

# WSURA Board Minutes: August 05, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Ruth B Schumacher, 08.05.20

**Present:** Larry Prochaska, Sheryl Provens, Gary Barlow, Judi Engle, Gail Whitaker, Donna Schlagheck, Peggy Bott, Mary Gromosiak, Mary Kenton, Dan Abrahamowicz, Robin Suits, Joyce Howes, Ruth Schumacher

**Absent:** Kathy Morris, Gary Pacernick, Richard Mercer, Jerry Alter

## GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Welcome to the WSURA August 2020 Board meeting
2. July 2020 minutes approved

## OFFICER REPORTS

### 1. President: Larry Prochaska

- a. Discussion of university opening: Live mtgs or zoom Board mtgs to continue? Zoom mtgs approved. Next mtg is Sept 02, 2020
- b. Discussion re: Annual Giving communication. Proposal from Amy Shope-Jones appreciated, but since we do not have a recipient to nominate this year, we propose highlighting students who have benefited from the scholarship as our first choice and dropping from the letter as our second. Mary K and Larry P to follow up.
- c. Discussion re: student worker hours. The organization does not have sufficient student tasks to support a student worker at this time. The board agreed to terminate the student worker. Larry P to follow up.
- d. Discussion re: programs for fall. Possibilities included the following:
  1. Paul Leonard
  2. Peace Accord anniversary: may need to wait on David Holbrook due to current conditions, but DCOWA has a back up plan re showing a film on Richard Holbrook with David speaking. They may need to wait on the Neon Theatre due to current conditions
  3. Dayton mayor: request to speak (maybe at the luncheon) postponed till after the election; Larry P to follow up.
- e. Overview of Athletic Council

### 2. President Elect: Dan Abrahamowicz (no report)

### 3. Past President: Joyce Howes (no report)

### 4. Secretary: Ruth Schumacher (no report)

### 5. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens

- a. Treasurer's report overviewed; detail within the report sent to all Board members. Report approved
- b. Larry and Judy to develop a letter to recent retirees
- c. Assistance offered from all Board members (with this and other tasks)

### 6. Communications: Mary Kenton

- a. The Extension is in process of being mailed
- b. Proposal for an Extension in December focusing on the status of the University during this changed time
  1. interviews with students, staff might be interesting for members
  2. other topics to be identified (e.g., activity of the food pantry; residence hall life; international students; lay-offs)
  3. Printing Service cancelled its contract with XEROX so orders cannot be submitted on line. Email is now used. The Board will have to change its procedure for using printing service. More information should be coming.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Activities: Mary Gromosiak

- a. Upcoming events— some possibilities to be investigated further, depending upon quarantine regulation changes, etc.
- b. Ruth shared phone calling strategy; to be discussed at a future meeting. Suggested phone calling as a way to check in
- a. Robin, Judi, and Mary G to consolidate a listing of event attendees to use in connection with the Paul Leonard event (completed)

### 2. Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker – no report

3. **Historical Preservation: Kathy Morris (absent)**
  - a. Gail recommended Board members listen to Jim Sayer's interview
4. **Peggy Bott: OPERS/OCHER/STRS**
  - a. See first page of the last OPERS newsletter re financial gains, which were strong and should help to offset negative returns of this year.
  - b. Operations budgeting include forecasting some bad years.
5. **Dick Williams: OPERS/OCHER/STRS**
  - a. Minimal health insurance price raises will be effected
6. **Membership Development: Judi Engle (no report)**
7. **Scholarships: Richard Mercer (absent)**
8. **Remembrance: Peggy Bott**
  - a. remembrances respectfully noted
  - b. individual, voluntary contributions to the Library book fund or group contribution in memory of Jim Sayer discussed. Possible areas discussed (e.g. political rhetoric). Group contribution seemed to have more support. Gary B to follow up re book recommendations and form to complete. Joyce H to send an email re donation procedure. \$100 recommended as the goal contribution from the Organization.
9. **Webmaster: Robin Suits**
  - a. E-newsletter sent out; 64% opened it---highest # of the past year.

## LIAISON REPORTS

1. **Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams (no report)**
2. **Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow**
  - a. Question raised re families accessing interviews; to be on a future Board agenda
3. **Athletic Council: Mary Kenton**
  - a. Status of the council uncertain at this point
4. **Community/National/International Affairs: Donna Schlagheck**
  - a. Discussion re programs for Fall. Possibilities included the following:
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    2. Dayton mayor: request to speak (maybe at the luncheon) postponed till after the election; Larry P to follow up.
5. **UCIE: Ruth Schumacher (no report)**

**OLD BUSINESS (none)**

**NEW BUSINESS (none)**

**MEETING AJOURNED (11:40pm)**