

Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 2, 2018

Present: Abe Bassett, Marlene Bireley, Mary Kenton, Sheryl Provens, Larry Prochaska, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams, Gary Barlow, Carol Stevenson, Ruth Schumacher, Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker, Judi Engel & Robin Suits.

Absent: Mary Gromosiak, Dan Abrahamowicz, Gary Pacernick & Joyce Howes.

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

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 4,
2018.

President—Donna Schlagheck

1. Donna requested 5 year data on Nick Davis and REMINDER to Board members to contribute to the Nick Davis Scholarship Fund, as it is nearing complete endowment. Phone-a-thon started immediately following the board meeting.

Retiree and Nick Davis 5-Yr Report			
WSURA Nick Davis Endowed Schl			
Year	Gifts & Pledges Through CSIC Campaign	Gifts & Pledges external of CSIC Campaign	TOTAL
2013	\$1,370	\$460	\$1,830
2014	\$8,380	\$700	\$9,080
2015	\$11,625	\$1,000	\$12,625
2016	\$8,545	\$1,000	\$9,545
2017	\$9,168	\$790	\$9,958
WSURA Board Giving			
Year	No. of Board Members	No. of Board Members Supporting Nick Davis Schl	Total Given Towards Nick Davis
2013	19	6	\$450
2014	20	16	\$2,265
2015	19	16	\$4,500
2016	18	18	\$5,570
2017	18	16	\$5,100
2018	17	6	\$2,200

2. From April Board discussion, successor scholarship fund may include:

--Emerald Jazz
--Model UN

- Financially in-need undergrads or grad students
- Study Abroad
- Disabled students
- support for field work
- WSU Oral History

The appropriateness of each of the above categories was discussed. The President recommends the 2018-2019 Scholarship Committee discuss and bring a proposal to the Board by end of 2018 or full endowment of Nick Davis Scholarship, whichever comes sooner. It was decided that the Executive and Scholarship Committees would decide this together and bring forward nominations for next scholarship campaign.

3. Donna is in communication with Dayton Council on World Affairs and she spoke with Treasurer Vaughn Shannon; will report response from DCOWA.
4. Donna reminds to call center volunteers, and MAY 10 LUNCHEON.
5. Please note e-mail d.schlagheck@wright.edu 937 901-2019

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED THAT IN THE FUTURE GIFTS SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY PERSONAL DONATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS NOT THE WSURA TREASURY. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Elect—Joyce Howes

No Report

Past President—Mary Kenton

Mary reported that the Communication sub-committee membership will be Marlene, Abe, Robin, Judi and herself. Also Judi has finished reformatting the newsletter.

Mary also discussed an offer made by Bob Grant, Director of Athletics for prospective new men's basketball season ticket holders that are members of WSURA. If WSURA members buy season's basketball tickets, Bob will return 50% to WSURA treasury. This offer only applies to NEW season ticket holder. Mary and Larry will explore this option further with Bob Grant.

Secretary—Larry Prochaska

No Report

Treasurer—Sheryl Provens

The April, 2018 report is attached. Sheryl reported that there are adequate funds to support Emily Ross for Level 2 student employee. She works independently under general supervision.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED THAT EMILY ROSS BE PROMOTED (WITH STUDENT

EMPLOYMENT APPROVAL) TO A LEVEL 2 STUDENT EMPLOYEE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Communications—Mary Kenton

See Past President Report. Robin reported that Amanda in WSU marketing recommends using Salesforce software for the WSURA newsletter. She plans to meet with Amanda and have mockups for the June Board meeting. Robin also requested that all WSURA email lists be sent to her so that she can organize and develop a master list for the new WSURA newsletter.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities—Mary Gromosiak

1. Gail Whitaker reported on the luncheon committee work:

All the tasks to prepare for the luncheon have been completed except for calling in the final number to attend. We will be making some calls today to members who have not made reservations to see if we can boost the attendance a bit.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$100 FOR GIFT BASKETS FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL WSURA LUNCHEON. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Presented by Marlene Bireley

Marlene reported on the success of the workshops held in April.

	Religion	Tech	Genealogy	International	Total
Total Attendees	11	11	10	14	46
Unduplicated Count	11	9	4	3	27
Board Members	7	5	3	6	
Members (not Board)	4	5	4	5	
Guests/Spouses	0	1	3	3	
Evaluations:	19 Exceeded Expectations				
	13 Met Expectations				
	0 Did not meet expectations				
Suggestions for Improvement:	Divide tech workshops into Mac/Android Spread workshops out throughout the year Take a break in the middle of the time Provide handouts/bibliography (international)				
Suggested topics for future workshop:	Tech (Organizing/Filtering Computer Files) More Genealogy, End of Life Issues, Downsizing, Philosophy, Science Fiction, DAI Lectures (Barlow), WWI and WWII History, Political Issues (Corruption in Politics, Bringing Logic to the Second Amendment, Educating our youth in lessons of history, Threats to our democracy, How the World Map has Changed, Israeli-Palestinian Peace-Is it Possible?)				

Benefits---Carol Stevenson-No Report

Bylaws and Elections—Gail Whitaker

Gail reported that the cover letter for the election is finished and the ballots are being mailed out. Larry and Ruth are running for President-elect and Secretary respectively. Robin, Gary P., and Judi are running for at large open positions on the Board.

Historical Preservation—Dan Abrahamowicz

Dan reported that Emily is update to date on transcriptions of interviews and that J. Bolz was interviewed recently. Mike Cusack is next to be interviewed.

Membership Development – Marlene Bireley

Marlene reported that WSURA membership has increased 30 fold since the founding year.

OCHER—Peggy Bott and Dick Williams

OPERS Report

Peggy reported that there will be no change in manner in which COLA is determined for the coming year. OPERS is not funding the healthcare fund anymore and is using remaining funds to support healthcare subsidies.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

No Report

Sunshine—Peggy Bott

Peggy reported the following recent deaths, Charlotte Green, Bursars Office, and JoAnn Cross, Nursing.

Scholarship Committee—Gary Pacernick

Gary reported that the committee will meet in June.

Webmaster – Abe Bassett

Webmaster Report 2017- 2018										
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Pageviews	254	277	230	247	192	162	167			
Unique Pageviews	--	178	163	139	114	103	108			
Time on Page	--	1:21	1:18	1:54	1:40	0:42	1:10			
News Stories	11	13	17	21	24	15	22			
eNewsletter, # sent	-	-	-	-	2	0	1			
eNewsletter opened					684	0				
Videos News	0	2	3	4	4	9	9			
In Memoriam	0	5	2	0	1	2	4			
Obituaries	0	4	2	0	3	2	4			
Reflections	1	1	0	4	1	2	0			
Events	2	1	0	0	3	0	1			
Facebook posts	0	0	0	7	21	12	0			
Treasurer's Report	Aug 31	Sept 30	Oct 30	Nov 30	Dec. 31	Jan 31	Feb 28			
Board Minutes	Aug 2	Sept 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Dec. 6	--	Feb 20			
<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. Sent to 618 addresses; opened by 338 (55%)—not opened by 277 Second eNewsletter mailed December 14: Sent to 620 addresses; opened by 346 (56.3%)—not opened by 270</p> <p>January:</p> <p>February: Released eNewsletter for release by late in month. Added six "Outlier" links. Photo page rearranged. Video page rearranged. Accepted Robin Suits as Associate Webmaster.</p>										

Robin is changing the home page. Current news will be on the home page. The newsroom will have a link from the home page. Robin solicits all comments on this approach. Please email your comments to her at robin.suits@wright.edu.

LAISIONS

Alumni— Dick Williams-No report.

Athletics Council—Mary Kenton/Larry Prochaska

Larry reported that the swimming team is still defunct. Two mens' basketball players have left the team.

International—Ruth Schumacher

No Report.

Friends of the Libraries—Gary Barlow

Gary reported that 50 people attended the Friends of Libraries Annual Luncheon on April 19, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING: June 6, 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