

Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 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, & Gail Whitaker.

Absent: Frieda Bennett, Jim Sayer, Dan Abrahamowicz, and Gary Pacernick

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

***THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 4, 2017.***

A presentation by guests S. Sherbet and S. Adams with C. Stevenson was given on Wright1 Card benefits (See attached file)

President—Donna Schlagheck

1. The Brown Bag event on October 13 with Paul Leonard was well attended. The speaker for the next event was discussed with founder of Huffman Prairie as one possible speaker. Other suggestions included an update on local arts/music initiatives and also gene therapy.
2. It was suggested that the men's chorale headed by James Tipps attend the Board holiday party on December 6.
3. The WSURA participation at the University Health Fair was a grand success. Thanks to those who participated.

BOARD MEMBERS MOVED AND SECONDED TO EXPEND UP TO \$20/PERSON FROM
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EACH BOARD MEMBER FOR THE DECEMBER 6 HOLIDAY
SEASON LUNCHEON

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Dan Krane the incoming President of the Faculty Senate will speak at the Spring luncheon.
5. Excused: Sayer, Abrahamowicz, Pacernick, Schumacher, Bennett.
6. Please note e-mail d.schlagheck@wright.edu 937 901-2019

President Elect—Joyce Howes

Joyce reported that with Judy they will confer with the student who designed the 50 year logo for WSU concerning a new branding design for WSURA. Robin Suits will also give input. Joyce sent out the Board email list and if there are corrections please advise.

Past President—Mary Kenton

Mary reported that she wrote the bios for the 2017-18 WSURA scholarship students and that they will be featured in December issue of the *The Extension*.

Secretary—Larry Prochaska

Larry thanked Marlene Bireley for graciously taking the minutes of the October meeting. He also encouraged all board members to send their reports to him electronically.

Treasurer—Sheryl Provens

1. Treasurer's Report for October, 2017 is attached.
2. Sheryl discussed the additional items below.
3. Sheryl reported that we now have a procard for the Dues account. The following types of expenditures have been approved by the Provost Office: Refreshments for events: raffle items and table decorations for the annual Retirees Luncheon; gift basket items for the Health and Benefits fair (this could include WSU Bookstore items; small gift cards, snacks, etc.
4. Community event tickets that need to be purchased in advance then reimbursed to the dues fund by ticket sales
5. Our membership application form needs to be revised. The current form is unclear as to whom to make payment to when paying by check. This is leading members to make checks payable to the WSU Foundation instead of WSURA. Fortunately, the two we received were life time members already and agreed to donate their \$25 checks to our Patron Fund in the Foundation.
6. When making gifts from WSURA to fund Legacy Books, Sheryl suggested that we request a check payable to WSU Foundation to be deposited to the Legacy Book Fund. Then the Library can access that fund to buy the book we are funding.
7. Members requested the purchase of a folding table (\$137.97) and two small carts (\$18.50 each) to be used for events.

BOARD MEMBERS MOVED AND SECONDED TO EXPEND UP TO \$250 ON THE FOREMENTIONED ITEMS. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE MOTION WAS EXPENDITURES ON A STEP STOOL AND A FURNITURE DOLLY.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. In light of Emily's excellent performance, Sheryl recommended that we increase her pay from \$9 to \$10 per hour.

BOARD MEMBERS MOVED AND SECONDED TO PROVIDE EMILY ROSS, STUDENT ASSISTANT A PAY RAISE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 TO \$10/HR.

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Communications—Frieda Bennett-No Report

There was a general discussion on *The Extension*. It is traditionally sent out in December with an editorial deadline of November 17. Marlene mentioned that in Frieda's absence, she is willing to try to gather information to meet the deadline. Donna volunteered a report on Paul Leonard's Brown Bag discussion. Marlene will summarize the health fair activities. Mary volunteered to send the bios on the student scholarship winners. Pictures of the students and the new art in the office/conference room will be included along with reports on upcoming activities. Ruth will write a discussion of UCIE affairs.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities—Mary Gromosiak—

1. Sunday Matinee – Fiddler-on-the-Roof – November 19, 2-5 pm [all tickets assigned].
2. December Dining-in Holiday Brunch [11 am Sunday December 10] hosted by Abe Bassett. 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. *The format is to bring a dish.*
3. WSU Men’s Basketball Game [Alumni Affairs Box available in Nutter Center] will be 2/10.
4. 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: 1/14.
5. Airstream Factory Tour – Jackson Center, OH. Tour: 1 ½ - 2 hrs. No cost. Date: TBD possibly March
6. Annual Retiree Luncheon – May 10, 2018, Dan Krane will speak.
7. History, Mystery, Mayhem and Murder Tour – Woodland Cemetery [every night sold out in August] Maybe next year!

Benefits---Carol Stevenson

See Information on attached document.

Bylaws and Elections—Gail Whitaker—No Report

Historical Preservation—Dan Abrahamowicz-No Report

Membership Development – Marlene Bireley

The Health Fair was successful with 225 entering the raffle and over fifty brochures given out to attendees who were nearing retirement. The raffle baskets were worth over \$50 thanks to donations by the WSU Athletic Department, the WSU Book Store and the Fairfield Road Starbucks supplemented by foodstuffs and restaurant gift cards supplied by WSURA. Basket winners were Adrienne Guidelsky, Administrative Support Coordinator, Biological Sciences, and Leisa Alejandro, Grounds Maintenance. Thanks to Carol Stevenson who assisted in shopping for the basket contents and Mary Kenton, Gail Whitaker and Sheryl Provens who manned the booth.

OCHER—Peggy Bott and Dick Williams

Links to both OPERS and STRS websites with accompanying newsletters are posted on the WSURA website.

OCHER: OPERS Board approved the following changes to the COLA:

1. Beginning in 2019 all future COLAS will be based on the CPI, capped at 2.25%
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. 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.

OPERS has \$100.2 billion in pension liabilities and \$80.3 billion in assets. These unfunded liabilities are the given reason for the changes, along with the fact the folks are living longer. The average age of

retirement is 57 so many retirees will live longer in retirement than years worked.

STRS – premium increases for Medicare supplements for Medicare-covered individuals will be limited to 6% in the future. There is no increase for 2018. For non-Medicare covered retirees there will be no cap on future increases and there is a substantial increase for this year. PLEASE SEE STRS WEBSITE FOR SALIENT DETAILS.

Sunshine—Peggy Bott

Sunshine: Please bring \$5 to the next meeting for a Christmas cash gift to our student assistant.

Two deaths: Patricia Ann Vendt, October 22, 2017, CATS; Norma Sue Wilcox, PhD, October 22, 2017, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Scholarship Committee—Gary Pacernick

No Report.

Webmaster – Abe Bassett

Webmaster Report 2017- 2018										
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Page views	254	277	230							
Unique Page views	--	178	163							
Time on Page	--	1:21	1:18							
News Stories	11	13	17							
Videos	0	2	3							
In Memoriam	0	5	2							
Obituaries	0	4	2							
Reflections	1	1	0							
Events	2	1	0							
Treasurer's Report	Aug 31	Sept 30	Oct 30							
Board Minutes	Aug 2	Sept 6	Oct 4							
<p><i>August:</i> 2017-2018 Board members photos and contact information updated.</p> <p><i>September:</i> 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 where ever else appropriate.</p> <p><i>October:</i> Creation of Video sub-menu under News & Events</p> <p>Increase number of LINKS to 101 and assignment of exclusive use of Bucket Six to Links (under construction)</p> <p>Reconfiguration of Bucket 5 to feature Oral History, but include activities and liaisons (under construction)</p>										

LAISIONS

Alumni— Dick Williams

No Report

Athletics Council—Mary Kenton/Larry Prochaska

Mary reported that Athletics is self-policing on items such as Gender Equity, Academics, Minority Affairs as NCAA enforcement of these issues has all but disappeared. Larry reported that the swimming teams will be eliminated after the 2017-18 season.

International—Ruth Schumacher

Ruth reported that there will be a planning meeting for sponsors of international students and faculty. In addition, alumni of the program will be invited to UCIE. There will be a monthly EMAIL update on these programs.

Friends of the Libraries—Gary Barlow

1. Friends of the Library annual luncheon will occur on April 19, 2018 at noon.
2. Six undergrad and graduate students were award \$500 scholarships for this semester. FOL contributed \$1500 to the scholarship fund.
3. The Library hosted a game night during the first week of classes which FOL sponsored.
4. WSURA Legacy Library Book contribution honoring WSU's 50th year anniversary will include choosing a general topic and the Library will find a book to match the topic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday December 6, 10:30 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence J Prochaska, Ph.D.,

Secretary

