

**D R A F T 8/6/2016**  
**Wright State University Retirees Association**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**August 3, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Gary Barlow, Abe Bassett, Frieda Bennett, Marlene Bireley, Mary Gromosiak, Mary Kenton, Gary Pacernick, Sheryl Provens, Judy Rose, Jim Sayer, Donna Schlagheck, Ruth Schumacher, Bob Wagley

**Board Members Absent:** Peggy Bott, Donna Curtin, Carol Stevenson, Gail Whitaker, Dick Williams, and Paul Wolfe

President Kenton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 10 APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President—MARY KENTON**

- Parking Passes for the new academic year will be mailed around the third week of August.
- Gerry Petrak, serving on the Presidential Search Committee, reports a first meeting has been held to inform committee members of the legalities involved in interviewing. The committee has been divided into a number of sub-committees. Request for proposals have been sent to a number of professional search organizations.
- Kenton and Bassett met with Amy Jones of University Foundation and Nicole Crow of Alumni to discuss possibility of creating a periodic WSURA Newsletter. One purpose of the electronic newsletter is to reach the 700+ retirees who are not WSURA members to encourage their membership and to make donations to the various University funds. The Alumni office will assume responsibility for creating the newsletter from photographs and articles we submit and will do so at no charge to us. There is no apparent downside to this initiative.

A list of committee members was presented, adjusted and accepted.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016-2017**                      Mary Kenton

**Standing Committees**

Activities – Mary Gromosiak, Chair

Bylaws & Elections – Judy Rose Chair

Mary Kenton  
Dick Williams

Membership Development – Marlene Bireley, Chair

Ruth Schumacher

Ocher – Paul Wolfe, Chair

Dick Williams

Publications – Frieda Bennett, Chair

Carol Stevenson  
Mary Gromosiak

Abe Bassett (Webmaster)

Scholarship – Gary Pacernick, Chair - Paul Wolfe,

Sunshine – Peggy Bott, Chair

Historical Preservation – Gary Barlow (Temporary)

**Ad Hoc Committees**

Annual Luncheon – Gail Whitaker & Mary Gromosiak,  
Co-Chairs

Mary Kenton, Gary Barlow, Peggy Bott,

Donna Schlagheck

Speakers Bureau – Jim Sayer Chair

**Liaisons**

Athletic Council – Mary Kenton

Friends of The Library – Gary Barlow

PACERNICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.  
SECONDED BY BARLOW. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**Vice President—Donna Schlagheck - No report.**

**Past President—Richard Williams – Absent – No Report**

**Secretary—Abe Bassett**

Bassett requested that members who make reports to present a written summary.

Members are encouraged to attend at least one session of the Socrates Café on the second Thursday of each month so that they will be able to inform other retirees of this activity.

Webmaster: there have been 877 visits to the website since January and 154 in July. The Board is encouraged to comment on any aspect of the website and to notify the Webmaster of errors of commission or omission.

The In Memoriam section has now been extended to the year 2000, with plans to continue toward the first reporting of deaths in The Extension. The number of deaths reported continues to rise with 25 in the first seven months of 2016. Deaths in other years are 2015 (24), 2014 (16), 2013 (16), 2012 (12) and 2011 (8).

**Treasurer—Gail Whitaker – Absent – Reports sent by email.**

[Two Treasurer's Reports have been added to the website; that of July 30 closes out the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and that of July 30 opens the 2016-2017 fiscal year.]

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS BY PACERNICK; SECOND BY BARLOW. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**Communications—Frieda Bennett**

The deadline to receive news and stories for the fall edition of the Extension is Monday, August 15. Story and news deadlines for future editions will be posted on the website, as well as anticipated publication and mailing dates.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Activities—Mary Gromosiak**

POSSIBLE RETIREE ACTIVITIES FOR 2016-2017

**Scheduled Events:**

September 29 Dayton Hollywood Racino Dinner & Harness Racing

October 19 WSU Health Fair

May, 2017 Third Annual WSURA Luncheon

Presidential Lecture Series (Dates TBD)

Tours:

Student Success Center

Creative Arts Center

Hindu Temple in Beavercreek

Air Force Museum newest hanger

Air Force Museum restoration process

Dayton Art Institute plus lunch

**Proposed Events:**

November: Women's Basketball game

December: Dining In Brunch

January: Dining-Out Brunch

April: WSU Raiders baseball game plus dinner

May/June: Columbus Tour of Roses

**Activities to be determined:**

**Possible future activities for which payment is required in advance:**

La Comedia Dinner Theatre; An Evening with the Van Dells Valentine's Day Package

Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Cost per person \$53-\$55.)

Day Trip with *Bee On the Go*

John Rankin House, in Ripley, Ohio

U.S. Grant Boyhood Home, Georgetown, Ohio

**Bylaws and Elections—Judy Rose**

Rose welcomed the newly elected members of the Board including Schlagheck, Schumacher, and older members who have been re-elected, including Sayer & Pacernick.

### **Historical Preservation—Vacant**

Barlow volunteered to temporarily fill in as needed until a permanent replacement is made.

### **Membership—Marlene Bireley**

Bireley & Schumacher met with Gerry Petrak, former Membership Chair, to discuss contact persons for the Health Fair and the membership recruitment lists and specifics of procedures for these activities.

BIRELEY MOVED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE UP TO \$150 FROM THE DUES ACCOUNT FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE RAFFLE BASKETS AND OTHER HEALTH FAIR EXPENSES. SECONDED BY SAYER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Free discussion of ways to increase membership:

Bring Socrates Café to campus for one-hour noon meetings in the WSURA offices with a pre-announced topic.

Noon workshops led by WSURA members in our office.

Brown-Bag lunches featuring speakers on their favorite topics.

### **Scholarship Committee—Gary Pacernick—no report**

### **Sunshine Committee – Peggy Bott – (Reported by email)**

#### **Recent Deaths**

Lewis Shupe, PhD, June 26, 2016, Professor, Communications (COLA) and Art Therapy

Richard Bambic, June 27, 2016, Business Administrator, Dept. of Computer Science

John A. Vogel, July 5, 2016, Accountancy

Donald Bell, July 7, 2016, Director of Materials Management

Roberta Ritchie, July 23, 2016, Archivist for the Wright State Collections

## **LIAISONS**

**Alumni**—Robert Wagley – No report.

**International**—Bob Wagley. The Office of International Studies is creating a Host Family program in an effort to internationalize our campus and community. The Wagley's [who have had significant experience with foreign scholars] have signed up for the program and will be having a "home visit" (inspection) later this week. As more information is obtained, Wagley will report to the board on this program.

### **Athletics Council—Mary Kenton**

The next Athletic Council meeting will be August 26. Kenton met both new basketball coaches.

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

Barlow announced A Celebration of Life event for Lewis Shupe on Wednesday, August 31, from 4:00 to 6:30 pm., in the Nutter Center's Berry Room. He reported he had received a great many cards of condolence from friends and family of Lew. He anticipates a large turnout. There will be a short formal program and an opportunity for the many friends of Lew to express their regards and to share their special memories.

BIRELEY MOVED THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$150 FOR THE LIBRARIES' BOOK LEGACY PROGRAM IN THE NAME OF LEWIS SHUPE. SECONDED BY SAYER.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

OCHER—**Paul Wolfe**—**Absent**—**No report**  
OCHER will not meet until September.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sayer** reported that the current University buyout has 526 eligible participants, and as of this date 163 Faculty and Staff [31%] have indicated they will accept the buyout. The deadline for enrolling is later this month.

**Pacernick** reported that Bassett was inducted into the DayTonys Hall of Fame on July 29.

### OLD BUSINESS

PROVENS MOVED THAT THE BOARD INSTITUTE A RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM THAT WILL (1) HONOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE SPECIFIC AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION AND (2) INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMANKIND OR WHO HAVE OTHERWISE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR RETIREMENT. A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD WILL DETERMINE THE DETAILS OF THESE AWARDS. SECONDED BY SCHLAGHECK.

A brief discussion revealed that some staff board members felt that staff personnel could not compete with faculty and would be excluded from honors recognition. Another person expressed doubt that any nominations from the membership would be forthcoming. Another member questioned details of the *ad hoc* report, until it was explained that the motion is to accept the concept of awards and it will be the permanent committee that will devise rules and procedures.

SAYER MOVED TO TABLE THE MOTION TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

### SPECIAL GUEST – DR STEVEN BERBERICH, ASSOCIATE PROVOST

Dr. Berberich is the Association's official liaison with the University Administration. He is the person to represents our needs and who ensures that the Association conforms to the University policies.

He came today to explain the intricacies and difficulties in conforming to University policies on using credit cards to pay dues and membership fees, citing a 15-page document [5003 Cash Collection and E-Commerce Policy & Procedures]. In addition, he informed the Association that Human Resources will also need to complete an audit of Ms. Shannon Norton's position given she will handle all of the credit card transactions, serve as the Association's point person for dues payments and is taking on several additional non-Association duties. (Ms. Norton is on vacation this week and was unable to attend.) He accepted the Association position that a large number of transactions are not anticipated, in that the majority of members are lifetime members.

Dr Berberich indicated he was committed to completing this project for the Association by sometime in September. The Provost signed off on the Appendix A form today and the completed document is in route to the Bursar

In a question and answer period, a member spoke of the difficulty of being reimbursed when events have to be pre-paid. Getting funds into and out of the correct funds can be difficult.

Kenton thanked Berberich for coming to the meeting.

### 1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY BIRELEY. SECONDED BY SAYER.  
MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

**The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday September 7, 10:00 am.

**Meetings take place in the WSURA offices:**

210 University Foundation Building, 3070 Presidential Drive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Abe J Bassett, Secretary

*First draft submitted 5:00 p.m. August 3 2016*