick Williams

Peggy suggested that prior to having a panel discussion for STRS and OPERS current and future retirement trends that WSURA determine on which parameters the panel should focus.

Sunshine—Peggy Bott

A memorial service for Joanne Risacher will be held on September 8, 2017 from 10: -11:30am in the Endeavor Room, Student Union, and a reception will follow the service. A get-well card was sent to Bob Wagley who is recovering from open-heart surgery.

Deaths:

John Taylor Sims, PhD, May 30, 2017, Former Associate Dean, College of Business.

Sandra L. Grody, June 9, 2017

Herbert Neve, PhD, June 12 2017, Professor Emeritus, Religion

Scholarship Committee—Gary Pacernick---No Report

Webmaster – Abe Bassett

1. Abe reported that web activity has slowed during the summer, and especially since the financial crisis has peaked. The Google Analytics report for July shows about 182 page views.
2. He also pointed to some very interesting posts on Reflections, particularly *Men at Sixty*, a poem by David Lee Garrison, which he read to the board. Other recent Reflection posts include *Tattoo*, another poem by Garrison from his new book, *Carpeing the Diem, Poems from High School*.
3. On the news page, two stories that lead to YouTube videos have been posted, and an announcement about Garrisons book reading and signing on September 9.
4. He asked board members to take ownership of the website by offering stories of their retiree activities. The more that is posted to the web, the greater importance the web becomes to the members and potential members.
5. He is seeking retirees—board members or others—to join the Webmaster’s team, The WSURA Facebook page is an area of needed development.

LAISIONS

Alumni— Dick Williams

The Homecoming and 50-year Celebration Committees have been merged to expedite communication in planning.

Athletics Council—Mary Kenton/Larry Prochaska

Athletics now has a firm budget which is a 300K decrease from its spending (not its budget) in 2016-17. The swimming team has been reinstated at the insistence of the WSU BOT and is funded by targeted donations. The 2017-18 firm budget addresses the long-standing practice of allowing the department to overspend the published budget. The University will no longer provide supplemental funds.

International—Ruth Schumacher—No report

Friends of the Libraries—Gary Barlow

Gary provided envelopes to the Board for the Legacy Gift of Books to the libraries. Books can be directly donated to the WSU library through this program. He also suggested that the WSURA Board think about a 50th year anniversary book gift to library in recognition of WSU's 50-year anniversary. Donna suggested that the Executive Committee discuss this at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday September 5, 10:00 a.m.
An EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is scheduled for Mid-August, TBA

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence J Prochaska, Ph.D.,

Secretary