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 online 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)
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