# Wright State University Retirees Association Minutes of the Board of Directors as submitted for the February 2018 board meeting cancelled due to inclement weather

## President—Donna Schlagheck

- 1. Board vacancies are available due to resignations by Jim Sayer and Frieda Bennett.
- 2. Foundation Officer will be invited to join us at our March, 2018 Board meeting to discuss options and ideas for a successor to the Nick Davis Scholarship.
- 3. Thanks to Mary Gromosiak, we all had a great evening at the Nutter Center.
- 4. We had a conversation about Ruth Schumacher's request for support for a UCIE program to connect our members with international students/researchers/faculty. Broad support was articulated, and a mailing from Ruth will be on its way to you soon. \$100 support for the project was agreed to; PLEASE share any concerns on this matter as soon as possible.
- 5. Gary Barlow, and Carol Stevenson, spoke to the matter of WSURA support for the historical preservation project, and the specific need in CaTS for funding to hire a student worker to transcribe interviews. Donna suggested including our student worker, Emily Ross, in this process. Emily would need to attend approximately 4 hours of training; she could work roughly 5 hours a week at CaTS transcribing, paid by WSURA. CaTS may also train other students. Summer registration is TBD on Emily's part. Gary Barlow will discuss this collaboration with CaTS, and inform the board. PLEASE share any questions or concerns ASAP. Carol Stevenson noted that she has advised S. Provens that support for a project consistent with our mission in the amount of (up to) \$1,000 will be readily borne by our budget and current financial picture.

Please note e-mail d.schlagheck@wright.edu, or telephone at (937) 901-2019

## **Treasurer—Sheryl Provens**

1. Treasurer's Reports for December 2017 and January 2018 are attached.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### **Activities—Mary Gromosiak**

#### 1. WS Raider Basketball Game vs. Milwaukee Panthers

**Date:** Saturday, February 10, 2018. **Time:** 7:00 pm. **Meet:** Alumni Box #218. Box opens at 6:00 pm.

**Tickets:** to be picked up at Will Call. May be ready by Wednesday, February 7.

[We were offered 16 free tickets from the Alumni Office and had a request for 25 tickets. Our board has picked up the tab for the additional nine tickets at \$5 a ticket. I'm expecting another nine people to stop by who already have tickets so we will have one order of Bottomless Popcorn for \$12 and two orders of Chips & Dip at \$23 each for a total of \$46. There may be some additional cost if beverages would need to be replaced.

## 2. Visit newly renovated Frank Lloyd Wright home in Springfield, Ohio

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Cost: senior citizens, \$12.00

Time: 10:30 am tour followed by lunch Location: Season's Bistro & Grille

Meet: Lot 1 of the E.J. Nutter Center Parking Lot (facing Col. Glenn Hwy.) to carpool to

Springfield, OH.

Leave: Nutter Center Parking Lot by 9:30 am for Springfield.

**RSVP:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018. mary.gromosiak@wright.edu or call 937.974.4010

3. Airstream Factory Tour – Jackson Center, OH

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018. No cost for tour.

**Time:** 10:00 am tour.

Meet: Lot 1 of the E.J. Nutter Center Parking Lot (facing Col. Glenn Hwy.) to carpool to Jackson

Center, OH.

Leave: Nutter Center Parking Lot by 9:00 am for Jackson Center.

RSVP: Tuesday, March 20, 2018. mary.gromosiak@wright.edu or call 937.974.4010

4. Annual WSURA Retiree Luncheon - May 10, 2018+

#### Webmaster – Abe Bassett

Webmaster Report 2017- 2018										
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Pageviews	254	277	230	247	192	162				
Unique Pageviews		178	163	139	114	103				
Time on Page		1:21	1:18	1:54	1:40	0:42				
News Stories	11	13	17	21	24	15				
eNewsletter, # sent		-	-	-	2	0				
eNewsletter opened					684	0				
Videos News	0	2	3	4	4	9				
In Memoriam	0	5	2	0	1	1				
Obituaries	0	4	2	0	3	2				
Reflections	1	1	0	4	1	2				
Events	2	1	0	0	3	0				
Facebook posts	0	0	0	7	21	12				
Treasurer's Report	Aug 31	Sept 30	Oct 30	Nov 30	Dec. 31	Jan 31				
Board Minutes	Aug 2	Sept 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Dec. 6					

August: 2017-2018 Board members photos and contact information updated.

September: Video category added to Events & News bucket; Updated Student Assistant Hours; Introduction of WSURA:

STAYING CONNECTED as branding device on news stories and wherever else appropriate.

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)

**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.

**December:** eNewsletter mailed Dec. 5. Sent to 618 addresses; opened by 338 (55%)—not opened by 277 Second eNewsleter mailed December 14: Sent to 620 addresses; opened by 346 (56.3%)—not opened by 270 **January:** 

February: Planning eNewsletter for release by mid-month.

The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Meetings take place in the WSURA offices:

210 University Foundation Building, 3070 Presidential Drive

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary