

(Second Draft—Yet to be approved)
Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board Of Directors
OCTOBER 7, 2015

Board Members Present: Gary Barlow, Abe Bassett, Frieda Bennett, Marlene Bireley, Mary Gromosiak, Mary Kenton, Gary Pacernick, Gerry Petrak, Jim Sayer, Lew Shupe, Carol Stevenson, Bob Wagley, Gail Whitaker, Dick Williams Paul Wolfe

Absent: Donna Curtin, Elizabeth Harden, Judy Rose, Carol Stevenson

President Williams called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

MOTION: WAGLEY MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2. SECONDED BY WOLFE. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President—Dick Williams

Enrollment. - Fall semester enrollment figures are up 1.6% and student credit hours are up 1.9% from last fall semester. The University Financial Model has been placed on hold. Designed to make each College responsible for all income and expenses, it was discovered that those units were increasing income by requiring more courses be taken in their home unit.

University financial reserves are reported down by at least 50%, since last year.

New business. - The revised Procedures Manual will be brought before the board at the November meeting as new business.

Retiree contributions to the university are up to \$143, 250 in 2015 from \$75,700 at a comparable date in 2014. The average donation is \$1,225 compared to \$600 in the previous year. The retiree Phonathon begins October 7 or 8 and the results will be reported in November. To date \$6,130 is earmarked for the Nick Davis Scholarship Fund.

Vice President—Mary Kenton

Kenton introduced a personnel matter. A lengthy discussion followed.

Past-President—Jim Sayer

With respect to the University's financial condition, many of the new positions authorized in the previous year have been unfunded.

Secretary—Abe Bassett

Abe thanked members for their quick response to the draft of the August minutes, and asked members respond to the October meeting within 24 hours. It is expected that a draft version will be posted to the website in about 48 hours. Members who make reports are also asked to provide the secretary with a written report.

Telephone numbers. - All board members who gave permission, have had their telephone numbers posted on the WSURA website. Three members, absent last month, have now given permission to add their numbers.

The website has been updated with additions to "Reflections" including poetry by Rubin Battino, Cecil Cary and a history of the Department of Religion by Nick Piediscalzi. There are also recent news items on the Big Lens Film Festival and suggestions on how to spot scammers when shopping online.

Treasurer—Gail Whitaker

Monthly report. - The Treasurer's Report for September 30 has been posted online. Expenditures for the month of September were moderate. The cost of the last Extension was \$538. The \$934 advance payment for tickets for the La Comedia Dinner Theatre outing prompted the cancellation of the credit card, causing consternation for the Treasurer. The situation has been remedied.

Whitaker reported on the Executive Committee's recommendation to change the dues structure, effect January 1, 2016.

MOTION: BASSETT MOVED THAT THE ANNUAL FEE BE INCREASED TO \$25; THE LIFE FEE TO \$100 AT ANY AGE; AND THE FIRST YEAR'S NO COST PROVISITON FOR NEW RETIREES BE REMOVED. SECONDED

BY GROMOSIAK. MOTION CARRIED 16 FOR AND 2 AGAINST.

Communications—Marlene Bireley

Biographies. - Five members have submitted their bios but 13 have not. These bios will be used in future editions of the Extension to acquaint association members with the backgrounds and current activities of those who serve on the Board.

Kasannah Parrish, an English major, has been selected to receive the second scholarship award.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities –Mary Gromosiak

Gromosiak asked that any checks submitted to her for activities, be made out to the “Wright State University Retirees Association,” and not to her personally.

Thirteen persons attended the recent DAI tour and lunch on October 2.

Scheduled activities; La Commedia Dinner Theatre, October 29; Dayton Hollywood Racino, November 4; December Holiday Dining-in Brunch, will be on either Sunday December 6 or 13 at the home of Tom & Helen Listerman.

Presidential Lectures: Former US Senator from Iowa, Tom Harkin, November 3; Amy Purdy, February. 12; Maysoon Zayid, March 22.

By-laws and Elections—Judy Rose

Absent. No report.

Historical Preservation—Lew Shupe

Shupe requests the help of the board in locating individuals who will become active in the Historical Preservation activities. Help is needed as more persons come forward asking to be interviewed. Several retirees wish to donate some of their materials to the Archives and are asking for guidance. More than one person is needed to work in Historical Preservation. The Archives staff would provide training.

Membership—Gerry Petrak

Petrak presented a draft of the WSURA brochure in anticipation of distributing them at the Health Fair in two weeks. A number of changes have been made and the board members offered their suggestions on the brochure’s design and content.

With respect to gaining new members Pacernick emphasized that person-to-person contact was the single most effective method. Barlow urged the Membership committee to think “out of the box.” Bassett reminded the Board that University Foundation and Alumni staff has offered to give leadership on devising a membership campaign.

32 new members have been added to the retiree’s association rolls in the first half of this year. Several WSURA Board members have volunteered to call new retirees to invite them to join the association. Petrak will coordinate the list to eliminate repeat calls.

Scholarship Committee—Mary Kenton

No report.

Sunshine—Peggy Bott

Deaths:

- Donald Swanson, Professor of English, September 17
- George Griffith Hess, Professor of Chemistry, September 4

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Alumni—Elizabeth Harden

Absent. No report

Athletic Council—Mary Kenton

The Athletics Council met September 25 in the Student Union with Mill Miller presiding.

Baseball coach Greg Lovelady talked about the baseball program and his hopes of winning the Horizon League outright this year.

Two membership issues were resolved.

- The number of Faculty Senate representatives was restored to two.
- The rules were suspended to elect Larry Prochaska to fill the position of Immediate Past Chair, which was vacated when Jeff John retired.

Friends of the Library—Gary Barlow

The Annual Luncheon will be held in May on Wednesday, April 20.

Four workshops have been scheduled this year and in order to entice more participants the cost has been reduced to \$10 per workshop, which are

- November 7 - Holiday Memories (recording favorite holiday memories)
- January 16 - Cloud Computing
- February 9 - Exploring the Archives
- March 12 - Mobile Mania (for users of mobile devices)

Four books and dates have been selected by the Unwin(e)d Book Club and are listed in the Events unit of the WSURA website.

International—Bob Wagley

Reception. - Five visiting scholars attended a reception on Wednesday September 30. Visiting scholars are being invited to attend a final dress rehearsal of the musical *Chicago*, presented by the Department of Theatre Arts.

LEAP Program. The Wagleys will continue their LEAP service by befriending the Iraqi couple they met last year, and will also meet with a couple from Libya. Opportunity for service in the LEAP program is available to all retirees.

OCHER—Paul Wolfe

Wolfe reported on the September 15 OCHER meeting held in the STRS building in Columbus.

The report will be sent to all members as an email and will be posted as a news item on the WSURA website.

Two websites reported by Wolfe bear inspection:

- DocInfo.org is a function of the Federation of State Medical Boards designed to inform you of your doctor's licenses and actions against the doctor.
- <http://www.MerckManuals.com/home> is another source of ailments, symptoms and treatments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

The NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 4, 10:00am, 210 University Foundation Building, 3070 Presidential Drive

Respectfully submitted,
Abe J Bassett, Secretary