

# December WSURA Board Meeting

minutes taken 12. 05. 2018 by Ruth Schumacher

**Present:** Marlene Bireley, Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Dick Williams, Gary Barlow, Carol Stevenson, Ruth Schumacher, Dan Abrahamowicz, Larry Prochaska , Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker, Abe Bassett, Mary Gromosiak

**Absent:** Robin Suits; Donna Schlagheck; Gary Pacernick

President Howes called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. The Board approved the minutes for the meeting of December 2018.

## 1. Joyce Howes: President

- a. With Gail, working on the roster
- b. Sent letter to the President for meeting with us

## 2. President-Elect: Larry Prochaska

- a. Attended Board of Trustees Meeting as rep of the Faculty and spoke on behalf of settling the contract
  1. Spoke about negative effects on young researcher efforts (e.g., cannot be a successful scientist without money to fund labs) and young faculty (e.g., restricted travel money affect ability to interact with faculty in their fields)
- b. President of the Faculty said staff, faculty, etc. want to settle the contract
- c. Other faculty said there is not continuous dialogue with the faculty and asked for such
- d. WSURA Board members noted other negative effects within their own departments/units
- e. Discussion re faculty concern re the sale of 2 buildings

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

## 4. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens

- a. Print report distributed and discussed
- b. Athletic tickets: some members could purchase on line; others could not
- c. President-Elect Larry Prochaska will secure check for WSURA
- d. Discussion re possible focused phone drive to secure additional funds

## 5. Communications: Mary Kenton

- a. Would like to have a newsletter to membership in early January
- b. Solicited input from the Board

## 6. Activities: Mary Gromosiak

- a. Reminder regarding December, January (additional info to follow soon), March, and April events; written and on line information distributed previously

## 7. Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker

- a. Review committee for the Procedures Manual is working on this; first draft created
- b. Primary changes were editorial and aligning committee or position tasks with # of assigned Board members
- c. Discussion regarding importance of reviewing bylaws, piece by piece, and regularly, as well as preserving material
- d. Time line to recruit new Board members begins now; task force to meet after Christmas
- e. Importance of attracting more males to the Board
- f. Discussion regarding the importance of including the President-elect in the nomination/selection process of Board Members; supported by the Board and bylaws to be amended/ procedure manual to be changed

## 8. Historical Preservation: Dan Abrahamowicz

- a. Interviews to resume in Spring

## 9. Membership: Marlene Bireley (no report)

- a. Some new members indicate interest areas; information re those members should be reviewed and used as needed; Sheryl sends information to several Board members and Robin maintains the “mother list”. Expanded sharing discussed.

**10. OCHER: Peggy Bott & Dick Williams**

- a. OPERS Board reducing expected rate of return on investments. Changes coming (e.g., COLA possibly). Health care cuts coming as well, especially to non-Medicare members.
- b. Driving force from actuaries is concern about large # of retiring baby boomers who will live long.
- c. Report sent by Dick Williams to Robin Suits for posting; a few points within that report (for 2019) shared; Board encouraged to review the posting

**11. Scholarships: Gary Pacernick (no report due to absence)**

**12. Sunshine: Peggy Bott**

- a. Deaths posted on the web site

**13. Co-webmasters: Abe Bassett & Robin Suits**

- a. Newsletter is very time consuming; Robin praised for her professionalism and time commitment; many responses including uptick in new membership
- b. Page views and time per view both increasing substantially; report sent to Board members
- c. Links featured in electronic communication and hits increased on Links

**14. Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams**

- a. President presented (much the same report as the WSURA Board heard)

**15. Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow**

- a. regular, ongoing work

**16. UCIE: Ruth Schumacher (no report)**

**17. Athletics: Mary Kenton & Larry Prochaska**

- a. Coaches Corner information shared (e.g., recruiting athletes)
- b. Tennis barn to be created, funded by donations
- c. McLin gym to get new seats, funded by donations

**18. Old Business**

- a. Judy Engle requested timeline for the committee working on revising the trifold for recruitment brochure

**19. New Business: none**

**20. Adjourned at 11:28**