

Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 6, 2020
(via Zoom)

President Prochaska called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He asked Gail Whitaker, Chair of Constitution and Bylaws, if a quorum was present. There was a quorum present.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
MARCH 6, 2020.

I. Officers Reports

President—Lawrence Prochaska

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CURRENT
ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED BOARD LIASONS TO CONTINUE IN THEIR
POSITIONS UNTIL JULY 1 2021 DUE THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK AND THE
UNIVERSITY BEING CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 24TH.

Larry led the discussion on the following topics:

Scholarships – Mary and Richard reported that we have no preferred applicants for the Nick Davis scholarships. WSU asked us to fund two scholarships.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A MOTION TO FUND TWO SCHOLARSHIPS
CHOSEN FROM THE UNIVERSITY IN 2020-2021.

Richard, Mary, and Jerry will comprise the committee to select the recipients.

Continuation of Ms. Emily Ross, Student Employee — Given that the university is closed until fall semester, the board decided to furlough Emily until fall quarter with the conditions that the university be open and there are sufficient funds to support her position. Ms. Ross has been notified and graciously accepted the offer that if we have funds, she would like to continue to work for WSURA in the fall.

President-elect: Dan Abrahamowicz — No report

Past President: Joyce Howes — No report

Secretary: Ruth Schumacher — No report

Treasurer: Sheryl Provens (Thanks)

Budget Update — Planning for a putative budget cut

Communications: Mary Kenton

There will be no Extension until the University fully reopens. There may be a shorter electronic form in the summer.

II. Committee Reports:

Activities: Mary Gromosiak

Gift cards remain from picnic: Ideas for distribution?

Zoom meetings for members in fall – Paul Leonard, as a putative invitee, limitation: our current Zoom License is limited to 100 participants

Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker — No report

Historical Preservation: Kathy Morris — No report

Membership Development: Judi Engle — No report

OCHER: Peggy Bott and Dick Williams — Pensions OK for now; may be affected by layoffs

Scholarships: Richard Mercer — Will meet with Mary and Jerry to fund two scholarships

Remembrance: Peggy Bott — No deaths reported

Webmaster: Robin Suits – Larry acknowledged Robin for setting up the Zoom meeting.

III. Liaisons:

Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams — No report

Community/National/International Affairs: Donna Schlagheck:

Nov., 2020 — DCOWA Richard Holbrooke bio Movie at Neon, hosted by David Holbrooke (on hold, Neon screening on 11/20)

Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow — No report

UCIE: Ruth Schumacher — Donna and Ruth met with Cheryl Meyer to discuss programs and it was a productive meeting.

Athletics Council: Mary Kenton, Larry Prochaska

Spring athletes were given an extra year eligibility by the NCAA, no word what WSU is going to do. Athletics has been asked to cut 1 million from their budget.

Next Meeting: June 3, 10:00 am, via Zoom

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence Prochaska, acting secretary