

# WSURA Board Minutes

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**Present:** Marlene Bireley, Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Dick Williams, Gary Barlow, Ruth Schumacher, Dan Abrahamowicz, Gary Pacernick, Larry Prochaska, Robin Suits, Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker, Abe Bassett, Mary Gromosiak, Judi Engle, Robin Suits, Donna Schlagheck, Judy Engle

**Absent:** Carol Stevenson

**President Howes called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. The Board approved the minutes for the meeting of December 2018.**

## 1. Joyce Howes: President

- a. Much praise for the luncheon, especially to those who planned it
- b. Much praise for brunch, especially to hosts Abe and Sharon Bassett
- c. Much praise for Mary Gromosiak for her hard work re event planning and publicity
- d. WSURA is nominating Emily Ross for the student employee of the year award. She asked for specifics so her nomination can go in by the deadline.

## 2. President-Elect: Larry Prochaska

- a. Brought AAUP support materials (e.g., bracelet)
- b. Discussion re using retirees' email for personal comments; no action taken
- c. WSU faculty strike briefly discussed

## 3. Secretary: Ruth Schumacher

- a. Minutes approved

## 4. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens

- a. Report distributed and discussed
- b. New Member list distributed

## 5. Communications: Mary Kenton (Board Discussion: c,d,e relate to Communication)

- a. Much praise for Robin Suits' work in the area of Communication which has resulted in significantly more web site traffic
- b. Letter from Bob Wagley to be sent to Joyce by Donna
  1. Bob Wagley might be interested in writing a piece for the newsletter; will be invited to do so by Mary Kenton
- c. Discussion re building on the reflections portion of the website; topic to be revisited later
- d. Discussion re having the student worker work on the directory during break next year. An idea proposed was to add graphic design to the directory

## 6. Activities: Mary Gromosiak

- a. Reminder re game this weekend; tickets at the will call window (Box 219—7pm; 6pm doors open)
- b. Speaker Donna Schlagheck: March 20 12-2pm brown bag lunch; board room
- c. April 25 WSURA annual luncheon; emails to go out mid-March
- d. Idea for further discussion: using bricks to honor WSU faculty/staff/etc. who have made a significant and enduring impact (similar to Dayton Region's Walk of Fame)

## 7. Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker

- a. Proposed changes distributed; will be new business for the annual meeting
- b. Standard Operating Procedures report sent to the webmaster for the archives
- c. Food ordered for Sat night event
- d. Discussion re membership cards; supported if feasible, but further discussion needed

**8. Historical Preservation: Dan Abrahamowicz**

- a. Waiting for some interviews to be posted by Digital eServices

**9. Membership: Marlene Bireley**

- a. 28 persons signed up for Dr. Schlagheck' s presentation
- b. Resigning from the board after 20 years but will stay involved; need to select new membership chair
- c. Much appreciation and praise for Dr. Bireley's contributions to WSURA and the Board
- d. Suggestion to review responsibilities of the position before selecting a new Chair; suggestion supported

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

- a. Update re employee contribution to OPERS (faculty in STRS:14%, staff in OPERS: 10%; WSU employer contribution for faculty and staff: 14%)
- b. Jan 30 OPERS board meeting report: funds earning negative percent on investments
- c. STRS: new governor recently took office so no action to report

**11. Scholarships: Gary Pacernick (no report)**

**12. Sunshine: Peggy Bott**

- a. Deaths respectfully noted and posted on the web site

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

- a. Much increased numbers of visitors to the website, especially re the strike
- b. Number of e-news letter visitors also increased, to 900 people
- c. Again, praise to Robin for her time and expertise to the WSURA website, and especially for making the retiree's website "the place to go for authentic information re WSU"

**14. Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams**

- a. Alumni Board Director initiated a conversation re potential move of all current Foundation bldg. offices to the new Archives Building; Dick Williams to invite Director of the Board to a future WSURA Board meeting to discuss the move (March or April preferred)

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

- a. Board urged to develop a listing of needs in new space; supported and Gary invited to attend the next exec meeting to discuss needs; will also be on a future WSURA Board Agenda
- b. Friends of the Library Luncheon April 17; registration information passed around

**16. UCIE: Ruth Schumacher**

- a. Brief update re status of the international partner program

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

- a. Athletic Council did not meet due to the strike

**18. Old Business (no items)**

**19. New Business (for subsequent Board meeting/s)**

- a. Discussion re increasing new member involvement
- b. Discussion re appointment of a new membership chair
- c. Discussion re developing a prototype note for WSURA to congratulate individuals honored in the WSU electronic newsletter

**20. Adjourned at 12:15**