

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

Present: Abe Bassett, Marlene Bireley, Mary Kenton, Peggy Bott, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Larry Prochaska, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams, Mary Gromosiak, Gary Barlow, Carol Stevenson, Ruth Schumacher, Dan Abrahamowicz, Gary Pacernick & Gail Whitaker.

Absent: Frieda Bennett, Jim Sayer.

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

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 1, 2017.

President—Donna Schlagheck

1. The office beautification continues: Thanks for the office decorations and the revamped website to Gail Whitaker and Abe Bassett. Kudos to and Marlene Bireley and Mary Kenton for publishing the Extension. Also to Gail Whitaker and Marlene for work on the Directory. And Emily, of course!!
2. The scholarship fund is approaching the endowment target. What will be the next steps? We will discuss further in February.
3. An invitation will be extended to new Foundation officer for major gifts, Bill Bigham, to attend March meeting. Update on CSIC campaign and WSURA contributions will occur at Feb meeting.
4. I am working on student employee job description.
5. Jim Sayer has resigned and will be invited to present a brown bag prior to moving to Washington DC.
6. Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Blessed Yule and Solstice to all!
7. Excused: Bennett.
8. Please note e-mail d.schlagheck@wright.edu 937 901-2019

President Elect—Joyce Howes

Joyce reported she will contact Rosa and Judy about the graphic design for WSURA. Robin Suits will also give input and will be asked about her availability to join the Webmaster team. Joyce showed the final WSURA letterhead design. A general discussion concluded that the letterhead should only be used for board business. A general discussion about board member replacements also occurred. Marlene reported that Freida may resign from the board due to family obligations. The board then discussed if this should occur, how she would be replaced.

BOARD MEMBERS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT IF FREIDA BENNETT RESIGNS FROM THE
BOARD IN HER POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, THAT MARY KENTON
WILL SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF FREIDA'S TERM.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Past President—Mary Kenton-No Report

Secretary—Larry Prochaska

Larry encouraged all board members to send their reports to him electronically.

Treasurer—Sheryl Provens

1. Treasurer's Report for November, 2017 is attached.
2. There was a general discussion of budget and expenditures. Sheryl worked out expenses for 2017-18 and WSURA finances are in good shape. The state fund is adequate for our expenses. There was a discussion about buying a color printer and Donna recommended that the executive leadership discuss options on this matter.

Communications—Frieda Bennett-No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities—Mary Gromosiak

1. **Annual Dining-out Brunch** (open to all retirees)
Mimi's Café, 4402 Walnut Street in The Greene, Beavercreek, OH
Date: Sunday, January 14, 2018 **Time:** 11 AM
RSVP: Sunday, January 7, 2018 mary.gromosiak@wright.edu or call 937.974.4010
2. **WSU Raiders vs Milwaukee - Men's Basketball**
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018 **Time:** 7 pm
Location: E.J. Nutter Center Alumni Box, Suite 218
RSVP: Friday, February 2, 2018 mary.gromosiak@wright.edu or call 937.974.4010
3. **Visit newly renovated Frank Lloyd Wright home in Springfield, OH**
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 **Cost:** senior citizens \$12.00
Time: 11 am – 12 noon tour followed by lunch **Location:** TBD
Meet: E.J. Nutter Center Parking Lot to carpool **Leave:** 10:15 am for Springfield, OH
RSVP: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 mary.gromosiak@wright.edu or call 937.974.4010
***Date subject to change. Expect call this week to confirm.**
4. **Airstream Factory Tour** – Jackson Center, OH **Tour:** 1 1/2 – 2 hours
No cost. **Date:** March day TBA **Lunch** following tour. **Carpool:** meet in E.J. Nutter Center Parking Lot
Be sure to check the WSURA web site at www.wright.edu/retirees-association for updates for this tour and all other events.
5. **Annual WSURA Retiree Luncheon – May 10, 2018**

Benefits---Carol Stevenson-No Report

Bylaws and Elections—Gail Whitaker

Gail reported that the spring luncheon committee consists of Joyce, Mary G., Donna, and herself. All are welcome to join if so interested.

Historical Preservation—Dan Abrahamowicz

The Historical Preservation Committee met on Wednesday Nov. 29. To date, over thirty persons have been interviewed as part of the project. The committee feels that there is a very good representation of the “pioneers” of WSU, that is, founders and those present at the start of the university.

Future interviews will focus on gaps in the early days and then branching out to later generations of faculty and staff to bring into focus the maturing of the institution.

There are other oral history projects that have occurred at WSU. The Boonshoft School of Medicine has one; the College of Nursing has one; and Abe recently discovered a project called “Profiles of African Americans: Their Role in Shaping Wright State University”. All material from these projects is included in the WSURA web site.

The next interviews will include Jim Sayer next week and a former student Jim Volz who now lives in California but will be in the area in January.

There was a discussion of additional translation of the videotapes into text by Emily when her time permits.

Membership Development – Marlene Bireley

Marlene discussed meeting of the deadline for the EXTENSION and complying the directory which required much of her time. There is one new member and 6 renewing members.

OCHER—Peggy Bott and Dick Williams

OCHER: OPERS Board approved the following changes to the COLA; the Ohio Legislature needs to approve:

1. Beginning in 2019 all future COLAS will be based on the CPI, capped at 2.5%
2. The new formula will be delayed two years for members who retired from 2010-2012.
3. Future retirees will not receive a COLA until their second pension anniversary.
4. If inflation is greater than 3%, COLA will be determined based upon funds available to OPERS.
4. OPERS will provide a one-time pension adjustment to restore 85% purchasing power to those retirees whose purchasing power is less than 85%.
5. Should OPERS’S required time to pay off unfunded liabilities top 30 years, the COLA will be frozen for the next calendar year.

STRS

STRS Facts and Figures

The STRS fund total as of October 31, 2017 is \$77 billion.

The total fund return for fiscal 2017 was 14.29%

The fund return for the first three months of the 2018 fiscal year is 5.1%

For the 36,600 retirees who are not in the Defined Benefits program, the table below shows how they chose to invest their funds

STRS Ohio	22,170 - 60%
TIAA	7,200 - 19.6%
VOYA Financial	4,147 - 11.3%
Fidelity Investments	1,507 - 4.1%
AIG Valic	631 - 1.7%
Nationwide Life Insurance Company	439 - 1.1%
AXA Equitable Life Insurance	271 - 0.007%
Lincoln Financial Group	278 - 0.007%

<i>Interesting facts</i>	
190 STRS recipients age 100 or older	
172 of the 190 are female	
134 are service retirees	
47 are beneficiaries of service retirees	
8 are survivors of an active teacher	
1 is a disability recipient	

Sunshine—Peggy Bott

Two deaths: Ching Po Li, MD, November 6, 2017, Associate Professor of Radiology, School of Medicine; William King, PhD, November 30, 2017, Emeritus Professor of Classics, Liberal Arts

Scholarship Committee—Gary Pacernick

Gary introduced Helena Jenkins, a WSURA scholarship recipient. She discussed her life experiences and expressed her appreciation for receiving the award.

Webmaster – Abe Bassett

Webmaster Report 2017- 2018										
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Pageviews	254	277	230	247						
Unique Pageviews	--	178	163	139						
Time on Page	--	1:21	1:18	1:54						
News Stories	11	13	17	21						
Videos News	0	2	3	4						
In Memoriam	0	5	2	0						
Obituaries	0	4	2	0						
Reflections	1	1	0	4						
Events	2	1	0	0						
Facebook photos	0	0	0	7						
Treasurer's Report	Aug 31	Sept 30	Oct 30	Nov 30						
Board Minutes	Aug 2	Sept 6	Oct 4	Nov 1						
<p>August: 2017-2018 Board members photos and contact information updated.</p> <p>September: Video category added to Events & News bucket; Updated Student Assistant Hours; Introduction of <i>WSURA: STAYING CONNECTED</i> as branding device on news stories and wherever else appropriate.</p> <p>October: Creation of Video sub-menu under News & Events Increase number of LINKS to 101 and assignment of exclusive use of Bucket Six to Links (under construction) Reconfiguration of Bucket 5 to feature Oral History, but include activities and liaisons (under construction)</p> <p>November: Completion of website revision placing more emphasis on Oral History and Links and introduction of a submenu for video news. Addition of Portraits of African Americans to Oral History. Increased accessibility through drop-down menus on home page. Posting of 7 photos on Facebook.</p> <p>December: eNewsletter mailed Dec. 5.</p>										

LAISIONS

Alumni— Dick Williams

Dick Reported that Rockafield house on campus will be torn down at the earliest convenience.

Athletics Council—Mary Kenton/Larry Prochaska

Larry reported that the volleyball coach has been terminated and a search will begin immediately. Both men's and women's soccer were successful this fall.

International—Ruth Schumacher

Ruth reported that additional volunteers to help the UCIE implement its programs would be appreciated. More about the updates and reorganization of the office will be reported at the FEB meeting.

Friends of the Libraries—Gary Barlow

1. Shelia Shellabarger, University Librarian, will retire Jan. 1, 2018.
2. Linda Daniels, Coordinator of Administrative Services in the Library, will be the new staff person assigned to work with the Friends of the Libraries Board.

New Business

CSIC Scholarship Report

Abe Bassett reported on data from the CSIC Scholarship including salient statistics of gifts from WSURA members.

Report on CSIC scholarship drive for 2017 based on statistics provided by Amy Jones, Director of Annual

Giving

The 2017 drive is ongoing with retirees being contacted by students working in the University Foundation office of Annual Giving. Student calling began in mid-November and continues until December 19. A completed report for 2017 retiree donations will not be available until February 2018.

As of November 30, 2017, 167 retirees have given \$100,639 with five gifts of \$5,000 or more. \$7,868 has been designated for the Retiree's Nick Davis Endowment, bringing that fund's total to approximately \$85,000. The original goal was to reach the \$90,000 level because at a 5% University Foundation payout, three \$1500 scholarships would be fully funded. However, the Foundation has reduced the payout to 4.5%, which means that the fund must reach the \$100,000 level to fully fund the scholarships.

Retiree donations have benefited from the \$6,100 of matching money contributed by members of the board, of which \$5,400 has been committed.

Contributions and the number of contributors are running behind the pace set in the years from 2012 to 2016. However, on a positive note the official total contributions of retirees since 2001 has reached and exceeded the one million dollar mark and stands at \$1,076,015.00. As of October 30, 2016, retiree giving for the calendar year was at \$131,619 from 124 donors with 8 gifts were \$5,000 or more.

Guidelines for Display of Art in WSURA Office

Gary Barlow reported that guidelines for art displays in the WSURA office were drafted by committee. The Board decided that an inventory should always be kept for insurance requirements.

WSURA Guidelines for Art Exhibits

Committee:

Gary Barlow
Marlene Bireley
Mary Kenton

1. The exhibit would generally be displayed for one calendar year. Exceptions could be made for individual pieces of work, or for special situations. Some large pieces might be displayed for a longer period of time.
2. Requirements and qualities of art work:
 - a. Original (not copied, stereotyped, etc.)
 - b. Framed and/or ready to hang or be displayed
 - c. Clean (free from extraneous matter)
 - d. Includes descriptions on back (title, artist, medium)
3. The majority of art work for each display will be from WSURA members. Other "fill in" works may be from members' personal collections, or from other WSU faculty or staff, or from respected artist in the greater Dayton community. We encourage a variety of art that can easily be displayed in our area, such as (but not limited to) paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, calligraphy, poetry, stitchery, small quilts, fabric and collage work, mixed media and ceramics.
4. WSURA is not responsible for loss, damage or any protection to any individual art work. The artist understands that this is a temporary exhibit.

5. Additional WSURA volunteers may be needed to transfer art pieces to the exhibit area, hang the exhibit, periodically check the exhibit and tags and be sure that the “exhibition sheet” is kept up-to-date.
6. Any questions, clarifications and/or final decisions will be made by the WSURA art exhibit committee.
7. Added benefit for the future: “WSURA Open House Art Exhibits” at designated times for the University community. This will give added publicity for WSURA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 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 a large initial "L" and "P".

Lawrence J Prochaska, Ph.D.,

Secretary